

Kinship News Flash

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"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

-Abraham Lincoln

Happy Mother's Day

We would like to shine the spotlight on a fantastic kinship caregiver that plays the dual role as mother and grandmother. Wanda and Timothy Lowe have been long time participants of the Kinship Navigator Program. Since accepting the role of parents for their four grandchildren, they are constantly on the go. The Lowe family regularly attends kinship support groups, Lunch N Learns, and are often called on as spokespersons for kinship families. The kids have a very hectic schedules that consist of after school and church activities. Parenting fulltime leaves a limited amount of time to assist with the other grandchildren. In order to meet the demands of family, Tim had to return to work as Wanda maintains an in-home daycare.



Our story...

While I was doing daycare in our home my husband was pursuing a career in the military, after completing 20 years of service, our new journey began with raising four grandchildren. In 2005, while we were preparing and expecting to be "Empty Nesters", our short-lived quiet home was turned upside down and we became second time around parents. Due to issues our daughter was facing, Children Services placed the kids with us. We now have custody of 4 of our 13 grandchildren. We are currently raising two sets of twins, girls 15 and boys 10. It has been both rewarding and challenging experience for them and us- growing and learning together. I want to add that the mother and children now have a strong relationship, and our family is now whole again. However the phrase



"It takes a village to raise a child(ren)", is true! The Kinship Navigator Program greatly assisted us with all the necessary paperwork for funds, clothes, food, school supplies, shoes, and educational programs. Their support has truly helped us to succeed in the past 9 years.

-Wanda and Timothy Lowe

Agency Spotlight

Special Thanks to CareSource

A \$10,000 People's Choice Grant from the CareSource Foundation has made a difference in the lives of the 535 families and 1,200 children helped annually by the Kinship Caregiver Coalition. That grant, which was given to the coalition in July 2012, has helped the coalition provide resources and education to Kinship families. The coalition has offered two Kinship Family Fairs, Lunch-N-Learns, and added supplies the Kinship Kloset. The Kinship Family fair is a half-day workshop that provides training and activities for children and caregivers. The event is held in August as a kick off to the new school year. A free lunch is provided to all of the participants. In addition, the children receive backpacks and school supplies. The Lunch-N-Learn program is a two-hour bimonthly educational workshop for kinship caregivers. The workshops are presented in a welcoming format that encourages discussion. The Kinship Kloset is a free resource to kinship caregivers that provides children's clothing based on need.



Kinship Kloset:

With Spring here, we have updated our Kinship Kloset with warm weather clothes. If you are a kinship family in need, call your Kinship Navigator and we will see how we can help you.

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Special Thanks to Jeremiah's Letter, Inc.



Jeremiah's Letter is a little known non-profit agency that was established by a group of downtown Dayton churches. They work to enhance the daily lives of individuals and families in need, by helping with food, clothing, and other basic needs.

Earlier this year, Jeremiah's Letter awarded the Kinship Caregiver Coalition a \$1000 grant that allows us to assist Kinship families in special circumstances with the cost of applying for custody when juvenile courts are not able to help.



Kids Eat Free:

Denny's: On Tuesdays and Saturdays, from 4pm to 10pm

Frickers: All day, everyday with any adult meal purchase

Gold Star

Chili: On Tuesdays, with adult combo meal purchase

Max & Erma's:

On Tuesdays, with each purchase of an adult entrée

Oinkadoodle-

mo: On Tuesdays, with each purchase of an adult meal & drink

Upcoming Events

To find out about new resources and learn about specific issues from guest speakers, please join other grandparents/caregivers on:



Wednesday, June 11, 2014
 "The Importance of Staying Connected to the Incarcerated Parent"

&

Wednesday, October 8, 2014
 "Tips on How to Earn Extra Money Buying and Selling on Ebay"

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Opportunity Center
 907 West Fifth St.
 Dayton, OH 45402

*Must RSVP, due to limited seats @ (937)775-8248

Support Groups

10:00am - 12:00pm

- ♦ **Trotwood Grandparent Support Group**

WHEN: Saturdays, May 17, June 7
 WHERE: Trotwood Public Library
 615 E. Main St.

- ♦ **Kettering Kinship Support Group**

WHEN: Mondays, May 12, June 23
 WHERE: Kettering-Moraine Branch Library
 3496 Far Hills Ave.



For more information contact Adel Samad @ (937) 775-8247

If you are caring for a teen ages 13-17, Encourage them to join Kids Klub!

WHEN: Saturday, May 3rd
11am-1pm

WHERE: Trotwood Branch Library ,
615 E. Main St.

TOPIC: Effects of social media and
the internet

&

WHEN: Saturday, September 6th
11am-1 pm

WHERE: OSU Extension
1001 S. Main St.
(Inside the Montgomery County Fairgrounds)

TOPIC: Healthy Eating

Please RSVP by calling Emi Tiley @ (937) 775-8250, space is limited



Summer Food Service Programs

For the listing
of the
Children's
Summer Food
service
programs in
your area,
please visit
Childrens
Hunger
Alliance.org
towards the
end of May.

HEAP Summer Crisis Program

The Summer Crisis Program, which provides electric bill payment assistance to eligible families, begins July 1. The program will continue through Aug. 31, 2014, or until funds are gone.

Community Action Partnership will provide assistance to households with incomes up to 175% of the 2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines.

The maximum benefit to a household is \$175. The benefit may be used for electric bill payment assistance and/or an air conditioner.

To make an appointment for the Summer Crisis Program, call the automated appointment line at 1-866-504-7379. For more information, call the Home Energy Assistance Department (HEAP) at (937) 341-5000 ext. 114.

Summer Camps



Like Center for Healthy Communities/ Kinship Navigator Program on Facebook for the latest updates and events.

* Every month a raffle will take place on our Facebook page, make sure to join and message us your email address for further notifications!

Camp	Phone	Zip Code	Age Group	Price	Dates	Type
Boonshoft Museum*	275-7431	45414	Preschool-6th grade	189/ week, financial aid available	7/14-8/01	Science and Culture
Boys and Girls Club	262-8377	45417	5-13 yrs. old	125/ week	6/16-8/01	General
City of Kettering	296-2400	45420	3-17 yrs. old	45-160/ week, financial aid available	6/02-8/15	Educational, Arts, Sports, and General
Dakota Center	228-8961	45402	7-12 yrs. old	34.50/ week, may have financial assistance	6/17-8/02	General
East End: Ruskin Camp	259-1898	45410	PreK-6th grade	Free, must be in the area	06/26-08/01	General
Imani Summer Camp	276-2176	45417	6-12 yrs. old	100/ week	6/09-8/01	General
K12 Art Camp	461-5149	45402	K-12th grade	200/ week, scholarships available with audition	6/16-8/08	Art
Lohrey Center	333-3131	45420	3-12 yrs. old	35-80/ week, financial aid available	6/09-8/01	Educational, Arts, Sports, and General
Mini University	775-4070/ 461-9027	45440/ 45402	6-12 yrs. old	740/ month	6/09-08/08	General
Northwest Center	(937)333-3322	45406	3-12 yrs. old	35-80/ week, financial aid available	6/09-8/01	Educational, Arts, Sports, and General
Salvation Army	528-5100	45404	3-18 yrs. old	20-199/ month, financial aid available	6/03-8/07	Sports, Arts, Music, and Science
SICSA Summer Camp	294-6505 ext 12	45419	8-12 yrs. old	180/ week	6/16-6/20	Animal
UD: Minority Engineering & Technology	229-5080	45469	High School Senior males	100/ week	6/22-6/28	Engineering

*Offers other week long camps 9-17 year olds 6/09-8/01

Summer Camps

Camp	Phone	Zip Code	Age Group	Price	Dates	Type
UD: RecKids Camp	229-2731	45469	must be born between 6/2/2002 and 9/30/2008	160/ week	06/02-08/01	General
Vandalia Rec Center: Cruis'n with Kids	415-2334	45414	1st-6th grade	110-120/ week	6/02-08/15	General
Wright State University: Camp Odyssey	775-3135	45435	7-9th grade	130/ week	6/9-8/08	Science, Arts, Academic, and Culture
Wright State University: Discovery	775-3135	45435	K-6th grade	130/ week	6/9-8/08	Science, Arts, Academic, and Culture
YMCA: Grace	278-4636	45402	K-12 yrs old	135/ week, financial assistance available	6/3-8/09	General
Ymca: Huber Heights	236-9622	45424	K-12 yrs old	135/ week, financial assistance available	6/2-8/8	General
Ymca: Island Park	228-9622	45402	K-12 yrs old	135/ week, financial assistance available	6/3-8/09	General
Ymca: Kleptz	836-9622	45322	K-12 yrs old	135/ week, financial assistance available	6/2-8/8	General
YMCA: Neighborhood Development Center Trotwood	854-9622	45426	K-12 yrs. old	135/ week, financial assistance available	6/9-8/15	General
YMCA: South	434-1964	45429	4-12 yrs old	135/ week, financial assistance available	5/27-8/08	General
YMCA: St. Anthony	673-2935	45402	K-12 yrs old	135/ week, financial assistance available	6/10-8/09	General
YMCA: Teens in Action	223-5201	45402	13-15 yrs. old	75/ week, financial assistance available	6/09-08/01	General
YMCA: West Carrolton	866-9622	45449	3-12 yrs old	140/ week, financial assistance available	6/2-8/8	General
YWCA	461-5550	45402	K-12 yrs old	financial assistance available	6/3-8/9	General



A summer bowling program where kids get 2 free games of bowling every day all summer long. All you have to do is register online at: www.kidsbowlfree.com/center.php?alley_id=3365

Please Keep Us Updated

If any of your contact information has changed, such as phone number, address, or email, please contact your Kinship Navigator.

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