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Idaho KinCare Family Day!

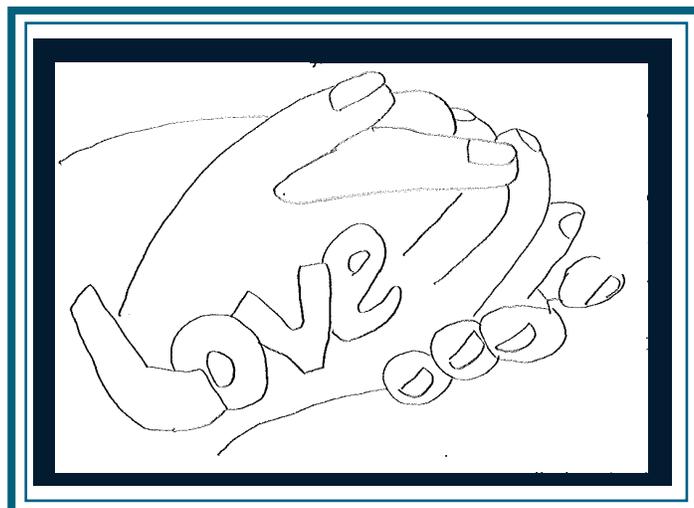
Come and join us in celebrating, recognizing and congratulating Idaho's KinCare Families.

Idaho's First Lady Lori Otter will read the Idaho KinCare Family Day Proclamation.

We will also announce the winners of the My Family. My Story. art contest.

Friday, July 18 at 10:30 am in the Governor's Ceremonial office at the Capitol in Boise.

After the reading ceremony Idaho's First Lady Lori Otter will read a book to the children in attendance at Capitol Park. All families are invited to stay and enjoy cake and ice-cream after the ceremony.



For more information, please call Idaho CARELINE by dialing 2-1-1 or contact Norma Barrientos 208-442-9977 or Renae Andersen 208-891-7367

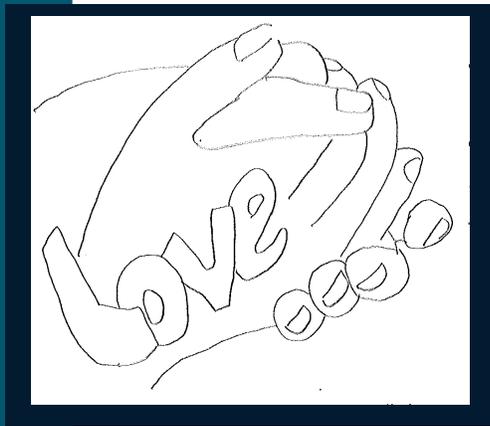
Tristn, Age 14

To let you know why me and my sister went to live with my Grandma and Grandpa Brown was primarily due to my mother having some psychological problems. My father considered uprooting us completely by moving us to my aunt's house in Downers Grove, Illinois, but my grandparents convinced my father that it would be better for us to come live with them instead. Only my sister had to change schools. I was able to go to the same junior high as the year before. I just had to ride a different bus, but my grandpa has been the one to get me up every school morning, and he makes me fried eggs for breakfast. My grandparents are strict when it comes to taking our medicines both morning and night, and they make sure that we are in bed by 9pm on school nights. I would like to share a poem I wrote describing my family as if we were a book.

Eric, Age 16

My Family Book

My Family is a book.
 My dad is the cover
 He protects and keeps us together,
 My grandpa is the Table of Contents
 Telling you where to go and what to do,
 My sister is the pages
 Can be nine, but can give you a nasty paper-cut,
 My mom is the glossary
 Telling what some things mean or do,
 My grandma is the index
 Organizing and orderly,
 I'm the text
 A record of things and trying to help,
 We try to help and protect each other
 And we are strong because of it,
 And at times, weak too,
 But we survive
 And become stronger because of our
 Love for each other.



Tristn, Age 14

LOVE

Hand in hand we walk along
 My hand in yours, so big and strong.
 You always tell me I will never be alone.
 That, this will always be my home.
 There's so much LOVE in our hearts;
 I know nothing can tear us apart.
 Yes, we've come a long way, you and I.
 Our days are filled with hugs and kisses.
 And a few tears too.
 But, I smile at the end of each day.
 I know you will always be
 There to start my day.
 Love you grandma and grandpa

My Family. My Story. Winners



Jazlynn, Age 7

I love my family!

It is nice to live with my grandma. She takes me to lots of places. Like the park and the zoo, and the fancy restaurants. She is the sweetest person I have ever loved. If I were with someone else instead of Pat I wouldn't like it one bit because it wouldn't be the same. If I were with Pat I would be the happiest child ever.

I love my mom so much that I never want to leave my sweet Pat ever never again. She is my good luck charm.



Katherine, Age 10

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It can be overwhelming to be the primary caretaker of children in today's world. When you feel as though you just can't do it anymore, it might help to remember this anonymous quote.

“You may not be able to change the entire world, but you can change the entire world of a child.”



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A KinCare provider is a grandparent or other family member raising a relative's child. This arrangement can be challenging from legal, financial, and emotional standpoints. If you are one of the 10,000 KinCare providers in Idaho, this newsletter is for you.

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*Thank you
grandma*



Angel, Age 9