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President's Message

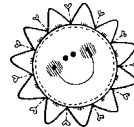
Susan Wittmer

Welcome friends, to the fall issue of our newsletter. You will find this issue positively packed with volunteer opportunities, many of which are related to Sugar Plum. There is also much important contact information for other upcoming fall activities. I encourage you to sign up now for your favorite FOFC activities, or take a chance and try something new. Our chairmen welcome the opportunity to tell you more – just give them a call.

I hope many of you will join us for the official Kick-Off of our Sugar Plum project on Saturday, Oct. 15th. I hear that our Sugar Plum Chairman has some surprises in store for us, including a guest speaker from one of the facilities represented on the trees. We are also hoping that local businessman Sam Artino, of Sam's Family Hair Styling in Alhambra, will be able to stop in to say hello. Sam was recently chosen by our FOFC board of directors as our first Honorary Lifetime Member to acknowledge his many years of Sugar Plum participation. Sam has also spearheaded fundraising efforts on behalf of FOFC, including an auction and several parking lot sales. But he is best known to us for his holiday toy drives that typically bring in several hundred toys each year for our Sugar Plum project. Sam is one of our well-loved Santas, and we consider him a very special friend.

You will want to keep your newsletter in a safe place for future reference; there will be no newsletter next month. Our next issue, the holiday issue, will be out in November, just before Thanksgiving. In addition to offering our newsletter electronically, we revised our publishing schedule this year to produce 9 issues instead of 10, looking to hold our budget steady in the face of rising costs. Your FOFC board is committed to being fiscally responsible and conservative to maximum the impact of

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Calendar

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| Tuesday,
Oct. 4, 2011
9:00 a.m. to
2:00 p.m. | DWP Charity Fair
Downtown Los Angeles
Volunteers needed |
| Saturday,
Oct. 15, 2011
10:00 a.m. | General Membership Meeting/
Sugar Plum Kick-Off
Rosemead Community Center
3936 N. Muscatel Ave.,
Rosemead |
| Wednesday,
Oct. 19, 2011 | Deadline for Halloween Candy
donations |
| Wednesday,
Nov. 9, 2011
10:30 a.m. | Foster Caring Committee Mtg.
Call Hanne Johnson at
626/795-8962 for location |
| Thursday,
Nov. 10, 2011
7:30 p.m. | FOFC Board Meeting
Conference Room
36 S. Kinneloa Ave., Pasadena |
| Thursday,
Nov. 17, 2011
(Tentative) | Scholarship Committee Mtg.
Home of Joan Renken
225 Sharon Rd., Arcadia |
| Friday,
Nov. 25, 2011
10:00 a.m. | Sugar Plum Trees open
Westfield Santa Anita
400 S. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia |

every dollar we receive.

I will leave you with a quote I saw recently: "To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world." (*Author unknown*)

Isn't that a lovely sentiment, and worth thinking about?

Can You Help?

Susan Wittmer

HALLOWEEN CANDY

Fall has arrived, and with it thoughts turn to that next big holiday – Halloween! Halloween candy displays have already appeared at local grocery and discount stores, and ghostly treats are being featured in the weekly sale ads. Why not pick up an extra bag or two on your next shopping trip, and support Friends of Foster Children in our annual Halloween Candy Drive. With your help, FOFC will provide Halloween treats to foster children at local residential treatment facilities. We will send candy to as many facilities as possible, depending on the quantity we receive. Last year, we distributed 208 pounds of candy and treats to 6 facilities serving approx. 350 children.

Please bring your donations to the October 15th General Membership Meeting or call Steve or Susan Wittmer at 626/358-2070 for other delivery options. **Candy must be individually wrapped, and no bubble gum, please.** We also welcome donations of healthy alternative treats such as fruit snacks, sugar-free candies, individually packaged pretzels, crackers or granola bars. It doesn't have to be chocolate to be fun.

Final deadline for Halloween candy donations is Wednesday, October 19th.

VOLUNTEERS FOR DWP CHARITY FAIR

On Tuesday, October 4th, FOFC will participate in the annual Donors' Welfare Plan Charity Fair hosted by the Los Angeles Water and Power Employees' Association. This event, held in downtown LA at the Water and Power building, is designed to increase awareness among DWP employees about the beneficial work that the supported charities do for the local community. FOFC has been fortunate to receive support from this wonderful group for a number of years, and we welcome the opportunity to promote our programs. Steve Wittmer is looking for one or two assistants to help him man our table between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00

p.m. (can be divided into shorter shifts). Duties include passing out brochures, answering questions, and encouraging interested individuals to sign up for more information. (Note from Steve: the nearby employee cafeteria serves a good lunch.) If you would like to help promote FOFC, please contact Steve or Susan Wittmer at 626/358-2070 or wittmerbiz@altrionet.com.

DVDs FOR TEENS

The Special Friends Committee would appreciate donations of new and used DVDs appropriate for teenage boys and girls. See the "Special Friends" article for more details, and contact Chairman Debbie Fairman if you can help.

Thank You for Your Help!

School Supplies 2011

Kathy Stokes

August 27th marked one of the hottest days of the year as well as being the culmination of this year's Back to School Supply packing and distribution. This year we once again met the benchmark set last year of over 19,000 items - WOW! But numbers don't tell the whole picture. Some items such as paper are counted by the packs, but the various types of lined paper amounted to more than 115,000 pieces! In addition to papers, pencils, markers, pens, protractors, page protectors, and composition books, we were able to meet the homes' needs in several critical areas. To give you an idea of how this project has grown in just a few short years, let's compare:

<u>Items Distributed</u>	<u>In 2008</u>	<u>In 2011</u>
3 Ring Notebooks	207	505
Calculators	34	185
Backpacks	23	178
Dictionaries	0	130

Once again, monetary contributions from members, family and friends made a significant impact. This year's purchase of backpacks was funded 100% by member donations. All of the 3 ring binders came out of a generous donation that one of our members helped to secure. In addition to all the supplies brought to us, the ink cartridge recycling program that was in existence for the whole year provided us with more than \$500 to shop for supplies and capitalize on sales. Thanks for all who aided our recycling efforts.

Sugar Plum News

Carolyn Cota



Sugar Plum Kick-Off: You are invited to join us for our upcoming General Membership meeting which will also be the official Sugar Plum “Kick-Off” on Saturday, October 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the Rosemead Community Center. Please note the new location - the community center is located at 3936 N. Muscatel Ave., Rosemead, CA 91770, behind the Library. (Helpful hint: With all the recent construction work on Rosemead Blvd., it is best to use San Gabriel Blvd. as an alternate north/south route.)

This meeting is guaranteed to get you in the holiday spirit and will be a fabulous start to this year’s Sugar Plum project. There will be holiday music and holiday-themed refreshments. We invite all our guests to join in the mood and don your favorite holiday attire, perhaps a favorite Christmas sweater or something red & green – there just MIGHT be a prize for the best dressed attendee.

Sign-up sheets will be available for many different Sugar Plum positions. It takes a small army of volunteers to make Sugar Plum successful. Please encourage your family, friends, co-workers, church groups, etc. to get involved. Volunteers are needed to write tags, sit at the trees, open and close the trees, sort gifts, and deliver gifts. Join us and learn more about all these positions and meet the chairmen. (Those of you who are unable to join us on Oct. 15th to sign up in person, please feel free to contact our chairmen directly. We have included their contact information below for your convenience.)

Please RSVP: Santa needs to know how many helpers will be in attendance at this meeting, so he can order up an appropriate number of treats. Please RSVP via email to fofc@earthlink.net or call Cheryl Peralta at (626)798-0232.

Our Trees will be open from Nov. 25th through Dec. 15th at Westfield Santa Anita in Arcadia. In 2011, eleven local residential treatment facilities and transitional living programs will be represented with tags on our trees, along with our own FOFC committees. Some of the children whose wishes appear have never experienced the joy of receiving a gift that is for them only. Our goal every year is to make sure that each child receives at least one item from their “wish list”. Help us make their dreams come true. I look forward to seeing you on October 15th!

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Volunteer Opportunities:

Wish list typing (Cathy Cota, Chairman)

Wish list typing has begun! This job is fun because the typists get to see what the facilities, committees and the children want for Christmas before anyone else. This year we are trying something new. Instead of the typists receiving paper copies of the lists, they are receiving the lists via email, typing them into the correct format for our binder books at the mall and the sorting room and then submitting the typed lists to the typing chair, again via email. We are hoping this will expedite the process and cut down on driving time for the typists and the typing chair. So far the new system is working beautifully. If you are interested in joining the Typing Team, have email and know how to use Excel, please let me know; I can always use a few more good typists. Contact me at cathylcota@yahoo.com.

Tag writing (Sherrill Leavitt, Chairman)

Tag-writing is in mid-swing right about now, but there are a few more opportunities available. If you are still interested in helping, feel free to call or email me at (626)791-8032 or seriouslysillymom@gmail.com. I have already found some great tag writers, and appreciate the participation of members and nonmembers alike.

Happy Sugar Plum prep. It's going to be a great year for the kids!

Calling All Treesitters (Susan Peralta, Scheduling Chair)

Sugar Plum will be here before we know it. As your Scheduling Chair, I am in need of tree sitters to sign up for shifts from Friday, November 25 (opening day) to Thursday, December 15 (closing day). Right now the schedule has plenty of available slots, so please call me at (626)798-2057 or e-mail me at peraltabb@sbcglobal.net to get the shift(s) you would like.

We have four 2-person shifts each day. Mondays through Saturdays the shifts are 10am to noon, noon to 3pm, 3pm to 6pm and 6pm to 9pm. Sundays the shifts are 11am to 1pm, 1pm to 3pm, 3pm to 5pm and 5pm to 7pm.

The National Charity League (NCL) sits many shifts at the Sugar Plum trees each year, and provides many volunteers to assist our Sugar Plum efforts. The following dates/times will be covered by NCL volunteers, and are already filled on our calendar: Saturday, November 26 (all day); Sunday, November 27 (all day); Friday, December 2 (3pm to 9pm); Saturday, December 3 (all day); Friday, December 9 (3pm to 9pm); and Sunday, December 11 (all day).

Sitting at the Sugar Plum Trees is easy, fun and very rewarding. If you have not sat before we have instructions available, and telephone numbers will be posted at the table in case of questions while you are sitting. If you have a partner to sit with, that is great, but if you don't I will find you a partner. I am waiting to hear from you all.

Closing Volunteers Needed (Chairman - Cynthia Juvinal)

Dear Kind-Hearted Volunteer,

As Closing Chairperson, let me summarize the duties for the "GIFT PICKUP" phase of the project: every day, some days twice, donated Sugar Plum gifts and money must be taken from the mall to safe locations for later sorting. Volunteer members will pack the days' gifts in large plastic bags and remove them, as well as any monetary donations, to a vehicle, and take them to the designated location (usually a member's home). It does require some physical ability and, for evening pick-ups, night driving. If you own a large vehicle, that is especially welcome. However, those of you with smaller vehicles can still be of assistance, especially during the first week when gift volume is usually lighter.

Our newsletter readers are a select group of loyal, caring individuals who are dedicated to our 'citizens of the future'. Since we have the best audience possible, we are looking forward to your positive response to another appeal for your time and energy. If you can help pick up gifts from the tree (PLEASE!) call Cynthia at (626)458-3318, or email eejclj@yahoo.com. THANK YOU!!

Sorting Room workers needed (Chairman - Susan Wittmer)

Once the gifts are collected from the drop-off locations they are brought to the sorting room. There they are logged in, screened for appropriateness and packaged for distribution to their final destination points. Volunteers are needed to help with sorting on the following dates:

- Saturday, December 3
- Tuesday, December 6
- Monday, December 12
- Tuesday, December 13
- Thursday, December 15
- Friday, December 16

Each day begins at 9:30 a.m., and most sessions are completed in 1 ½ to 2 hours. If you are interested in working any (or all) of these days, please call Susan Wittmer at (626)358-2070 or email wittmerbiz@altrionet.com. FOFC will be using donated warehouse space in Duarte for our sorting center. Information on the location will be provided upon sign-up.

Delivery volunteers needed (Chairman - Steve Wittmer)

Once the gifts are delivered to the Sorting Room and sorted, the job still has one more critical component – delivery of those gifts. Two-person teams work together to deliver the gifts to the homes, one to drive and one to co-pilot. Although the red suits are optional, our delivery teams are truly our FOFC Santas. If you have access to an SUV, pickup truck or van, or would be willing to ride along as a helper, please call Steve at (626)358-2070 or email wittmerbiz@altrionet.com. (Important note: All deliveries are made on weekdays.)

Outside Groups Encouraged (Chairman - Carole Rodenbucher)

Each year, 1/2 to 2/3 of the total Sugar Plum gifts collected come to us through the trees at Westfield Santa Anita. The remaining gifts are donated by businesses, church groups, civic organizations and others who we refer to as our "outside groups". If you are a member of a group who might be interested in hosting a gift collection effort or providing volunteer manpower, we welcome your inquiries and interest. Call Carole at (626)285-2030 for more info on how your group can participate. Sugar Plum is a huge undertaking that relies on the support of our friends in the community to be successful. Won't you help?

Many thanks to the volunteers who braved the heat to help distribute and pack the items, and to those who helped us with deliveries: Charleen Albee, Diana Grajeda, Cathy Cota, Carole Kolla, Sherrill Leavitt, Donna Puccio, Mary Ann & Bob McClain, Ginger Loesch, Leona Nakayoshi, Jan Seymour, Jim Stevens, Hanne Johnson, Rick Morales, John Ulbrich and Steve Wittmer. The Special Friends Committee would also like to extend a thank you to EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU who helped make this project such a success!

School supply donors are included in the Acknowledgements section later in this newsletter.

We will be continuing with the printer cartridge recycling program throughout the year and have already started to think about Back To School 2012. Bring your cartridges to any FOFC meeting or contact Kathy Stokes at 626/798-4536 for pick up or drop off.

See's Christmas Candies

Carole Rodenbacher

FOFC will once again be offering a selection of See's Candies for sale this holiday season. Keep us in mind when planning your holiday gift giving, and look for our complete list of available products and pricing in your next newsletter.

Committee

Reports

Special Friends

Debbie Fairman

Shopping Volunteers Needed:

For our annual fall project, the Special Friends Committee will be providing DVD's to six facilities to enjoy over the Thanksgiving holiday break. The long Thanksgiving weekend is often difficult for boys and girls in residential care. Some of the children get to go to home for the long weekend, but many do not and have little to look forward to. The staff at LeRoy Haynes Center told me they are so grateful to be included this year because of the hard time the boys have during that weekend. Now they will have something special to look forward to.

Here is how you can help: Each facility will make a wish list of DVD's the children might enjoy. I need shoppers to go out and buy those DVDs (new or used). Each shopper will be given a shopping list, a budget to follow, and a deadline date. It would be terrific if I could get one person to shop for each home: Hillside's, Hathaway-Sycamores, Ettie Lee, Rosemary Children's Services, Trinity and LeRoy Haynes Center. The committee is also happy to accept donations of age-appropriate DVD's, popcorn, soda or money to help with the shopping. (If in doubt about what DVDs would be appropriate or desired, contact Debbie for suggestions.) If you like to shop on-line, there are lots of opportunities, but please take into consideration time required for shipping.

Please call Debbie Fairman at 626/285-4305 or email Crafterdeb@aol.com if you can help. Thank you.

Membership News

Hanne Johnson

This summer we lost 3 long-time supporters of FOFC. We are sad to report that both Kathy and Harley Bogle passed away in the last few months. For many years they were faithful members of the Pixie & Tiger Committee. If you didn't see them there, then Harley could be found helping in the Sugar Plum Sorting & Delivery room up until just a few years ago. He was the one teaching the rest of us how to tie the bags of gifts securely – experience he undoubtedly gained in all his years of tying our "welcome boxes" together for safe delivery. Kathy and Harley had been married for over 70 years, and were both in their 90's. Although they had not been active in FOFC for several years they continued to renew their membership, and collected donations for Sugar Plum each year from their circle of friends. Many of us will carry warm memories of their unfailing generosity. The family requested that those wishing to do so may remember Harley and Kathy with donations to Friends of Foster Children.

Most of you did not have the chance to meet Candy Puchta's husband, Mike. We lost him just recently after his long battle with MS. He used to help out at our fundraisers and wherever he was needed. But most importantly, he firmly supported Candy in all of her many FOFC activities. Candy has been at the heart of our Sugar Plum Sorting Room forever, and a member of our Foster Caring Committee for almost as long. We

send her and her family our deepest sympathy for their loss. They have asked for donations to FOFC, designated for the Special Activities Fund, in lieu of flowers or gifts.

Thank you for all the kind remarks that let us know how much you liked receiving your newsletter via email. Special thanks to Donna Bonorris who helped get it set up. To the many folks who are not members, but receive our newsletter as a courtesy, we would be happy to switch you to electronic mailing if you would prefer. Contact me at FOFC@earthlink.net or call 626/795-8962.

Do not forget to report all changes and corrections to our Roster.

Foster Caring

Hanne Johnson

At our recent September meeting we considered \$6,370 worth of requests and were able to fill \$4,645 of them. In order to stay within our budget and still help as much as we could, some items were funded for less than the original request. The Homes may ask for the remaining funds at our next meeting if they cannot make the purchase without more help.

Ettie Lee Homes (60 Boys in 6 group homes) received \$850. Two of their homes recently had their bedrooms and baths painted. Now they would like to have new wall hangings, rugs, lamps, curtains, etc. We were able to partially fund this to get the shopping started with \$225 for each home (\$450). The goal is to have the boys participate in the shopping so they will have more respect for their surroundings and take care of the items they themselves wanted for their rooms. If needed, they can ask for the remaining funds at our next meeting. We approved \$200 for a third home for new sports balls and replacement game pieces for their recreation time. The last request was for the purchase of used video games and a console. We sent \$200 to help.

Hathaway-Sycamores (34 Boys in 2 cottages) received \$1100. This was a bit more than the other facilities received this month but they were already planning ahead for the holidays. We can fund these activities from the Special Activities fund. Both cottages asked for money to buy Halloween decorations, party supplies and costumes. They would also like to be able to go to a haunted house or community event if they can stretch

the money far enough. We sent each cottage \$300 (\$600). The Residential Activities staff received \$500 to purchase tickets to a live theater event during the holidays. They want to be able to take advantage of any early ticket offers and can also use part of the funds for parking and snacks. Hope they get some good deals.

Hillsides (64 Boys & Girls in 8 cottages) received \$595. Their first request was a bit unusual. They needed 2 car seats and 1 booster seat. One of their new residents is a small boy who requires the booster and having only one does not work because they do not always travel in the same vehicle. As to the car seats, they are to transport siblings either to or from Hillsides. This is especially important if the family has come by bus and then faces a long bus ride home at the end of an emotional and tiring day. They have been asking for donated, clean used seats, but have had no luck. We sent the needed \$175. They too are gearing up for Halloween and received \$200 to buy some new costumes and accessories. In addition, they received \$150 to buy prizes and specialized candy for their carnival and haunted house. The children's siblings and other family members are also invited, so even with donated candy they still need more for such a large and diverse age group. A few more children arrived after last month's request, so we funded \$70 for a few more new comforters.

LeRoy Haynes Center (72 Boys in 6 cottages) received \$700. With the fall season approaching they wanted to plan ahead for indoor activities. Their pool table is worn and beyond repair. The Resident Council of boys voted unanimously for a new table and cues. It is a very popular activity. They needed a bit more than the \$700 we were able to send. Delivery alone is \$200. We hope that they can manage the rest, and if not, they can request the balance next time.

Rosemary Children's Services (44 Girls in 5 cottages) received \$750. We were able to help with 5 out of their 6 requests. Some were fully funded and others partially, but enough to get the shopping started. We sent \$75 for the Home Economics class to buy a new set of pots and pans. Another \$75 went for jewelry-making kits for the after-school program. More arts and craft supplies were needed at 2 of the cottages for \$150 and the larger "Cottage" needed more bed-in-a-bag comforter sets for new arrivals for \$250. We also sent \$200 for them to buy hair appliances, i.e., curling irons, flat irons, etc.

Trinity El Monte (53 Boys in 4 units) received \$650.

Their first request was for \$200 to purchase more school supplies. Even after receiving our recent donations they were in need of paper and other items to have enough for all their boys. Their boys all go to public schools and are required to come prepared with certain supplies. We were happy to help. Another \$200 was sent to buy scrapbooking supplies and accessories for the boys' Life Books. Final request was for new footballs, basketballs and volleyballs. We sent \$250.

As a side note: The committee just completed screening and coding the Facility wishes for the Sugar Plum Tree project. Many, many of the items requested at our meeting were also listed on their wish lists. With so many children sharing cottages, recreation equipment, cooking supplies and so forth it is no wonder they need constant replacement or replenishment. So even if these wish tags have no specific child's name on them, many kids will benefit from having their surroundings made more comfortable, cheerful, and a bit more like home. Please remember that as you choose a tag or two to fill.

Scholarship/Emancipation Committee

Steve Wittmer

The 19th annual Friends of Foster Children Scholarship Committee barbecue was held on Sunday, August 28th at the home of George and Donna Koutsakos. Sixty (60) people were in attendance, including ten (10) current students and five (5) alumni students. The day was a celebration for the students and their guests and it was a great way to start the new school year.

Part of the tradition of the barbecue is the recognition of first-year recipients in attendance and recent graduates. The committee formally welcomed Carla to the program. Adam, one of our recent graduates, was honored with a graduation gift from the Scholarship Committee.

In addition to the new scholarship student, returning students Kameko, Tatiana, Adam, Daysi, Wilson, Daniel, Shauntay, Adam and Ciera were all on hand to share their college experiences. It was a great pleasure to see alumni students Melissa, Allison, Demontray, Mercedes and Davina in attendance. Several of our students are married and/or have families, and it is always a special treat for our committee to meet their spouses and children. Although we officially bill our annual event as the "Get-Acquainted Barbecue", unofficially our committee members like to think of it as our

"Scholarship Family Reunion".

Each student in attendance was presented with a gift of school supplies from the Pasadena Chapter of the National Charity League. The NCL group also baked a generous supply of cookies, brownies, and assorted goodies which were packaged up and sent home with the students. And then there were the door prize drawings. Students selected from a variety of wonderful gifts, including microwaves, tools, gift cards, cookbooks and other household goods, all donated by FOFC members and friends. No one left empty-handed.

Many thanks to George and Donna Koutsakos for hosting this annual event, and to the NCL and all my committee members for their contributions in making this a memorable day. The committee would also like to thank those who donated gifts and provided monetary donations which helped to underwrite the cost of putting on this event.

Our students and their guests always enjoy the informal atmosphere of the barbecue. And our committee members are both energized and inspired by the opportunity to interact with "our" students. A good time was had by all.

The Scholarship Committee is always looking for dedicated members to serve as mentors to our scholarship recipients. For more information about the FOFC Scholarship/Emancipation program, please call Steve Wittmer.

Acknowledgements

FOFC received many generous contributions this summer (cash and donated goods) in support of our school supply collection drive and our scholarship barbecue, as well as memorial gifts and general donations. Many thanks to the following for their donations to Friends of Foster Children:

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Steve & Susan Wittmer

Ongoing Projects

FOFC has projects that continue on an ongoing basis. Here is a brief recap, along with a contact person.

Cell Phone Recycling – Used cell phones are recycled for cash, which supports our general fund activities. (Carole Rodenbucher 626/285-2030)

Ralphs Community Contribution Program – Register your Ralphs REWARDS card to our organization, and Ralphs will donate a percentage of your spending to FOFC. (Susan Wittmer 626/358-2070)

Hotel/sample sizes of soap, shampoo, conditioner & lotion – Collected for use in welcome kits assembled by the Pixie & Tiger project. (Ingerlise Haney 626/281-2054)

Used printer cartridges - Cartridges are turned in for store credits, which are used to purchase school supplies. (Kathy Stokes 626/798-4536)

Suggestions for future fundraising projects, both large and small, are always welcome. Contact Ways and Means chairman Carole Rodenbucher at 626/285-2030 with your ideas.



THANK YOU!

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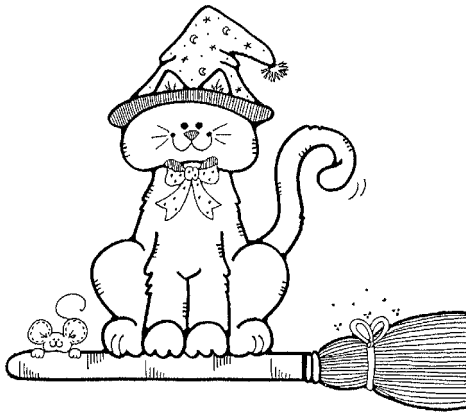
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