

January/February 2015

GROUP HOME GAZETTE

FREMONT COUNTY GROUP HOMES, INC.

~~Serving Fremont County Families for over 35 years~~

Mission Statement: Fremont County Group Homes' mission is to reunite families and to give youth every opportunity to become healthy and productive.

RIVERTON BOYS HOME
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Betty Porter, Program Director

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JANUARY – FEBRUARY

January and February seem to pick up on a food theme. January is Hot Tea Month, National Oatmeal Month and National Soup Month; while February picks up on Canned Food Month, Great American Pie Month and National Cherry Month.

Mark your calendars so you don't miss these memorable holidays:

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| January 18 | Winnie the Pooh Day
A.A. Milne's Birthday |
| January 19 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Also National Hugging Day |
| January 28 | Fun at Work Day |
| February 2 | Ground Hog Day (shadows
go away) |
| February 8 | Kite Flying Day |
| February 13 | 1 st Friday the 13 th of the year
Blame Someone Else Day |

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I would like to personally thank everyone who has donated funds or items over the Thanksgiving and Christmas time period.

All of these donations were greatly appreciated by the residents of the Group Homes. We had some fabulous Thanksgiving & Christmas dinners that were donated, some much needed Christmas gifts, and donations to make it possible for our residents to get other needed daily supplies. You helped make it as special as we could make it for our residents.

Toward the end of 2014, the Group Home received its annual audit report for fiscal year 2013-14. We are proud to say that our audit was clean and we are financially sound. Thanks to our Office Manager, Gloria Leadbetter, and the rest of the residential staff for being fiscally smart with our limited funds.

We also released our Annual Report for the fiscal year 2013-14. From July 2013 to June 2014, the Group Homes served 146 of Fremont County's youth in need. Of these youth, 86 were short-term/crisis placements, 9 were homeless or runaway youth, and 51 were long-term placements. 62% of the youth who exited from our programs returned home, with the remaining youth heading to other facilities or to independent living. The Group Home staff is proud of the success we have had in working with these youth, but will strive to increase that percentage of youth returning home to their families.

Thanks again for everyone's commitment to helping the Fremont County youth in need.

WE APPRECIATE:

The Kiwanis Club of Lander recently presented the Group Home with a \$1,000 donation. Pictured below (left to right) are Fremont County Group Homes Executive Director Jeff Verosky, Kiwanis Board Member Sky Phifer and Club President Dean Lehmkuhler. Thank you so much for your support.



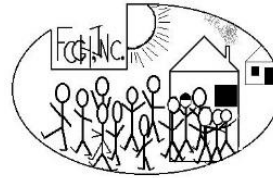
We also wish to thank others who have made donations of cash, services and goods recently since the last newsletter was published.

Thursday Afternoon Bridge Club
Linda Gordon, Dottie,
Brenda, Doris, Chris, Tonie, Teri,
Liz, Mary & Kathy
Robert & Virginia Stonecipher
Lander Methodist Women
Ken & Connie Gaskell
Dorothy York
Rocky Mountain Gals
John & Gretchen Vincent
Lance & Misti Bolte
The Davis Funeral Home
Tweed's Wholesale
Rodney's Collision & Custom Center
Otto & Christine Uecker
Erin Mortenson
Jim Logan
B.P.O. Does Drove – No. 48
Frontier Forest Products
Riverton Tire & Oil
Leonna Armajo
Sarah & Mike Deyo

WISH LIST

We are in the process of reorganizing our file storage area and are in need of file cabinets. If anyone has used file cabinets you would be willing to donate, it would be very much appreciated.

GROUP HOME SERVICES



Fremont County Group Homes, Inc. is a community based program created to provide care for youth

between the ages of ten and seventeen who are experiencing difficulties within their families or their community. We provide crisis shelter and intervention, long-term residential care, and runaway/homeless youth programs. Referrals are made by the Department of Family Services, law enforcement, probation services, schools and parents.

Our mission is to reunite families and to give youth every opportunity to become healthy and productive.

The program is governed by a Board of Directors made up of community members. The homes employ an Executive Director, a Program Director, eight Resident Managers, three Overnight Managers and one Office Manager. Our residents also have access to a Licensed Addiction Therapist, a Certified Social worker and Certified Mental Health Workers, all licensed or certified by the Wyoming Mental Health Licensing Board.

If you know of a youth or family that could benefit from the services provided, please contact our Executive Director, Jeff Verosky or our Program Director, Betty Porter at 307-856-2643.

We are grateful for your caring and generosity!!

Name_____

Address_____ City _____ State ____ Zip_____

Enclosed is my donation of \$_____to be used in support of Fremont County
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~Fremont County Group Homes is an equal opportunity provider~