

~A Special Letter for Special Friends~



Meet the Downing Family.

A week ago, Mrs. Downing—the mother of two developmentally delayed toddlers, 3-year-old Zakharia and 4-year-old Mikhail—attended FSN's most recent screening at the Santa Ana Child Development Center. Mrs. Downing, one of fifty other parents at the screening, waited patiently in line before her sons were escorted to their initial evaluation. Concerned about his future, Mrs. Downing worried that her younger son's delay in fine and gross motor skills was a "little problem that would only get bigger."



After a visit through the vision and hearing, fine/gross motors, speech, behavioral, dental, and BMI stations, Mrs. Downing's concerns were relieved. An occupational therapist reassured Mrs. Downing that her son's delay was not extreme enough to merit a referral and that he would only need screenings every 4-6 months to monitor the delay. Pleased with the comprehensive services offered at the screening, Mrs. Downing assured FSN that she "will definitely be back."



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Help Our FSN Riders and Donate Today!

On November 9th, 5 riders will represent FSN by riding the King Arthur Carrousel at Disneyland Resort. Each rider will go around the carousel 50 times in support of FSN. In the weeks leading up to the carousel ride, our riders will be collecting donations from the community for committing to this dizzying feat! Our riders hope to raise

\$15,000 altogether. Meet our FSN riders and donate today at:

www.festivalofchildren.org/goto/fsnca. Thank you for your support!



Adopt a FSN Family for Thanksgiving!

Join FSN this year as we sort, package, and distribute Thanksgiving assortments for families! FSN is currently collecting food, gift cards, and holiday items for our Thanksgiving packages. Each package will be given to a vulnerable FSN family in need. If you would like to donate or sponsor a family,

please contact Caroline at (714) 447-3301 ext. 214 by November 14th.

Featuring Lorena: Our FSN Parent Mentor

Last month, Lorena, one of our full-time parent mentors, docked almost a 100 hours of communication and contact with her clients—a new FSN record. Lorena joined FSN five years ago after experiencing the dependency court system first-hand. Now, every day, Lorena strives to empower her female clients and make her families less reliant on the system. According to Lorena, the most fulfilling part of being a Parent Mentor is when the parents come back to see her and bring their kids. Lorena shared: "In that moment, I can see the kind of role I played in the family's life most clearly."





SSA Releases Report on Conditions of Children

The 2016 Conditions of Children report is now available! This invaluable tool has trend data about everything from Orange County children's health to conditions of poverty, education, and safety. Orange County Social Services Agency believes this annual report is a must-read for every individual working to improve the lives of children and families in Orange County. To learn more about Orange County's public health, please access

the report at: <http://ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/family/occp/report>.

FSN Hosts Olympics for Wrap Agencies

In September, FSN hosted its own Olympic events for two neighboring Orange County Wraparound agencies, New Alternatives Inc. and South Coast Community Services. Wraparound is a family-centered individualized service planning and implementation process that seeks to improve the lives of youth and families who have complex needs. FSN provides Parent Partner recruiting and trainings,

as well as data collection, for Wraparound. Despite the rain, FSN and the two Wraparound agencies persisted through games of volleyball, Four Square, power-walking, and relay races. A potluck followed, and NAI was crowned the victor. We look forward to hosting other Wraparound agencies in the future!



Little League Challenger Classic

Trick or Treat! Last Saturday, FSN was thrilled to attend the Angels Baseball-Bank of America Challenger Fall Festival at the Angel Stadium. We had the opportunity to reach over 600 parents, siblings, and children with special needs by passing out information, resource referrals, and Halloween candy after each Little

League Challenger baseball game that day. FSN wishes each family this year a safe and happy Halloween!

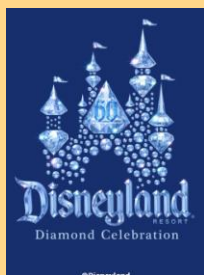
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Upcoming Events Fall 2016

- Developmental Screening at Magnolia Park Family Resource Center....Nov. 4*
- Carousel of Possible Dreams Event..Nov. 9*
- Veteran's Day- Office Closed.....Nov. 11*
- Last Day to Adopt a Thanksgiving Family.....Nov. 14*
- Developmental Screening at King of Glory Preschool.....Nov. 18*
- Thanksgiving Weekend- Office Closed.....Nov. 24 & 25*

Last Day to Submit Holiday Applications.....Dec. 1

Developmental Screening at Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove.....Dec. 2

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