

UPCOMING TRAINING & EVENTS

October

- 2nd Fall Festival at Poppy's
Pumpkin Patch
- 11th Support Group in Fremont
- 21st Support Group in O'Neill
- 28th Support Group in Norfolk
- 30th Behlen Health Fair in
Columbus
- 31st Happy Halloween

November

- 8th Support Group in Fremont
- 18th Support Group in O'Neill
- 25th NO Support Group in Norfolk
- 25th Happy Thanksgiving!

December

- 6th Board of Directors Mtg-
Location TBA
- 13th Support Group in Fremont
- 16th Support Group in O'Neill
- 23rd Support Group in Norfolk
- 25th Merry Christmas
- TBA Christmas Party

*Building Blocks looks forward to
serving children and families in 2011.*



SERVING 24
COUNTIES IN
NORTHEAST AND
NORTH CENTRAL
NEBRASKA
~ SINCE 1999 ~

4th Quarter Edition

3rd Annual Respite Day Camp is in the books



The day included a wagon ride through the Kreycik elk and buffalo pastures as well as an informative presentation about the products produced from the elk antlers. We also went swimming at the Niobrara State Park pool and had a picnic within the park. Games, activities, and fishing were also enjoyed during the day.

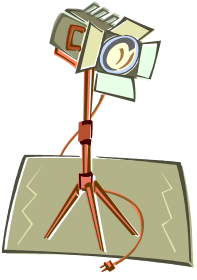


Support Groups Offered in the Area

Building Blocks Foster Care and NFAPA collaborate to provide support to foster parents in Fremont, O'Neill, and Norfolk.

- Fremont is held every 2nd Monday at the United Methodist Church at 8th & Broad from 6:30 - 8 p.m.
- O'Neill is held at the Assembly of God Church at 204 N. 7th from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Norfolk is held at Faith Regional Health Systems at 2700 Norfolk Avenue from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Building Blocks would like to thank all of our foster parents, respite providers, board members, and supporters for all of your hard work, patience and dedication in 2010 and into the future.



Spotlight on . . . Rick & Cheryl Higgins Rick & Cheryl Higgins

Building Blocks has been blessed with over six years of service from the Higgins. They have taken five foster children into their home including taking guardianship of a teenage girl. Rick and Cheryl own and operate Expressions Floral & Gifts as well as Hometown Gifts & Dollar Store in Pierce. Cheryl also works at Town & Country Insurance in Pierce. They live in Pierce with their daughter, Hannah. The couple also sing at local weddings, funerals and other ceremonies.

We would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to our program and the children that they have cared for. We would like to congratulate Rick & Cheryl for being the “spotlighted” family of the 3rd quarter.

Building Blocks will be “spotlighting” a foster family each quarter based on timeliness of paperwork, continuing education hours, attending activities, going “above and beyond” expectations and duties, willingness to accept respite, etc.

KITS FOR KIDS

Oftentimes, children and youth who are placed in foster care are moved with only the clothing they have on their back. NFAPA has organized a project called “KITS FOR KIDS” that any service organization, church, youth group, 4-H club, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, and others can participate in. For more information, please contact NFAPA, at 402-476-2273 or toll-free 877-257-0176. To learn more, go to www.nfapa.org, click on KITS FOR KIDS.

Building Blocks has kits available for new placements.

Join the Nebraska Foster Youth Council

Accepting applications for current and former foster youth ages 14-21.

For more information and application, contact Jessica Hilderbrand at 402-476-8003 or email at jhilderbrand@nebraskachildren.org

The Nebraska Respite Network

Did you know that you could receive a subsidy to pay for respite care for your family members? Families across Nebraska are taking advantage of this program that the Nebraska Respite Network offers. Families choose their own providers; decide how much to pay per hour, and set their own schedules. This program can help families who do not receive respite services from any other government program. Up to \$125.00 per month is allowed based on monthly adjusted family income. For more information, contact Central Nebraska Community Services in Loup City, Nebraska.

You can reach them at (308) 745-0780 ext. 139.

***Statewide Across the Lifespan
1-866-Respite***



Poppy's
Pumpkin Patch
2010

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Programs & Services

- Foster Parent Initial Training
- Foster Home Licensing
- Personalized Daily Support
- 24/7 On-call Phone Support
- Website including On-line Resources
- Quarterly Respite Activities for foster families



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