

4TH QUARTER

FOSTER BY FAITH

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR BOSSIER KIDS

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BOSSIER KIDS NEWS

Bossier KIDS was recently blessed by Lisowe's Lights, a nonprofit organization that works to bring "light" to the lives of foster children by supplying foster families with nightlights. This organization generously provided the children in our foster homes with the comfort of beautiful nightlights. We are so grateful for their generosity and the work they do!

Beginning mid-November, we will have an Angel Tree located in the foyer of Airline Drive Church of Christ. The Angel Tree contains the Christmas gift wishes of children currently in our foster homes. Help us bless our foster children this Christmas by choosing a name on the Angel Tree. If you are unable to stop by the church building, you may call our office at (318) 741-1934 to see if there is a wish available. The Angel Tree has been a gift of its own to our foster families, and we hope you will help us continue to make Christmas dreams come true.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

DONATIONS

Along with monetary donations, there are a variety of other ways you can donate to Bossier KIDS and local foster families. If you have gently used children's toys, gear, clothing items, or bedroom furniture, consider donating them for use in foster homes. In addition, you can also greatly bless a foster family by deciding to purchase these items for their children.

FOSTER CARE TRAINING

If you have considered becoming a foster parent, don't wait any longer! We need you. Consider visiting the website for the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (www.dcfslouisiana.gov). The DCFS website contains important information about the steps to becoming a foster parent, as well as answers any questions you may have before pursuing certification.

PREPARING FOR A NEW YEAR

As we prepare for a new year and make New Year's Resolutions, we ask you to prayerfully consider prioritizing your involvement with Bossier KIDS. Whether you choose to pledge a donation each month, offer respite care for a foster family, take steps toward fostering or adoption, share our social media posts to spread awareness, or choose to mentor a foster child--every "little" thing makes a difference. Thank you for helping us provide faith-based care to foster children in our local community.

COMMON MYTHS ABOUT FOSTER CARE

#1: You Can't Be Single to Foster

FALSE. There is no marital requirement to foster.

#2: You Can't Work Full-Time

FALSE. Many foster parents work outside the home.

#3: You Can't Have Pets

FALSE. As long as they are up-to-date on vaccinations, most pets are okay.

#4: You Can't Go on Trips

FALSE. You can still plan vacations and getaways as a foster parent.

#5: You Have to Own a Home

FALSE. You can rent or own a home to foster.

#6: You Can't Be "Too Old"

FALSE. The only age requirement is to be at least 21 years of age.

FOSTER FAMILY RESOURCES

Adopt US Kids: Adopt US Kids is a national organization whose goal is to provide a family to every child and teen in the U.S. foster care system. They provide information for prospective foster and adoptive parents, aid in the adoption process, and connect families through their social platforms.

www.adoptuskids.org

CASA Louisiana: CASA stands for "Court Appointed Special Advocate." CASA Louisiana's website provides information for individuals who are interested in volunteering in this capacity on behalf of a foster child.

www.louisianacasa.org

Louisiana Foster Care Support Organization: The Louisiana Foster Care Support Organization connects Louisiana foster families to support groups, trainings, parents' night out opportunities, clothing/supplies, and opportunities for their foster children, as well as includes resources for children aging out of the care system.

www.louisianafostercare.com

Fostering Families Today: Fostering Families Today is a national foster care magazine with resources, advice, and helpful information on aiding foster children. Their website also features access to free webinars, their newsletter, article archives, and Facebook discussion groups.

www.fosteringfamielistoday.com

Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services: Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is a governmental organization that advocates for the safety of children, helps families and individuals at risk, and provides refuge in the event of a natural disaster. Their website also outlines steps to becoming a foster parent.

www.dcfslouisiana.gov

SEASONAL CRAFT

POM POM SNOWMAN



SUPPLIES:

- Paper Plate
- Pom Poms
- Scissors
- Glue
- Black Marker
- White Paint
- Blue, Orange, Red, and Brown Construction Paper (one piece each)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Pour white paint on a paper plate.
2. Dip a pom pom into the white paint and dab it onto the blue construction paper until you form a snowman figure.
3. Allow the white paint to dry, then cut a triangle from the orange construction paper as the nose. Glue the triangle to the snowman's face.
4. Cut three rectangles from the red construction paper. Assemble the pieces like a scarf and glue them to the snowman.
5. Cut out stick shapes from the brown construction paper and glue them as the snowman's arms.
6. Draw dots for the mouth and eyes using a black marker.

Source: Crafts on Sea



SEASONAL TREAT

SNOW DAY SNACK MIX

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 Cups Popped Popcorn
- 16 oz White Candy Coating
- 3 Cups Miniature Pretzels
- 10 oz M&Ms
- 1/2 Cup Sprinkles
- 10 oz Miniature Marshmallows



DIRECTIONS:

1. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone liner.
2. Place popped popcorn on top of parchment paper or liner.
3. Melt candy coating according to package directions and pour over popcorn. Use tongs to evenly coat popcorn.
4. Add pretzels and M&Ms and toss with tongs again to evenly coat.
5. Add sprinkles and marshmallows and toss with tongs again to evenly coat.
6. Let the snack mix set for 30 minutes before breaking apart and serving.

Source: Mom on Time Out

DONOR APPRECIATION

***2023 4th Quarter Donations Given in
Memory Of***

In Memory of Buddy Christ

from David and Kay Jackson

In Memory of Scott Croft

from P.J. and B.I. Croft

***If you would like to give a donation in memory of a
loved one, please email us at
bossierkids@gmail.com***

BOARD APPRECIATION

Our 2023 Volunteer Board of Directors

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