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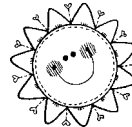
President's Message

Susan Wittmer

Happy Anniversary! Those two words conjure up positive images of commitment, endurance and devotion. We celebrate years of marriage, years in business, and years at our jobs. Recently, Steve & I attended an open house celebrating the 60th anniversary of Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services. We congratulate them on 60 years of helping young men in difficult situations turn their lives around. Miss Ettie Lee's vision lives on in the dedication of their staff, many of whom have been with the organization for 10 – 20 years and longer.

Next year, FOFC will celebrate our 35th anniversary. We are already planning special activities to commemorate this milestone, which will kick off at our March 26th luncheon. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us. After 35 years, we still have a few of our original members active in the group, which is pretty amazing. I have been a member of FOFC for almost 20 years now and have participated in many projects. I continue to be astounded at how much good this small but mighty group of volunteers has done over the years.

Gift-giving guides tell us that to celebrate a 35th anniversary, the traditional gift is Coral, while the modern gift is Jade. Since neither of those seem relevant to our group, we hope that you will consider instead a monetary gift to help us keep going. Miss Ettie Lee expressed the wish that *her* legacy would survive for 1,000 years. While I'm sure we all hope that there will no longer be a need for the services they offer 940 years from now, if there is we hope that Friends of Foster Children or some group of caring, like-minded individuals is around to support them in their efforts. As long as there are foster children in need of love and support, there will be a job for us to do.



Calendar

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| Friday,
Nov. 26, 2010
Thru
Wednesday,
Dec. 15, 2010 | Sugar Plum Trees Open
Westfield Santa Anita
400 S. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia |
| Wednesday,
Jan. 12, 2011
7:00 p.m. | Luncheon Committee Meeting
Home of Carole Rodenbucher
5936 Reno Ave., Temple City |
| Thursday,
Jan. 13, 2011
7:00 p.m. | FOFC Board Meeting
Conference Room
36 S. Kinneloa Ave., Pasadena |
| Wednesday,
Jan. 19, 2011
10:30 a.m. | Foster Caring Committee Mtg.
Call Hanne Johnson for details
626/795-8962 |
| Wednesday,
Jan. 19, 2011
7:00 p.m. | Scholarship Committee Mtg.
Location TBA |
| Saturday,
Mar. 26, 2011 | Spring Fundraising Luncheon
Arcadia Community Center
365 Campus Drive, Arcadia |

Consider your own blessings and give thanks, and may you all have a happy holiday season in the company of those you love.

Sugar Plum Is Here

Diane Perrow



Are you ready? The fun is just about to begin. The Sugar Plum Trees are ready to open! Beginning Friday, November 26th through Wednesday, December 15th we will bask in the pleasure of fulfilling Christmas wishes for local foster youth. The tags are completed and ready to hang on the trees as we turn our attention to the process of fulfilling wishes, sorting gifts and delivering them to the facilities we serve. If you have not signed up yet to participate in some way, there is still time to find your niche in the process. If you are not physically able to participate in any of the ways described here, we always welcome your monetary support, regardless of the size.

Sitting at the tree: There are a few shifts remaining to be filled. We are also looking to add to our list of substitutes, those of you willing to be called at short notice to fill a shift at the last minute. Call Diane Perrow at 626/285-0160 or Carolyn Cota at 626/524-9171 to add your name to this list.

Sorting room volunteers needed: Sorting Chair Susan Wittmer reports that additional volunteers are needed for several of the weekday shifts. If you can help out on Dec. 7, Dec. 13, Dec. 14, or Dec. 16 from 9:30 a.m to 11:30 a.m. (approx.), please give Susan a call at 626/358-2070.

Delivery volunteers needed: Steve Wittmer, our Delivery Chairman Extraordinaire, is always on the lookout for delivery drivers and co-pilots. Once the gifts are delivered to the Sorting Room and sorted, the job still has one more critical component – delivery of those gifts. Steve organizes two-person teams to deliver the bags of gifts to the homes, one to drive and one to co-pilot. This vital last step could use more volunteers so please give Steve a call at 626/358-2070, especially if you have access to an SUV, pickup truck or van. All deliveries are made on weekdays.

There are so many ways to participate in Sugar

Plum. As members of FOFC we are expected to lend a hand where possible in this our signature event. But perhaps the best way you can help is to spread the word and share the message of Sugar Plum. You could invite your co-workers to take tags; you could organize neighbors or church members to support Sugar Plum. Are your children involved in school philanthropy? Perhaps they would like to take some tags. At my place of work, there are very few individuals, but each year we set up a small decorated Christmas tree and hang tags on it.

Some of the children whose wishes hang on our trees may be receiving gifts *for the first time in their lives!* There are so many stories - think how much it must mean to a child who has little to receive a gift at Christmas time because of the thoughtfulness and generosity of strangers. You are all our Sugar Plum angels, our honorary elves, and we wish you all a very happy holiday season!

On a sad note, we regretfully announce that Sugar Plum Chairman Gigi Andrew has resigned her position due to a family emergency. Her assistant, Cheryl Peralta, is serving as chairman in her stead. Cheryl can be reached at 626/798-0232.

See's Candy For The Holidays

Susan Peralta

FOFC is offering something new this holiday season! We will be selling See's Candy Gift Certificates and some boxed candy items. As everyone knows, they make a great gift of appreciation for those we admire, a sweet gift to say thank you, a hostess gift for holiday events, or even a gift for yourself (go ahead – you deserve it!).

We are offering the following items:

See's Gift Certificate (\$16.10) Purchases assortment of chocolates - One pound box

Mini Holiday Fancy Gift Box (\$6.20) 4 oz. of assorted chocolates in decorated box

Santa Bear Box (\$6.20) 4 oz. of assorted chocolates in Santa box

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Assorted Peppermints (\$ 8.05) Peppermint with chocolate - 8oz.

Assorted Chocolates (\$16.10) Milk, Dark, Nuts and Chews - One pound box

Nuts and Chews (\$16.10) One pound box

Milk or Dark Chocolates (\$16.10) One pound box

Assorted Molasses Chips (\$ 8.05) 8 oz.

Peanut Brittle (\$15.30) One pound, 8 oz.

To place an order, please contact Susan Peralta at 626/798-2057 or e-mail me at peraltabb@sbcglobal.net. The deadline for orders is Tuesday, December 14th. If you need your order sooner than December 16th, we can make those arrangements. I look forward to hearing from you.

"Friends Are the Flowers In Life"

2011 Spring Luncheon

Carole Rodenbucher

As the fast-paced holidays approach and the Thanksgiving turkey has been fully digested, don't forget to mark your 2011 calendar for upcoming FOFC events – especially our "Friends Are the Flowers In Life" fundraising luncheon.

Save the Date: Our every-other-year luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91006.

The potting shed doors will open at 10:30 a.m. with our popular Second Time Around Tables, the new Boutique Table, See's Easter Candy Table, Silent Auction Tables and fabulous Opportunity Drawings. Wow, that's a lot of stuff to look at, so don't be late! Many wonderful gift items will be featured. Come spend a few hours with your friends and help us raise money to fund FOFC's ongoing programs benefitting local foster children.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., followed by a program featuring Thomas G. Lee, Director of Hillside's Youth Moving On (YMO) program, and student speaker Karri Pierce, a current resident of YMO. Dan Bullard is returning to perform the

Master of Ceremonies duties, and will be announcing all of our winners. Prepare to be entertained and moved and have a great time!

Luncheon Gift Certificates Available: For the family member or friend who has everything or the person you can never find the correct gift for, consider the gift of luncheon tickets. The cost is \$32.00 per person, and we will provide you with a colorful Gift Certificate you can present to the recipient. Mail your check for \$32.00 per certificate, payable to FOFC Spring Luncheon, to Carole Rodenbucher, 5936 Reno Avenue, Temple City, CA 91780. The lucky certificate holder will be able to spend quality time with you, eat, shop, and just plain have fun!

New and Used Items Needed: Our Boutique, Second Time Around, Silent Auction and Opportunity Drawings are all in need of donations. The Boutique Tables will feature handcrafted items. If you knit, crochet, sew, paint, craft, or express yourself creatively, Susan Wittmer 626/358-2070 and Cynthia Juvinal 626/458-3318 welcome your donations. Second Time Around features gently used items of all sorts decorative, practical and festive, including holiday items (but no books or clothing, please). Diane Perrow, 626/285-0160 eagerly awaits your donations. Our Silent Auction and Opportunity Drawing will benefit from a varied selection of new gift items and gift cards, especially from local restaurants, salons, and stores. Debbie Fairman 626/285-4305 could use your help to solicit and collect these items.

Our chairmen will gratefully accept your donations AFTER January 1st, but welcome your calls and offers of assistance now. The more goodies we get, the better the selection for your shopping enjoyment on March 26th.

Planning Meetings Scheduled: If you were unable to attend the previous planning meetings, three additional meetings are scheduled for January 12, February 9, and March 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. each evening. You are welcome to attend. Call Carole

Rodenbucher at 626/285-2030 for more information and directions.

Can You Help?

FOFC Board

We REALLY need your help. Donations are down, and requests for assistance are increasing. Can you help FOFC by using the enclosed envelope to send a year-end donation? Can you spare \$10, \$25, \$50 or more to support our programs? Support our general fund or use the memo line on your check to designate your donation to the program of your choice.

A donation to the FOFC general fund will support the work of our Foster Caring and Special Friends Committees and help us cover our minimal operating expenses. The Foster Caring Committee funds specific requests for assistance, while the Special Friends Committee carries out a variety of projects including monthly Bingo nights, school supply and Halloween candy drives, and Thanksgiving and Easter treats. Designate: General Fund or leave blank.

A donation to the Scholarship Committee will fund educational scholarships to former foster youth attending community colleges, universities, and graduate schools with awards ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 per year. Designate: Scholarship

A donation to the Emancipation Program will help furnish the apartments of emancipated foster youth enrolled in transitional living programs, provide monetary assistance for financial crises, and help prepare 16-18 year olds for their impending emancipation. Designate: Emancipation

A donation to the Special Activity Fund will fund group outings and special activities such as holiday break activities, trips to the movies, theatre and sporting events, and dining out. Designate: Special Activity Fund

A donation to Sugar Plum will help fund Christ-

mas gifts for youth whose tags are not taken or returned by shoppers, and will fund holiday decorations, stocking stuffers and outings such as the traditional Christmas Day trips to Disneyland for children unable to go home for the holidays. Designate: Sugar Plum

Your tax-deductible donation of any size will be most gratefully appreciated.

Committee

Reports

Special Friends

Debbie Fairman

We have been busy shopping for DVD's, popcorn and sodas for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Some of the children do not have homes to go to and this is our way to help make their holiday special. So many generous members have donated movies, popcorn, and soda that we have surpassed every other year. We are providing over 172 DVD's, 227 bags of microwave popcorn, and sodas to Hillside, Hathaway-Sycamores, Rosemary Children's Services, Ettie Lee and Trinity-El Monte. A special "Thanks" to my terrific team of shoppers and donors: Debi Mistretta, Mary Ann McClain, Donna Puccio, Mary Nelson, Candyce Columbus, and Aileen Koskovich. Hope you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Ongoing projects: Throughout the year, Special Friends has a number of projects including Easter treats, school supplies, monthly Bingo Night, beach towel give-away, Halloween candy drive, end-of-the-year party, Thanksgiving DVD collection and sewing projects. If you would like to be involved in any Special Friends Committee project, please give me a call at 626/285-4305.

Pixie & Tiger

Ingerlise Haney

Dear Friends,

Sugar Plum arrives with flying colors, and once again the Pixie and Tiger Committee will be a part of the festivities. As many of you know, our committee collects Welcome Kit items this one time in the year and distributes the kits to group homes in February. This year, we are requesting deodorants, toothpaste and toothbrushes, chapsticks, socks, sleep/sweat pants and t-shirts, wash cloths and bars of soap, and body wash. Look for these items on the Sugar Plum trees with the code letter "P".

We will also continue to collect hotel samples of shampoo, conditioner, soap and body lotion. Contact Inky Haney at 626/281-2054 or give your donations to any FOFC board member.

Thank you for your help, and have the very happiest of holidays.

Foster Caring

Cathy Cota & Hanne Johnson

Each of our FOFC committees works in its own way to fulfill the organization's mission "to enhance the quality of life for abused, abandoned, and neglected children in the San Gabriel Valley". The Foster Caring Committee does its part by funding specific requests for help from the 6 residential treatment centers listed below. Requests may range from medical expenses to sports equipment, musical instruments to graduation expenses, dance classes to gardening supplies, bed linens to barbecue grills, and special activities and outings. The committee meets 8 – 10 times a year so that needs can be met in a timely way. Available funds are voted and approved, and sent out within 2 weeks so that the homes can plan ahead for special occasions or meet an immediate need for a specific child or cottage. Since 1983, this committee has filled over 3300 requests.

When economic times are tough, as they are now, the number of requests we receive increases. At the same time, we have fewer funds available to fill those requests. In a given month, we may be able to fund half of the requests submitted, which makes for lively discussions and tough decisions by the committee. This year our Special Activity Fund, which funds group outings and special activities, has been especially hard-hit. It is normally funded by any year-end excess in our general funds, but we had no excess last year. We are scrambling to continue to fund as many of these special activities as possible, but we are fast depleting our reserve. If you are considering a year-end contribution to FOFC, won't you please consider designating the funds to our Special Activity Fund? Your help would be greatly appreciated, and bring smiles to so many young faces.

At our November meeting our designated homes submitted 21 requests for a total of \$11,065. This may seem like a lot, and it is! Most of the requests dealt with Christmas and Thanksgiving activities, which made us all feel a little like Santa's helpers when we were able to approve requests, but like Scrooges when we had to either deny or decrease the awarded amount. After revisiting several requests again and again and some hard number crunching, we were able to approve 20 of the requests for a total of \$9,660. We spent down our Special Activities fund to less than \$800. The committee is hopeful that any requests dealing with Christmas will be reimbursed through excess funds from Sugar Plum as has happened several times in the past years. This year we combined our budgets for November and December for our November meeting, hoping to be able to fund more holiday requests, and cancelled our December meeting. Here are the details of our meeting:

Ettie Lee Homes (88 boys in 9 group homes) received **\$2,020**. Traditionally, the boys from all 9 homes enjoy Christmas Day at Disneyland since many of them don't get to spend the holidays with their families. We were able to contribute **\$1,800** for this day's very special outing. We feel especial-

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ly happy to contribute **\$220** for the purchase of a table tennis set for a home that has no basketball court or extensive backyard where the boys can play; this will give them an extra game without taking up a lot of space. One home has been updating and renovating its interior, which we have been helping with for several months; but this month we were unable to fund their request to help them continue. We hope they will ask again.

Hathaway-Sycamores (34 boys in 2 cottages) received **\$1,400**. The boys will be enjoying Christmas trees in their individual cottages and the dining hall thanks to our **\$250**. Although this may seem like a lot for three Christmas trees, it also includes decorations, lights and a special fire retardant. The boys will be kept busy over their holiday break thanks to the **\$500** we're contributing to send them to Disneyland on Christmas day and another **\$300** for ice skating, bowling, movies, and/or an outing to the video arcade. We hope they will have a very memorable holiday break! **\$350** will be used for outside activities to help the boys "get out of the house" and have some fun over the long Thanksgiving weekend.

Hillsides (64 boys and girls in 8 cottages) received **\$1,905**. Every month we receive a warm and tender letter from our liaison at Hillsides. This month she reminisced that "the majority of my 40 years at Hillsides I have been working with FOFC. We have come to count on you." It feels so good to know that what we do is important to these homes and that we really make a difference for them and their work, no matter how simple their request. To add holiday warmth to the space where the children live, the cottages at Hillsides have a contest each year to decorate their porch or front lawn; we helped by contributing **\$200**. Another **\$225** will be used to help involve the parents of the children in their activities by inviting them to individual cottage Christmas parties. **\$1,280** will help provide holiday activities to help "bring the children joy" and "to provide structure and certainty" to their uncertain family situations. "It is no fun to get a gift and not be able to start it up" as our liaison re-

minded us, so we contributed **\$200** for batteries for all the wished-for electronics.

LeRoy Haynes Center (72 boys in 6 cottages) received **\$1,700**. **\$700** will be used for the 12 boys on the Resident's Council (and 2 adult chaperones) to go to Universal Studios. These boys are learning leadership skills by being on the council and have worked on projects that include instituting a campus wide dress code and making sure the required safety doors were put in place. A Superior Court judge was so impressed by their work that he came to speak to the council! The boys raised half the cost of their trip and with their accomplishments, we were more than happy to match their funds. Congratulations to the Resident's Council - we are proud of you! Since the boys don't attend any outside activities during the holidays, we are contributing **\$1,000** for their annual Christmas party.

Rosemary Children's Services (43 girls in 5 cottages) received **\$1,525**. With our **\$600** all 5 cottages will be decorated with Christmas trees that have been sprayed with a fire retardant for safety reasons. Another **\$375** will allow the girls to decorate the trees and their cottages. The girls at Rosemary's love doing arts and crafts and making some of their own decorations. **\$150** will provide Thanksgiving decorations and arts and crafts materials for the two cottages that will be hosting Thanksgiving dinners. Another **\$400** will provide arts and crafts supplies for their December arts and crafts activities.

Trinity El Monte (53 boys in 4 units) received **\$1,110**. Last month we funded \$400 for the purchase of a ping pong table. Since then, our liaison has learned from Sports Chalet that an outdoor wooden table just wouldn't last long so we were happy to fund the remaining balance of **\$160** for a sturdy, longer lasting, all aluminum ping pong table. We hope the boys will have fun with it for years to come. **\$250** will help provide Christmas decorations for all 4 units, gift bags and wrapping bags; **\$500** will help keep the boys busy over Christmas break with various activities and **\$200**

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will help fill their Christmas stockings with stocking stuffers.

Below are excerpts from a heartfelt thank you from the Director of Community Resources at Hillside:

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and children, thank you for your generous support.....The one-man tents that were made possible by your donation made the Redwood cottage’s camping trip so much more comfortable for everyone. The boys and girls of our satellite homes now have a more private patio area on campus for their therapy and counseling sessions because of yet another generous donation by your organization. You also funded all of the meals had by our teen girls’ cottage during their summer overnight stay at Disneyland, a magical trip for all of them. Lastly, your support has helped us replace broken laundry baskets throughout campus. We so appreciate the wonderful opportunities that you provide for our children; your support helps us fulfill our mission of creating safe places for children and their families.”

It’s this type of letter that really shows how valuable our work is, and how much we contribute to the lives of these children. They need our help. From the mundane laundry baskets to the fun of an overnight stay at Disneyland, we helped make their lives better. We all should be proud of that.

Membership

Diane Perrow

Greetings everyone! Are you all ready for Sugar Plum? Sure hope so. It occurred to me the other day that Sugar Plum is one of the best ways to introduce new people to Friends of Foster Children. As you know, we are always looking for ways to attract caring volunteers. If you work a shift or two at the Westfield mall during Sugar Plum, think about a neighbor, co-worker or friend who might enjoy sitting with you on your shift. While you share the shift, take the time to share our story.

So, look around your circle of acquaintances, and see who you might bring along. Encourage those you know who might pick up a tag or two to sign up at the Sugar Plum table for more information about our group.

Scholarship/Emancipation News

Steve Wittmer

A personal note from the Chairman: As Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, it is always satisfying to hear student success stories. This past month, committee member Peggy Ulbrich received a call from Mercedes, an FOFC scholarship program alumnus. Mercedes was in our program for five years and graduated in 2005. She has been working for the Los Angeles County Dept. of Children & Family Services. Mercedes is now guiding youth and helping them achieve their goals. This year Mercedes began referring potential students to our Scholarship Program.

Our year so far: The FOFC Scholarship Committee started another exciting program year with 35 students. In September, 2010, one late renewal student was readmitted to the scholarship program, bringing our total to 36 students. This includes two students in graduate school, five students on track to graduate within the next year, and seven students nearing the end of their academic programs. Our scholarship program proudly boasts twenty-nine graduates since May 2003.

Our students are spread out all over the country. In California we have students attending UCLA, USC, Cal Poly Pomona, UC San Diego, UC Riverside, Cal State LA, Cal State Northridge, University of La Verne, UC Irvine, San Diego St., UC Santa Barbara, UC Berkeley, Pasadena City College, Mt. SAC College and Citrus College. We also have students at Grambling State University (Louisiana), Oakwood University (Alabama), Virginia State University, and West Point Military Academy (New York). Our students’ interests and majors are as varied as the schools they attend. We have students majoring in computer science, criminal justice, business, social work, history, molecular

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biology, accounting, political science and liberal studies.

Emancipation News: While most of you understand the premise of our Scholarship program, the Emancipation portion of our program is not as well known. Administered by the Scholarship Committee, the Emancipation Program offers three basic forms of assistance:

- Agency grants to support programs preparing foster youth ages 16-18 for their upcoming emancipation;
- Crisis funds, which provide emancipated foster youth with financial assistance for extraordinary expenses (car repairs, medical bills, etc.); and
- Assistance in furnishing apartments when emancipated foster youth move into transitional housing.

In the past year, we have helped 12 young people furnish their transitional-living apartments, and we provided \$2,850 in crisis assistance. Our committee is very excited to be able to help emancipated youth in these ways, and we are seeking additional grant funds and donations to expand this program.

Our mission: In addition to financial support, the FOFC scholarship program prides itself on the emotional and moral support we offer to our students. Each student is assigned a "sponsor" on the committee, a personal contact to whom they can address their questions and concerns. These students often do not have a significant or strong support network and it is important for the committee to offer them encouragement to help them achieve their educational goals. The Scholarship Committee is always looking for dedicated members to serve as mentors to our scholarship recipients and help with the emancipation program. For more information, please call Steve Wittmer at 626/358-2070.

Thank You for Your Help!

Susan Wittmer

Halloween Candy: Once again our annual Halloween Candy Drive was a huge success, with just over 208 pounds of candies and treats donated. This topped last year's efforts by 23 pounds! We sent goodies to Hillsides, Hathaway-Sycamores, LeRoy Haynes Center, Rosemary Children's Services, Trinity El Monte and Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services, providing a little over one-half pound of treats per child. Along with the traditional chocolate candies, we collected a nice variety of fruit snacks, granola bars, and individual bags of crackers and pretzels to make an interesting assortment.

Special thanks to Don & Hanne Johnson, Steve Wittmer and John Ulbrich for delivering all the goodies. And thanks again to all our generous donors:

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Ralphs Community Contribution Program

Susan Wittmer

Last month we announced the exciting news that Friends of Foster Children is now participating in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program. Thank you to all those members who have already signed up to link your Ralphs REWARDS card to our organization. For all the rest of the Ralphs shoppers out there who haven't yet signed up, it is easy to get started. Register your Ralphs REWARDS card to our organization, swipe it when you shop, and help FOFC earn quarterly cash.

Our NPO (Non Profit Organization) Number is **92558**.

To register online, simply go to www.ralphs.com. Under "Services", click on "Community Contributions" and "Enroll". Follow the easy steps. (If you are a new Online Customer, you must first click on GET STARTED. SIGN UP TODAY in the "Create an Account" box. Sign up for a Ralphs account by following the easy steps.) Edit your Community Contribution information on your profile page, using the above NPO number to link your account to FOFC.

OR

Call one of our program coordinators (Susan Wittmer 626/358-2070 or Kathy Stokes 626/798-4536) for

a copy of FOFC's scanbar letter. Take the letter with you to the store next time you shop and scan it within your order along with your REWARDS card or phone number and you will be linked with our organization.

Depending upon your monthly spending, FOFC will earn between 1% and 4% of your eligible purchases. This doesn't cost you a dime, and does not interfere with any individual rewards that you might earn. The Ralphs REWARDS card is available at the customer service desk at any Ralphs store.

Ongoing Projects

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

Albertsons reward stickers – Through January 2011, stickers will be collected and used to purchase cookware items for emancipated foster youth. Cookware supplies are limited, so please turn in your stickers as soon as possible. (Carole Rodenbucher 626/285-2030)

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

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

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)



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