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Idaho KinCare Family Day

The Idaho KinCare Project is pleased to share the official Proclamation for Idaho KinCare Family Day, a day that celebrates the contributions of kincare providers throughout the state of Idaho. Idaho KinCare Family Day will take place Friday, **July 20, 2012**. Contact your local Idaho KinCare Project team member to find out about events in your region.

PROCLAMATION TEXT

“WHEREAS all of us have ancestral families known as ‘kin’ who have cared for one another for generations; and

WHEREAS this tradition continues through Idaho Kincare, which includes grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, cousins,

or other meaningful adults who have stepped up to raise someone else’s child; and

WHEREAS kincare providers render stability and structure to children in crisis situations by keeping familial ties intact; and

WHEREAS kincare providers significantly impact all citizens of Idaho by drastically reducing the need for formal foster care; and

WHEREAS the often under-appreciated kincare providers in Idaho deserve thanks for offering their hearts and homes to children;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim **July 20, 2012**, to be*

**IDAHO KINCARE
FAMILY DAY”**



WHEREAS over 23,000 Idaho children live in nearly 10,000 households headed by grandparents or other relatives; and

My Family. My Story. Art Contest Winners

The second annual My Family. My Story. Art Contest is officially over. The art contest celebrates the relatives and significant adults who open their hearts and homes to kin children. Children from across the state sent in their poems, short essays, and drawings that described how living with someone other than their parents has made a positive difference in their lives.

And the winners are...

Tristin, age 6
 Kimberly, age 10
 Mariah, age 16

Madysen, age 9
 Angela, age 12
 David, age 17

Congratulations to all the winners. Each winner receives \$100. All entries will receive a special gift from the 2-1-1 Idaho Careline and a booklet containing all the entries.

It started with Mother and I, we had to keep moving so it was hard for her to take care of me. In January 2010, Grandpa flew to Washington, DC to get me. Daddy calls me everyday, I don't talk to Mommy as often. They send me cards and presents and that helps me remember them.

I love living with my Grandparents. Grandma cooks good food, teaches me how to cook and other things. We even made donuts! She cuddles me every morning before school and we read together at night. Grandpa bought my first 2-wheeler bike, taught me how to ride, and then we rode bikes together. He got an old computer and fixed it so it worked for me.

It's not hard to live with your Grandparents, just think of them as your parents. On Friday nights Grandma makes a special snack to eat while we play games.

We planted a garden, I've never had one before. I can hardly wait to eat the things we planted.

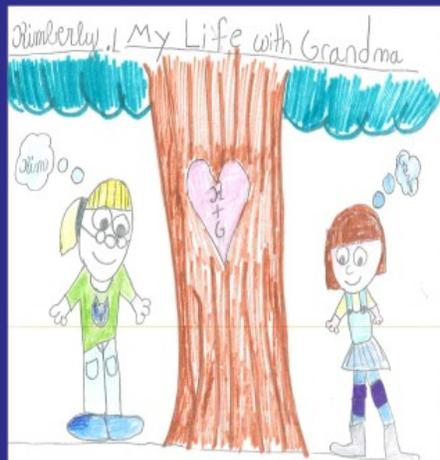
My Grandparents and I love each other very much so we think of fun things to do together. Don't be upset, you're living with people who love you very much!

Madysen

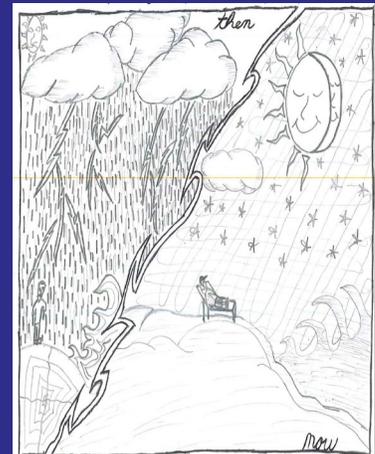
Tristin



Kimberly



David



Art Contest Winners continues

Angela

When I was a little girl I didn't understand why my sister and I lived with our Grandparents. But know that I am older I understand that my mother could not care for us. So we went to live with them. If they had not we could've ended up in foster care, split up or worse. If we would had been split up we could have never know or remembered each other.

They have sacrificed all they have to keep a strong foundation for our family. We may seem like we don't care, but deep down in our soul we thank God everyday that we have caring Grandparents who have provided for us. In return we strive to do our best through hard work and determination.

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. I know that they love me and my sister, and we love them. We are very grateful and happy to have them in our lives. Because we know one day all the hard work and sacrifices they have made will pay off.

This is my family....my story.

Mariah

Jen

You're my stability, my rock
I know you may be in shock
But you help me be a better person all in all
And lift me up when I stumble and fall
I look to you for courage,
Even though I may look discouraged
You always know what and when and when to do
You help me through and through
I wouldn't be where I am without your care
I know hat you will always be there
You're tough and strong
And you insist you're never wrong!
We laugh and we cry,
But always seem to get by
Your amazing family is mine now too
And I greatly love all of them and you
Sometimes I know I may take you for granted,
But you're more than just an aunt and
I have no idea what I'd do if you were gone
What I'm trying to say is, to me, you'll always be
my mom.



Democracy is the government of the people,
by the people, for the people

INDEPENDENCE DAY



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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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Support Groups

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Georgia Mackley: 859-1130**

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**Relatives Raising Relatives,
Idaho City
Ginny and Ken Ohls:
344-4329**

**Grandparents/Relatives as Parents Support
Group,
Twin Falls
Shawna Wasko:
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