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The House Next Door From our House to Yours...

December 2023



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December is Festive Month

This month is festive month. All staff training consisted of a potluck where each person brings in their own dish and enjoyed a white elephant gift exchange. White elephant is a party game when each person participating brings in one gift and everyone picks a number to see who picks one gift first and so on. Everyone enjoyed their time together to celebrate the holidays. It was also a great way for everyone to have some bonding time with their fellow coworkers.



Employee of the Month October 2023 Beckie Taylor

Our October employee spends a great deal of time advocating for families and always goes above and beyond for the families we serve. This employee demonstrates our values by empowering parents to develop new techniques to guide their children, listens with compassion and no judgment, and reminds our clients that their situation is temporary by instilling hope.

Please join us in congratulating our October employee of the month, Beckie Taylor.



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The House Next Door Family Foundation

Established in 2002, governed by local leaders, committed to the preservation of family services at The House Next Door.

Be a part of ensuring a healthy future for our community. Contact Tom Robertson, Foundation President, at tomrobertsonrai@gmail.com for further information.

DeLand Christmas

Everyone had a great time at this years DeLand Christmas Parade! Thanks to Cynthia Blomquist State Farm Insurance, we were able to join the parade with their donation of the float. Crystal Tractor of DeLand donated a tractor to pull the float which was a huge help as well. Also a huge thanks to the board who all helped decorate the float for everyone to enjoy. The Little House Next Door staff and kids joined our parade and sat on our float with our Employee of the Year, Linnette Reyes.



Quarter Two Leadership Award 2023

Dana Braun



Our second quarter leader demonstrates a high level of initiative, responsibility and resourcefulness. They develop trust and credibility through open, respectful communication and provide a sense of purpose, vision and mission for our staff by investing time and effort in developing others. A positive influence that has made a major impact on our employee recruitment and retention. All that we do first goes through HR.

Please join us in congratulating our quarter two leadership award winner, Dana Braun.

Employee of the Month

November 2023

Natalia Cisneros



Our November employee of the month is a positive, bright, understanding and patient individual who does a great job learning new things. This employee demonstrates our values by listening with compassion and instilling hope. The office counts on this employee to keep things running smoothly.

Please join us in congratulating our November employee of the month, Natalia Cisneros.

Difficulties During the Holidays

The holidays aren't always easy for everyone. It can be a really difficult time of the year for some who have lost loved ones or dealing with other difficult losses. Here are some resources for those who may need to reach out for some extra help:

Florida Abuse Hotline 1-800-96-ABUSE
1-800-453-5154 (TTY/TTD)

Disability Rights Florida
1-800-342-0823
1-800-346-4127 (TTY/TTD)

Local Domestic Abuse 386-255-2102

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline 988

United Way Resources 211

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health 904-485-9583



Call your local church to see if they are holding Blue Christmas services. A Blue Christmas service is a quiet, contemplative service that usually happens on the evening of December 21, the winter solstice. This day, which has the longest night and the shortest day, is symbolic of our darker nights when we find ourselves grieving, lonely, or longing for something better. The Blue service is all about making space during a season that is noisy with celebration, to acknowledge the "both/and" of our emotions. It's an avenue of making space for beautiful pastoral care and compassionate community for those who are struggling.

For more resources during the holidays, click the links below:

[Christmas assistance programs | Free holiday help in 2023 \(needhelppayingbills.com\)](#)

[2020 Help for the holidays - Volusia County Moms](#)