

What's New at the Center

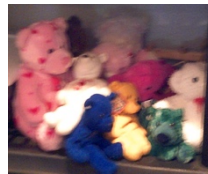
Fuller House Bike Team Painting Our Building

Photos will be posted on our website and FaceBook – they are coming this Saturday, June 24. **We will be closed that Saturday.**

Just Arrived

We now have swim diapers and night-time protection underwear available for those who might need them.

We also have new and gently used stuffed animals and other toys for birthdays, Christmas or other gift-giving occasions.



New Fundraising Event

Mark your calendars Saturday, July 15 from 9 AM to 2 PM *Unclaimed Storage Treasures and Community Bazaar* at Big Bar Storage (Stock Drive at Lincoln). Locks on the storage unit(s) will be cut a 9 AM. Large items (e.g. exercise equipment and such) will be put out for silent auction, smaller items will be put on bazaar tables for sale. Also happening: **50/50 Raffle** tickets will be sold throughout the day, raffle drawing at 1:30 PM. **Car smash** going throughout the day. The “Law dogs” lady will be there, too! If you would like to help us at the event, or have an item you’d like to donate for the silent action or bazaar, please call Vicki, 824-5204!

Updates

Baby Bottle Fund Raising Drive



Our fundraiser ended on Father’s Day, so we will be collecting bottles for the next 10 days or so. ***If you still have a baby bottle, it’s never to late to turn it in!! At your church or at the Center.*** We will let you know the total amount raised in the July newsletter.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for our Thursday and Saturday morning hours (10 AM – 1 PM). It would be wonderful if we could have 2 or 3 people for each time slot. We cannot be open unless I have at least 1 adult here with me. It would also be very nice if we could find a volunteer who would be willing to come when we are NOT open to dust, sweep and mop the floors. Please call Vicki if you can help!

Vicki’s Vantage Point



June always seems full of extra busy-ness from graduations and weddings, plus a day to celebrate our fathers.

While I’m sure there are numerous studies on what contribute to the health of families, this month I’d like to highlight five specific things that underlie all our *Earn While You Learn* lessons:

1. Use proper discipline
2. Give and receive forgiveness
3. Resolve conflicts
4. Have fun
5. Have and respect relational boundaries

All are rooted in the description of love in 1 Corinthians 13: Love **is** patient and kind; it **is not** envious, arrogant, rude, self-serving, resentful or easily angered. Love bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

An impossible list for any of us to live up to if we took it on as God telling us how we must be, but, because it defines love, it is not a list of requirements, but a description of what we become when we believe in God’s Son, Jesus, let His love fill us and His Spirit lead us (see Galatians 5).

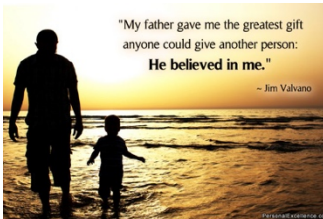
1 John 4 talks about the relationship of Father God and His children. We get our perception and understanding of Father God from our earthly fathers – how they show love, discipline us, challenge and encourage us.

I am convinced God gives us our children to offer another opportunity to draw closer to Him as we face the challenges of raising sons and daughters who will know and love Him and become all He created them to be.

To dads and all the men who work with kids

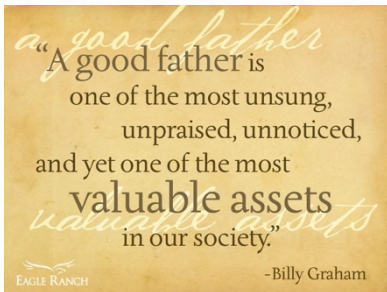
We are seeing a lot more dads at the Center these days! They are coming for lessons as well as infant and toddler items. One of our dads is staying home to care for their little ones and go to school while mom works. We have five others who come for lessons with mom, and all are proactive in sharing the care and responsibility for their children. We also had two couples get married in the first six months of 2017.

The Lord is indeed “turning the hearts of the fathers to their children” (Malachi 4:5) and it is so wonderful to see all the little ones responding to their dads’ love and attention (or the love and attention given by other godly men in their lives).



A father is someone you look up to, no matter how tall you grow. Unknown

Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad.
Anne Geddes



A broke father that spends time with his child is better than a rich one that only sends checks.

Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story-tellers, and singers of song. Pam Brown



Dad: He can play like a kid, give advice like a friend, and protect like a body guard. Unknown



Current Needs

(* = new)

- Gently used maternity and toddler clothes
- High chairs
- Strollers*
- Infant and toddler foods (fruits and veggies, toddler meals)
- **Volunteers***
- Regular monthly giving partners

For more info on any of our needs, please call Vicki at the Center 970-824-5204.

You can be a financial partner even if funds are tight! Amazon.com has a program called **Amazon Smile** – they will donate a small portion of their profit on most items to the non-profit of your choice.

City Market has a similar program. **NOTE:** If you were part of City Market’s program in the past **but have not signed up online**, you are no longer part of the program and whatever organization you supported has not been getting any donations based on your purchases! Once they set up their app and online program **everyone had to sign up again.**

You can also bring in your used laser and ink jet cartridges for us to recycle.

We are working on having online giving at our website, but until then, we can give you information to make automatic deposits from your bank account to ours. Just call us 824-5204.