



Mark Your Calendar:

The dust has settled and we're ready to celebrate! So... we're having an...

OPEN HOUSE Celebration

Wednesday, May 25th
from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.

Don't miss the festivities!

Business Before Hours with the Norman Chamber of Commerce and a chance to tour our renovated playrooms while you enjoy breakfast and network with other community members.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Open House Celebration!



To Mom with Love, on Mother's Day

We at the Center for Children and Families couldn't do our work without mothers. All kinds of mothers: biological or adoptive, grandmothers, aunts, step-mothers, godmothers, foster moms, sisters, or caregivers. Whether they are clients, volunteers, supporters, or staff, we are humbled by their strength and love for their families. CCFI honors all mothers this Mother's Day, Sunday May 8th.

Did You Know... ?

CCFI has provided services to over 2,000 'mothers' in the last three years!

That's not including the thousands of moms that have utilized our public diaper and formula closet either!

Wish List

Formula: *Good Start 12 oz.*

Locking File Cabinet

Individually Wrapped Snacks

Shaving Cream: *for play therapy*

Click [here](#) to order Wish List items online and have them shipped directly to the agency!

FEATURED STORY

Zach's Forever Mom tells their story

Zach was a seemingly energetic and fun-loving nine-year-old when he came to live with us, I was so excited to be a first-time mother and to finally have a son of my own. I was ready to love and give Zach the forever home he deserved and needed. He was a survivor and his bright smile did not reflect the terror he had already lived through in his short life, having already experienced things no child should: drugs, domestic violence, and abuse, followed by living in a shelter and 10 foster homes. We hoped he was finally at home.



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Outstanding Service to Children Award



CCFI's Fran Roberson recognized for over 25 years of dedication to children in our community.

The Norman Children's Right Commission Award for Outstanding Service to Children is presented to individuals or organizations in Norman who have shown outstanding effort, achievement and/or leadership in the service of children. This year our very own Clinical Director, Fran Roberson, LCSW, LMFT, was selected by the Commission and honored at the Norman City Council meeting on April 26th.

Fran has been a dynamic leader for the last 26 years both within the organization and the community and has significantly contributed to services that address child abuse and neglect. Her years of hard work and dedication to serve the community in the capacity she does today make her worthy of this honor. Fran truly is a role model to advocates of and service providers for children and families across the state.

Click [here](#) to read a moving letter of recommendation on Fran's behalf from Denilyn Jordan, LCSW.

Thank You

Leslie Quinalty, Diane Cline, Jane Pennington, Shawn Arnold, Katie Winters, UUCG, Pam Clinton, Becky Barker, La Baguette, West Gray Medical, Chuck Thompson, Forward Foods, McNellie's Abner Ale House, Sonder Music, Pink Elephant Cafe, Tinker Federal Credit Union, Norman Regional Hospital, Hiland Dairy, Trinity Lutheran Church, Chick-Fil-A, Downtown Fitness, Sonic Drive-In, Katie Barwick-Snell, Amy Freeman, Claude Duchon, Kandice Lybolt, Bonnie Kloesel, Marilyn Hammond, Julie Richardson, OUr Earth, Amanda DeQuasie, McFarlin Methodist Church, Christi Mackey, Miranda Bodenhamer, Jay Duechting, Beth Snyder, Derek Wilson, George W. Bauer, Lindsey McGirt, Celeste Stonecipher and anonymous donors **for in kind contributions (diapers, meals, etc.) during April!**

Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Summer Youth Enrichment Program

June 20-July 8 & July 11-July 29






And a special thanks to the women of OU's Kappa Kappa Gamma for hosting a very successful fundraiser that benefitted CCFI during April! [Kappa K cupcakes Photo Album»](#)

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 A United Way of Norman Partner Agency

Spend a morning, afternoon, or a full day at least once a week being a mentor, going on field trips with kiddos, being a part of educational experiences, and more as a volunteer in the [Neighborhood Centers](#) summer program!

Children's Play Time

Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Spend an evening playing games and interacting with toddlers and young children each week!

Saturday Exchanges

Saturdays, 9:00a.m.-12:30 p.m. and/or 12:30p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Greet and assist clients that have appointments on Saturdays and assist with agency projects, you can even work on your own projects (reading, homework, etc.) while up front!

[More Summer Volunteer Opportunities »](#)



For more information about getting involved this summer,

please contact: Christi Mackey at cmackey@ccfinorman.org, call (405) 364-1420, or visit www.ccfnorman.org/get-involved

Why I Volunteer at CCFI

from Megan Bebb

For the last four years, I have spent my Monday nights with the Center for Children & Families, Inc. at the Neighborhood Centers program. To say that it has positively impacted my life is an understatement. The people I've met, the kids I've spent countless hours with, and the programs CCFI has each year have all shaped me into the person I am today.



My favorite aspect of volunteering is the mentoring relationships with the kids that we have built together over the years. I've been able to have meaningful conversations with kids and provide words of encouragement and affirmation on a weekly basis.

[More from Megan»](#)

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