

Kinship Center®

A Member of Seneca Family of Agencies



ANNUAL REPORT 2010 - 2011



EVERY CHILD DESERVES A FAMILY™

Kinship Center's Leadership Team worked together to exercise the due diligence that led to the July 1, 2011 merger between Kinship Center and Seneca Family of Agencies.

The Community Leadership Board will continue to provide oversight, guidance and community linkages.



Sandy Haney, Chair
Sandy's leadership will facilitate the active integration of the two nonprofits.



John Wilkinson
Immediate Past Chair
John's leadership spanned strategic planning and the decision to merge.

Executive Leaders will ensure effective services and successful outcomes



Carol Biddle
Executive Director
Kinship Center and
Seneca Family of Agencies



Ken Berrick
President and CEO
Seneca Family of Agencies

Message to the Community

This year Kinship Center's Board and staff leaders took a strategic landmark step after a nine-month due diligence process, one that will strengthen our organization both programmatically and fiscally. We are proud to announce that on July 1, 2011 we merged with Seneca Center, a highly respected child-serving nonprofit headquartered in the San Francisco region. Kinship Center is now a member of Seneca Family of Agencies.

The joining of these two organizations creates one of the most comprehensive service systems for children in California. Like Kinship Center, Seneca is an exceptional organization with a distinguished history of service to children and families with profound needs. Our combined capacity strengthens our ability to help children and families and brings a powerful continuum of care and resources for all those we serve. Carol Biddle, who has led Kinship Center since its beginning in 1984, will continue at the helm and will also serve on Seneca's executive leadership team. We are pleased to introduce Ken Berrick, President and CEO of Seneca Family of Agencies.

A recent article on "collective impact" in the Stanford Social Innovation Review comments that large-scale social change requires broad cross-sector coordination, but that the social services sector remains focused on the isolated intervention of individual organizations. With diminishing resources and increasing gaps in service, nonprofits must collaborate to achieve real and measurable change. Kinship Center's new partnership with Seneca, like all of our partnerships, is the finest kind of collaboration that leverages the community's shrinking resources to provide common solutions and greater impact. Together we will have a powerful presence and a true statewide reach in our ability to offer the broadest scope of efficient services to traumatized children and the families who step forward to care for them.

Many other collaborations with public and private organizations are highlighted in the pages of this report. We are grateful for these partnerships and proud of the powerful collective impact we continue to achieve.



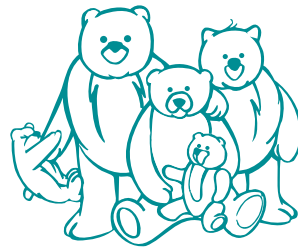
Carol Biddle
Executive Director



Sandy Haney
Chair, Community Leadership Board

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

27 years strong

New Beginnings for Children

*Kinship Center creates and strengthens "forever families"
...those who will be there for a lifetime*



Unique Camp Helps Waiting Teens Build Relationships A challenging zipline was just one new experience for the 12-17 year olds who attended "Camp Kinnect," a new partnership between Kinship Center and Los Angeles County designed to help teens in public foster care realize the importance of relationships and connections that will sustain them through life.



The strength of Kinship Center's nearly three decades of success has been faithfulness to mission...to connect children to safe, loving families that will be there for life. Each year more than 2,000 children throughout California receive services from Kinship Center that help them heal from the scars of past abuse, neglect or abandonment and thrive in a stable new family.

Statistics show that children who spend their childhoods in a series of foster homes or institutions without the love and support of a permanent family are likely to become dependent adults: homeless, chronically unemployed, mentally ill. 84% will become single parents. 20% of males will become career criminals. Kinship Center is committed to breaking this cycle by

"Kinship Center really understands families. We received their love and support through three foster and adoptive experiences, and they continue to support us. We love the staff at Kinship Center and everything they do for ALL families!"

— Laurie F.



Sharing Success and Inspiration

Some 500 current and past client families look forward to the annual "Kinship Celebration" in Orange County, where they can reconnect and share. Supervisor Bill Campbell, Third District, and wife Mary (at right) join Kinship Center Board member Sharyn Buffa and husband Peter for a special reception before the celebration.



Firefighters Bring Safety Lessons and Holiday Cheer
Each December the Monterey County Regional Fire District hosts children in Kinship Center's 'Family Ties' kinship care program for learning and fun. Firefighters collect new toys year-round for this and other Kinship Center family needs.

creating safe, permanent families and ensuring their success for traumatized children, through specialized training for adoptive parents and a host of professional and therapeutic services. The result? More than 98% of Kinship Center families achieve long-lasting family stability, an exceptional success rate far in advance of the national norm for adoptive families.

A Family with a Future

Both Aaron and Maria Kuster (back row at right in court on adoption finalization day) had grown up in big families, so when they came to Kinship Center to explore adoption, they thought, "Well maybe we could give two kids a home."

But early in 2011, five brothers and sisters in need of a family touched their hearts. And at Easter, Selena, 9, Sky, 8, Cody, 7, Lance, 3, and Alfredo, 2 became a permanent part of the Kuster family.



The journey has been a long, hard one for the children, and their struggles to build trust and connection after a lifetime of serious trauma will continue. But they have help...from their extended families, from each other, and from Kinship

Building and Maintaining Connection: An alternative for some children who cannot safely remain with their birth families is a relative's home, and Kinship Center partners with Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties to bring critical services to relatives, primarily grandmothers, who have had to step forward to raise one or more children or teens, most with the scars of past trauma. Kinship Center's 'Family Ties' program provides about 300 such families each month with emergency assistance, resources and referrals, education, counseling, parent training, children's therapeutic services, legal assistance, support groups and more.



Center. Kinship Center social workers prepared Aaron and Maria with the specialized skills it takes to parent children with past scars. A Kinship Center therapist helped the children deal with what has happened to them and begin to accept the safety and love that surrounds them now.

Today the Kusters — all of them — feel like a real family, with work, school, soccer, theater, and even a trip to Disneyland. Aaron and Maria are helping seven individuals build a new shared history and a bright future.



Dedication to the Community Officer Khaya Breskin (back row center) of the City of Tustin's Community Impact Team goes above and beyond to support Kinship Center families, by providing safety and security, home visits, life-skills maintenance, organizational assistance, and community support resources. Breskin has located donations to meet critical needs, and she has met with children's schools and other systems of care.

Kinship Center salutes this exceptional officer, whose dedication to improving the quality of life exemplifies her commitment to the resolution of adverse community conditions while improving safety and promoting permanence for the families Kinship Center serves.

Gathering to show appreciation are: back row l-r Kinship Center Wraparound Care Coordinator Stephanie Becker and Parent Partner Carol Lyskoski, Nancy Sharrar (Wraparound client and mother of Maya, Mona, and Mia in front row and Derek in back row second from right), Wraparound Supervisor Cynthia Soria, and Wraparound Youth Partner Joe Garcia at far right.

Finding a family for a waiting child is just the first step in the journey to stability and permanence. Without Kinship Center's professional support, parents of children with past trauma are often at a loss to help a child or teen heal and become part of a new family. A troubled child can easily end up back in public foster care or in an institution, most likely until age 18. Adoptive, foster, relative, and other guardianship families receive therapeutic services at Kinship Center's four children's clinics throughout the state. Approximately 600 children each week work with Kinship Center's master's and doctoral level licensed clinicians to overcome severe losses, build trust, and learn to connect to a new family.

Stable families are at the heart of thriving communities, and creating strong, healthy families is at the heart of Kinship Center's mission.



Technology for Positive Outcomes

One of the techniques used by specially trained therapists Margaret Creek, MFT (left) and Sophia Sandoval-Meyer, LCSW at Kinship Center's Children's Mental Health Clinic in Tustin is "Parent-Child Interaction Therapy." PCIT is an intensive treatment partnership program with the University of California Davis that uses guided interaction to help children who have experienced severe trauma, and their parents.

Partnerships for Prevention and Critical Supports:

Kinship Center's continuum of services begins with prevention, through partnerships such as First 5 Monterey County. A grant from the Packard Foundation has helped fund a new Kinship Center site in North Salinas to serve families living under extreme poverty and community and domestic violence. Home visitations, therapeutic play groups, parent support groups, family therapy, and specialized bi-lingual parent training target families at risk of becoming part of the



Kinship Center therapy dog "Doodlebug" and his peers throughout the state are active participants in heaping children heal.

child welfare system who may be diverted with these intensive interventions.

This year Kinship Center's 'Wraparound' program for adoptive families struggling with the most severely troubled children and teens expanded to include a traveling format to serve remote rural areas of California with few local resources. Based in San Jose, the program is the only one of its kind in the state and provides families with critical services that are keeping children from being placed in residential institutions or psychiatric hospitalization. Wraparound team members work individually with youth and with parents to help them build support systems that will strengthen their family.

Rebekah: Bruised, Broken, and Bonded by Love

"There is no stronger bond than the bond of two beings who find each other after struggling for so long alone... afraid... and abandoned."

The story of Rebekah was told by her adoptive mother in an article that won the grand prize in a contest sponsored by Arenus, an NASC-certified company that promotes health and nutrition for companion animals.

Born with drug addictions and abused since infancy, Rebekah came from the public foster care system into a safe, permanent home with a Kinship Center family. Through a close partnership between Kinship Center and the Equine Alliance, she also found Ali, a horse with a tragic past of abuse who has become a special friend. The Equine Alliance is a nonprofit organization that rescues abused horses and provides



emotional and physical healing to children through equine-based therapies. Kinship Center children's clinic and therapeutic programs in San Luis Obispo County work regularly with the Alliance.

When Rebekah and Ali met, the bond was immediate and deep between these two survivors who are moving from hardship to stability through love and acceptance. Rebekah's path to healing has been a hard one, and Ali is filling a special need.



Kinship Center was an early supporter of the development of a Master's in Social Work program at California State University Monterey Bay, with the goal of having more graduates who can serve local counties. Carol Biddle and Carol Bishop, shown here with some committee members, helped guide the feasibility study, resource and curriculum development, and field placements.



Families and child welfare professionals face complex issues and benefit from Kinship Center's specialized adoption-related educational products and training. Kinship Center's Education Institute consolidates and disseminates best practices in child welfare and mental health to families and practitioners nationwide and overseas, in order to create an adoption-competent community of professionals to ensure that children and families receive the highest quality services. Kinship Center's signature ACT curriculum has long been the model for the industry, with nearly 7,000 professionals trained to date, and a new comprehensive Pathways to Permanence curriculum for parents has been field tested to wide acclaim by counties, practitioners and families.



Training and development for Kinship Center staff is a priority, as are mentoring and coaching for managers and supervisors. Here former CEO, author, educator, and renowned executive coach Judy Nelson shares insights at a Kinship Center leadership retreat.

An Education Institute business plan completed in 2011 included development of a new white paper series. A national publication, *Fostering Families Today*, featured Kinship Center's white paper on permanence,

written by Division Director Allison Maxon, who was also the featured presenter at the May 2011 San Diego County Systems of Care Conference. Kinship Center experts are regularly in demand as presenters for regional and national conferences.

Participation and Influence for Positive

Change: Through participation and collaboration, Kinship Center has helped formulate policy, establish standards and promote legislation that serves the nation's children and families. Kinship Center co-founders Carol Biddle and Carol Bishop, and other Kinship Center leaders, are respected and influential voices in child welfare, providing leadership for state and national alliances, and training and mentoring other organizational leaders.

An Academic Partnership



Masters and doctoral level students from campuses around the state come to Kinship Center each year for practical training in social work and psychology. This year Kinship Center field instructors are working with students from USC, Azusa Pacific University, California State Universities at Fullerton, Long Beach and Monterey Bay, and Whittier College.



Nationally Distinguished

The first annual "Spotlight Award for Leaders in Ethical Practices for Families" created and given by the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute was awarded to Kinship Center at the Institute's annual "Celebrating... Our Families, Our Children" event in Los Angeles on October 13. Executive Director Adam Pertman presented the award to Carol Biddle, Kinship Center Executive Director and Allison Maxon, Division Director for Southern California.

"When we created this award, Kinship Center was the first agency that came to mind," said Pertman, at right with Biddle and Maxon.

The award recognizes organizations that exemplify the Institute's goals and values. Kinship Center was honored for the quality, integrity and effectiveness of its adoption, foster care, kinship care, and children's and family mental health programs, and for its model education for parents and professionals.



Founded in 1996, The Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute works through research, education, and advocacy to provide leadership to better the lives of everyone touched by adoption.

Kinship Center is honored to be named as the recipient of the first Spotlight Award given by this national nonprofit that is pre-eminent in its field.





Promoting Healing through Animals and Nature

At Camp Paws, a program with San Luis Obispo County Animal Services, children like Maria (at left with Luna) help train and prepare dogs for adoption, building self-awareness through the animals' stories. "My dog understands me because he was abused too," said one young participant.

Children in Kinship Center's Templeton clinic built social skills and assertiveness through community service. Youngsters planned, organized, and raised funds to plant a shade tree at the local dog park!



Kinship Center's positive impact in all the communities we serve is enhanced by strategic collaborations with public and private partners of every kind. As California's resources that support the state's many needs continue to shrink, the burden on nonprofits in leveraging the power of partnerships to be more effective becomes greater.

Kinship Center's merger with Seneca Center has brought together a number of complementary strengths and an economy of scale in creating exceptional ability to serve California's vulnerable children and families. Many other collaborative efforts are highlighted in the pages of this report, and we continue to identify ways to collectively leverage diminishing resources for greater impact.



Camp PAKK: A Ten-year Partnership Strengthens Adoptive Families

A collaboration with Santa Clara County Dept. of Family and Children's Services for an annual Kinship Center therapeutic camp provides adoptive families the chance to hear from experts, build skills, gain encouragement, and grow closer as a family. A variety of children's superheros groups conquered past losses with their learned 'magical' powers.



Community Celebrates at Open House

More than 100 guests helped Kinship Center officially launch its new Tustin facility at a June ribbon cutting. Presiding were Tustin Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Ned Smith and Executive Director Sherrri Munsey, Mayor Jerry Amante and Mayor Pro Tem John Neilson, local government representatives, Board members, clients and friends.

Working Together for Good: Kinship Center staff leaders are proactive in collaborating with strategic initiatives throughout California. Del Stewart, LCSW, Director of Kinship Center's Orange County Mental Health and Wraparound Services, participates on the Southern California Youth Permanency Project and is a member of the Quality Improvement Committee for Orange County Health Care Agency. Ron Huxley, LMFT, who directs Kinship Center programs in San

Luis Obispo County, coordinated a joint effort with the local Child Abuse Prevention Council and the Mental Health Services Act to develop and provide evidence-based parent education throughout the County. Statewide and local staff members are active in a partnership with California State University Fullerton to develop educational and research opportunities that will benefit both organizations.

Partnering for Foster and Adoptive Families

Kinship Center was a big part of a first-ever salute to foster and adoptive families by the Orange County Fair in a special night before the fair's official opening, as thousands of children and families enjoyed the evening's free rides, entertainment, and dinner.

Taking time to pose with several Kinship Center families and staff were dignitaries who turned out to lend a hand and culinary expertise. Orange County Fair Board members and their families, members of the State Assembly and the Board of Supervisors, mayors and council members from various Orange County cities, and other appointed and elected officials rolled up their sleeves to serve food and to help families have a good time.

Kinship Center local Board members Sharyn Buffa, Jim Bieber, Marice White, Geoff LePlastrier and



Claudia Roxburgh helped generate media coverage and arranged for Kinship Center to be included in the Fair's "Demolition Derby" fundraiser to focus attention on the needs of children and families. (Here a young client enjoys a moment in Kinship Center's derby entry, donated by Ben's Asphalt of Orange County.)



The information below is from our 2010-2011 audit by Harrington Group, Certified Public Accountants, LLP.

Statewide Foundation Partnerships Create Lasting Impact



Empowerment through Learning: Generous grants from *Monterey Peninsula Foundation* and *Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation* support education and training development to help families gain specialized

parenting skills. Here Kinship Center social workers guide postgraduate interns from CSU Monterey Bay in their work with families.

Changing One Life at a Time: Children in Los Angeles County with the most profound needs find new adoptive families through Kinship Center's six-year partnership with *Wendy's Wonderful Kids*, a program of the *Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption*, which awards approximately \$160,000 annually to Kinship Center.



Help for the Neediest: Children and families in crisis have received a life-changing helping hand from the *Change a Life Foundation*, which made emergency awards of more than \$34,000 this year.

A long history of support from the *Community Foundation for Monterey County* and the *Harden Foundation* continued this year with funding to assist relatives raising children coming from abuse and neglect. Here some children in the program enjoy an outdoor camping experience.

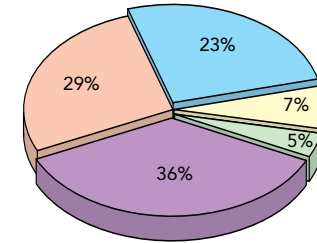
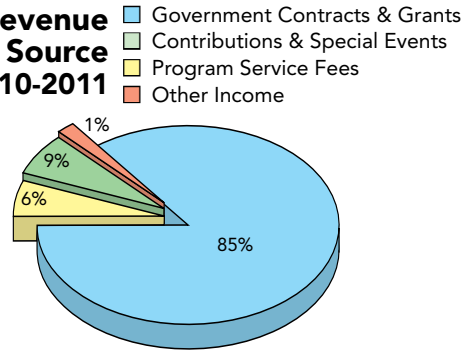


Kinship Center So CA Placement Director Melissa Dodson accepts a donation from Tustin Mayor Jerry Amante (both front row) on behalf of the *Tustin Community Foundation* to help equip the training room for parent classes.

Kinship Center salutes all these and many other foundations whose assistance has changed lives this year.

Financial Information

Revenue by Source 2010-2011



Expenses by Program 2010-2011

Condensed Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2011

Assets	
Cash	\$1,057,113
Accounts & pledges receivable	2,117,627
Prepaid expenses & deposits	281,156
Investments & donated artwork	56,687
Bond issuance costs	237,802
Property & equipment	5,265,028
Total Assets	\$9,015,413

Liabilities & Net Assets

Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	1,299,499
Deferred revenue	281,433
Line of credit	946,458
Notes & bonds payable	2,530,000
Total liabilities	\$5,057,390
Net Assets	3,958,023
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$9,015,413

Condensed Statement of Activities for the Year Ending June 30, 2011

Revenue & Support	
Government contracts	\$11,240,166
Program service fees	747,585
Contributions & special events	1,170,604
Auxiliary revenue	81,352
Other revenue	9,263
Investment income	9,750
Total Revenue & Support	\$13,258,720

Expenses

Program services	12,637,687
Support services	722,339
Total Expenses	\$13,360,026

Change in Net Assets

Unrestricted	(197,832)
Temporarily restricted	96,528*
Permanently restricted	0
Total Change in Net Assets	(\$101,304)
Lease-related lawsuit settlement	(139,000)
Net Assets beginning of year	4,198,326
Net Assets end of year	\$3,958,022

*According to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for nonprofits, restricted dollars, including those received and used in different fiscal years and those given for multi-year use, are shown as temporarily restricted donations. In fiscal year 2010-2011, the amount of such restricted donations received was \$96,528 greater than the amount used.

Community Supported

Between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, the following individuals and organizations gave generously so that no child in need should go without critical services.

Giving to Kinship Center

Thoughtful gifts from community members are made in the following ways. Please call the Development Office at 831.455.4704 for more information.

Annual Gifts Includes direct gifts, honor or memorial tributes and pledges in the form of cash, check, credit card, or gifts of stock, mutual funds or other appreciated property.

Recurring Gifts Monthly or quarterly giving by automatic credit card debit is easy to set up online, or with the enclosed envelope, or by calling 831.455.4716. Recurring gifts provide sustaining support.

Matching Gifts Increase the value of your gift by taking advantage of your employer's matching gift program for active and retired employees.

Planned Gifts You may designate Kinship Center as beneficiary in your will or life insurance policy. To discuss other planned gifts, please contact the Development Office at 831.455.4704.

Gifts-in-Kind Kinship Center appreciates certain donated goods and professional services.

Online Giving Secure online donations may be made at www.kinshipcenter.org.

Forever Families Society

Kinship Center recognizes those who give substantially of themselves to make life better for others. We invite you to become a member of the Forever Families Society with a cash gift of \$5,000 or more (memberships may be renewed annually).

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Community Foundation for Monterey County	Foundation for Monterey County
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\$100,000 and above

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\$25,000 to \$99,000

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Sleep Train Generosity Provides Essentials

"Not everyone can be a foster parent, but anyone can help a foster child." This is the driving motivation of Sleep Train Mattress Company's charitable program, which provides new clothes, shoes and toys to many of the more than 60,000 children growing up in the foster care system in California. For the past two years Kinship Center has received and distributed thousands of dollars' worth of these items desperately needed by local children.



"The need is so great that every donated article makes a difference to a foster child who yearns, above all, to be just like the other kids," says Nancy Murphy, above, Director of Placement at Kinship Center.

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Debbie Juran, Senior Vice President, RBC Wealth Management in Salinas, awards a grant for post-adoption services to Kinship Center's Bill Lutz. This is the second such award from RBC.



Child S.H.A.R.E., which donated clothing, toys and necessities to Kinship Center's Southern California families, is one of a number of faith-based partnerships.



A holiday party given by restaurants on Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey generated new toys for kids, thanks to the efforts of (left-right) Ashley Tedesco, owner of Paluca Trattoria, Mary Alice Fettis, President of the Fisherman's Wharf Association, and Councilwoman Nancy Selfridge.



Kinship Center Children's Mental Health Clinics in Orange County are enjoying a new partnership with HeARTS Giving Hope. The Southern California-based nonprofit uses music and arts to heal, inspire and empower, and has donated the services of a certified music therapist to work with children in Kinship Center clinics.

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Warm Hearts Help Struggling Families

For the third year, members of the Salinas-based VOS Cycle Racing Team collected, packaged, and donated Thanksgiving dinners for Kinship Center families feeling the pinch of a difficult economy.

For more than a decade, Bill Hill of New Masters Gallery in Carmel has supported Kinship Center through toy drives and art shows, helped this year by some local marines.



13-year-old Marissa Nehamkin of Morgan Hill collected more than 40 filled backpacks for children who lack basic necessities, by involving her school, synagogue and friends!

Energetic students from Notre Dame High School in Salinas mounted a new clothing and toy drive as a community service project for Kinship Center.



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Auxiliaries Make All Things Possible...



Auxiliary members in Orange County host fundraisers such as the annual "Teddy Bear Ride" for motorcyclists to bring in dollars for local programs.

"Kinship Support Unlimited" hosts fundraisers and steps in to meet extra program needs, including assembling and donating dozens of Easter baskets to children and caregivers.



Kinship Center Cypress Committee supports former foster youth in pursuing their education, including 18-year-old Celesta (front row center), a new student at CSU Monterey Bay.



The "Octopus Club" of Monterey County lends a hand with Kinship Center fundraisers. Here some members visit with Kinship Center therapy dog Nestle.



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Three major fundraisers this year highlighted the generosity of many. Contributors to the 55th Gabilan Wine & Food Tasting included local wineries, restaurateurs, "Presenting Sponsors" Rabobank, Teknova, and Santa Barbara Bank and Trust, and "Make-a-Difference Sponsors" Bianchi, Kasavan & Pope LLP, Devcon, Sprig Electric, Pacific Diversified Insurance, Filice Farms, Walters & Wolf, and Postal Graphics.

Each year Kinship Center appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance charity raffle. In November Kinship Center joined with Community Hospital and Boys and Girls Clubs to honor Concours for 61 years and \$15 million worth of generosity to charity. Accepting the award at Philanthropy Day 2010 was Kandace Hawkinson (center) from Pebble Beach Concours.



The Fourth Annual Harvest Moon Festival celebrated Kinship Center's outcomes for children and families as guests enjoyed a festive night of strolling dining, music and dancing, auctions, and a heartwarming program honoring some special 'Hearts Behind the Mission.' Shown here, chefs from Stone Creek Kitchen in Monterey prepare to serve several hundred guests.



Service and Excellence Statewide

Kinship Center salutes Board member Linda Dorris, shown here with Board member Jeff Davi, as the 2011 President of the Monterey County Association of Realtors. Kinship Center has enjoyed a longstanding relationship of support from local members.



Kinship Center adoptive families in Monterey County enjoyed a holiday reunion and the chance to reconnect with their social workers and each other to share and be inspired.



Team Kinship scored a triumphant finish at the 'Amazing Race' fundraiser in Orange County to help children separated by foster care and adoption to reconnect with siblings at Camp to Belong, a program of the Eddie Nash Foundation.



Some special staff anniversaries this year included 25 years of loyal service by Director of Placement Nancy Murphy, (left center) and Support Staff Manager Leigh Cecka (right center). Carol Biddle (right) and Carol Bishop (left) expressed Kinship Center's heartfelt gratitude.



Therapists in Kinship Center's Children's Mental Health Clinic in Salinas unpack a treasure trove of sensory therapeutic equipment to help children in treatment for developmental traumas, a gift from the Salinas Northeast Rotary and Rotary District 5230.



Board members (top photo) l-r Marice White, Geoff LePlastrier, Sharyn Buffa and (bottom photo) Claudia Roxburgh and Jim Bieber (and Gillian) were on hand to greet the community at the Tustin facility open house.

Tustin Tiller Days!





Children's art wall at Kinship Center's Templeton Children's Clinic!



Kinship Center Supervisors around the state participated in a leadership skill-building retreat with Coach Judy Nelson (front row center).



A family's new start came through the efforts of Kinship Center So CA Wraparound Program Director Josie Roemhild (right), local Board members and others, who mustered donations and massive volunteer

efforts to help Nancy, a veteran and client, to bring her four children back into her permanent care.



All hands on deck! Staff and volunteers turned out to organize and wrap donated holiday toys for distribution to Kinship Center families struggling with basic necessities.



A creative 'traveling' Wraparound staff uses Kinship Center's San Jose office and videoconference as a hub to communicate and build strategies to help families throughout California's widespread northern counties.



Board members Marla Anderson (top photo) and John and Pam Wilkinson (middle photo) help on the showfield at Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, and Board Chair Sandy Haney joins Carol Biddle at a pre-event reception (bottom photo).

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Chapter President Kris Waller (right) and Past President Kay Filice (left) present a check for \$60,000 to Carol Bishop at the January 2011 annual meeting. Kinship Center salutes the Gabilan chapter for raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to ensure that children have safe homes and loving families.



Founding member Velma Tiffany has been a loyal participant since the beginning.



Chapter member J.P. Puette (center with husband Bob), also a Kinship Center Board member, is joined at this year's Wine & Food Tasting by Board Secretary Linda Dorris (left) and Board Chair Sandy Haney (right).

