

Activities/Events for Foster Care Month (May)

CD cannot solicit donations for supporting our endeavors to honor our resource providers. However, you can let your local Child Advocacy Group, or other organizations (church, civic, etc.) that you personally are a member of, know that the CD cannot solicit donations.

Many times, the community groups, businesses, etc. will donate to things that they know involve and/or benefit children without being asked. When they know there could be a need, they will ask you what they can do to help out. Specific Ideas that were unique to an individual circuit have been credited.

Meals:

Potluck, community organization sponsored, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Picnic
Special Theme type meal (Luau, western, etc)
Various Venues for meals (historical sites, flower garden, back yards, community sites, etc)
Special Speakers at the meals: Judges, Guardian ad Litem, member of a contracted agency,
Providing staff volunteers to watch the children to give resource parents a break and enjoy the meal

Gifts: (remember the CD cannot solicit donations)

Donations from local businesses; items, gift cards, carwash, food, clothes,
Tickets to events; sports events, plays, concerts, theme parks
Door prizes given at the meals always go over well
Photographs taken of family groups at the appreciation activity and given to the family (C35)
"Survival kits" for the foster parents. This is a zip lock baggie with misc. items in it such as a cotton ball, paperclip, gum, etc. There are sayings that go along with each item; cotton ball "sometimes you gotta be a softy", paper clip, "to help keep things together", gum..."stick with it", and so on. . (C4)
An appreciation letter with all of the workers' and supervisors' signatures (C4)

Activities:

Cross word puzzles made up with interesting facts about families and workers.(12C)
Games such as Deal or no Deal
"This is Your Life" used for worker or resource family
Life Book – scrap booking event
Local Resource Family Support Groups that meet year round
Gospel Gala (musical event) (C22-St. Louis City)
Poster contest at the schools (C3)
Balloon Release
Concert

Recruitment Ideas:

Meals: blending current resource providers with potential providers

Flyers/posters placed in churches, school teacher's lounges, libraries,

Flyers distributed to organizations

Floats in local parades

Booths at local community/Fair events

Local Library set up display with books about fostering and adoption with book marks to distribute (C5)

Church Bulletin inserts

Adds in papers

Quarterly meeting of the recruitment committee with stakeholders (C24)

Large Banner displayed on well traveled street (C5)