

Relatives as Parents Newsletter

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Emilee, Age 10

For Grandma and Grandpa
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heart. You'll maybe have passed totally
if I didn't have you. I'm so glad you are
in my heart. I'm so glad you open my
family. I love you. You filled a big
hole in my heart.



For: Grandma and Grandpa

I am thankful that I have family. I love you with all my heart. I would maybe have frozen to death, if I didn't have you. I'm so glad you are in my heart. I'm so glad you are in my family. I love you. You filled a big hole in my heart.

Tristan, Age 10

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Our fence.

Lucy, Age 9

When I was about 7 years old I had to move in with my Grandma & Grandpa. My mom had to move into Seattle, Washington. It was very hard because she couldn't find a job in Idaho. It was very hard to move away from my mom for so long but we got to see her once and a while but I have a great time with my grandparents because... My grandpa is retired and my grandma works for school lunch so they are always home when we are. So we get to have family home evening, family movie, family game, go to the hot pools, go swimming and many other fun things. They take very good care of us and teaches us good responsibility like giving us chores to teach us to take care of our belongings.



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We are a Happy Family

Cooper, Lucy, Lily, Grandma, Grandpa, Curtis, Aden

Your Child Could Win \$100 in State-Wide Art Contest "My Family. My Story."

Have the child in your care compose a poem, write a short essay or draw a picture that describes how living with someone other than their parents (a grandparent, aunt or uncle, etc) has made a positive impact on their life. This contest is sponsored by the Kincare Project and 211 Idaho Careline!

There are three age categories up to nine years old, 10-14 year old and 15-18 year olds. This art contest is sponsored by the Kincare Project and 211 Idaho Careline!

All participants must live in the state of Idaho.

The contest is for children living in a relative caretaker (kinship) situation.

The entries can be mailed to:
My Family. My Story.

c/o 211 Careline
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720

You can also scan and email your entry to:

Norma Barrientos
BarrienN@dhw.idaho.gov

Isabel, Age 5



I love Gramma, we are here, here's us with the sun!

Winning Contest Entry
Ages 9-12

Samirah, Age 10



When you take me under your wing... I'll always know I'll be safe in your nest!

This is a picture about how my grandma always takes care of me! I love her so much!

Aden, Age 7



Autumn, Age 7

I am Happy and Safe

I was five years old when my Granny K drove from Idaho to Minnesota to rescue me. I will be 8 in July. My Granny K has helped me to be a better person. She has taught me what is right and wrong. She has taught me to read, write, and how to trust. I have learned respect from her. She helps me study for my spelling tests. I get 105% on almost every one. Grann K teaches me a lot of things she knows so I can be smarter. We go to a lot of different places and I am always learning new things from her. I feel happy and safe now. My heart is good and full with love. My Granny K is the best Grandma in the world! She rescued me from being sad and scarred. I am not scarred any more. I am happy! I love my Granny K and want to live with her forever!

“Do not underestimate the way you can affect a child’s life”

Kimberly, Age 9



CASA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

CASA (Court-appointed Special Children’s Advocates) is a volunteer based organization.

CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children, to make sure they don’t get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes. Volunteers stay with each case until it is closed and the child is placed in a safe, permanent home. For many abused children, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence in their lives. **You can request a CASA for your child in a court case usually.**

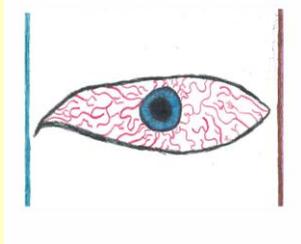
Volunteers get to know the child by

talking with everyone in that child's life; parents and relatives, foster parents, teachers, medical professionals, attorneys, social workers and others. They use the information they gather to inform judges and others of what the child needs and what will be the best permanent home for them. You do not have to be a lawyer or social worker to be a volunteer. You do have to pass a background check to be a CASA and stay with the case until it is closed.

CASA is in need of around 15-25 more volunteers in the Lewiston office that serves most all of Region 2!

If you would like to advocate for a child involved in a court-case, or have a CASA for a child you know, call 208-746-3378 or visit website at www.district2casa.org.

Corbin, Age 11



MOSCOW SPRING BREWFEST PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT PALOUSE SKATING RINK AT LATAH COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS!

Come to Moscow Spring BrewFest: Blues, Brews and BBQ!!

May 19th at 6pm at the Latah County Fairgrounds in Moscow. Smoked BBQ!!! Three bands will play classic blues!!

Call me to receive free comp

tickets! 208-799-4385 for info! KIDS WELCOME!



LAST YEAR'S WINNING ENTRY IN THE TEENAGE CATEGORY "MY FAMILY. MY STORY."**Winning Contest Entry
Ages 13-18****Kelvilynn, Age 15**

My Family has been through so much during my life. In fact we have fought and fought for what's best to keep our family alive and together. We have had so many struggles through out the years.

As for me, I can see that my grandparents, whom I've lived with for almost four years, have been through a lot. They have sacrificed all they have just to keep a strong foundation for our family. We, at times, may seem like we don't care about what they have done for us, but deep down in our soul, we thank God everyday that we have great grandparents who have provided for us. In return, we strive to do our best, through hard work and determination. We put a smile on our face because we know one day all the hard work and sacrifice we made will someday pay off.

There have been days when I have cried myself to sleep and thought about what would have happened if I never appreciated what they have done for me. The best way to describe my family is by one simple word... giving. Our motto is: family comes first, and that's what we live by. We support each and every one of us in the family. My grandparents and my guardian have been such a positive influence in my life by simply taking care of me due to my parents not being able to be with me. They also put a smile on my face and hopeful feeling in my heart. Some days I disobey them, but in the end I feel guilty because I realize that they get upset for our own good and to protect us. The things they tell us are for future reference and for us to know right from wrong, and I thank them for that.

I will someday repay them and give thanks for being such wonderful grandparents. My family is something no one can replace and it's my greatest blessing. I love my family for what they have done for me and for what I have become because of them. This is my family...my story.

**Snake River
Community Clinic*****215 Tenth Street
Lewiston, ID******A FREE CLINIC FOR
THE Uninsured******Services available:***

- Diagnosis of conditions***
- Basic medical***
- Dental safety***
- medications (fee charged)***
- No controlled medications are prescribed or provided***

***Open Tuesday and
Thursday Evenings
only!******Make an
appointment at
2pm to reserve an
evening spot!******Website:
[www.srcc-
freeclinic.org](http://www.srcc-freeclinic.org)*****What is Camp Erin?**

This is a camp that is for children the have experienced the death of a loved one. The Camp is **FREE** to all campers who qualify! What activities are offered at Camp Erin?

- Canoeing
- Swimming
- Sports
- Arts and Crafts
- Music
- Skits
- Luminaries
- Campfires
- Storytelling
- Sharing
- Memory- making

When is it?

Camp Erin 2012 is Friday, July 6th- Sunday, July 8th,2012

Where is it?

The camp is at Camp Wooten, near Pomeroy, Washington.

To Contact:

208-791-7192 or 208-669-0730 -
Lewiston, Idaho Judy Rooney,
MSW, Executive Director
ed@willow-center.org





FREE FISHING IN MAY!

Dates in May	Time	Location
Saturday, May 5	9 a.m. - noon	Hordemann Pond, Moscow
Sunday, May 6	9 a.m. - noon	Kiwanis Park, Lewiston
Saturday, May 12	9 a.m. - noon	Robinson Pond, Kamiah
Sunday, May 13	9 a.m. - noon	Moose Creek Reservoir, Bovill
Saturday, May 19	9 a.m. - noon	Kiwanis Park, Lewiston
Sunday, May 20	9 a.m. - noon	Spring Valley Reservoir, Troy
Saturday, May 26	9 a.m. - noon	Hordemann Pond, Moscow
Sunday, May 27	9 a.m. - noon	Mann Lake, Lewiston

FREE FISHING EQUIPMENT AND NO SIGN UP REQUIRED! SPONSORED BY IDAHO FISH AND GAME!!



Check us out on Facebook!!
Idaho Relatives as Parents

“MY FAMILY. MY STORY.”

**Don't forget to have your child enter the state-wide art contest! Call 208-799-4385 to get contest rules and applications from me!!
Kids who have a story of living with a relative have a chance to win \$100!!!!**



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