

HOLIDAY BUNDLE SPECIAL EDITION

Crossroads Youth & Family Services, Inc. Newsletter



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Give thanks and gratitude...

Greetings Crossroads Family & Friends!

As 2020 comes to an end, let us all breathe a collective sigh of relief. Yes, many have been waiting patiently for this year to end to begin another...one filled with new plans, new prospects, and a lot of HOPE! Do we need to give a recap of the last few months? I think not because no one has forgotten. Whether you left a large bowl of Halloween candy on the porch for eager participants to help themselves in October or prepared a glorious Thanksgiving meal for your immediate family members only to enjoy in November, one thing is for certain - all our schedules and expectations for this year have been altered, to say the least. Perhaps your Christmas plans look like that of Thanksgiving with ideas of a more scaled down version of Christmas gatherings than in year's past. Whatever your plans are to celebrate the holidays, may you and your family continue to find fresh and creative ways to be with family members, even if it is virtual. Who knows - the new traditions may be better!

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Think back to those months before the Holidays were upon us when baking supplies such as flour, sugar, baking powder/soda were in high demand. Who knew that finding and purchasing these items would be such a task?

We have now entered the kitchen once again to prepare the dishes that have become traditions within our families. We have also most likely settled into our work schedules, whether we continue to work from home or frequent the office a few days during the week.

Still, there are those who have rarely left the office for a reprieve.

Whichever category you fall in, there is one thing for certain and that is MASKS. No longer reserved for the surgeon in the operating room, although we may all feel a little like we are suiting up. The masks have become our new normal, so why not have fun with them? Shall we?

CREATIVE COVID CORNER

This creative corner gives a shout out to the entrepreneurial spirit that sees the need and responds. Who amongst you has picked up a needle, thread, and some cotton fabric to create his/her own mask? It is, after all, the fabric of our lives. If you have, I want to see!!

Even if the design was not created by you but is super creative or funny (and work appropriate) please send a photo to shannony@crossroadsyfs.com

I would love to share your photos in upcoming newsletters.

CREATIVE COVID CORNER

Shivery Snow Paint Recipe for Kids

Materials:

- Shaving Cream
- White school glue
- Iridescent glitter or buffalo snow
- Peppermint extract, *optional*



Retrieved from: <http://www.growingajeweledrose.com/2013/11/shivery-snow-paint-recipe.html>

SNOW PAINT

First,

- Begin by putting the glue into the refrigerator. You can leave it there overnight and then make the paint the next morning.
- Leave the glue out on the counter for about ten minutes just to get it flowing before you make your paint.

Next,

- Begin by combining roughly equal parts of chilled glue and shaving cream in a bowl.
- Sprinkle in glitter & buffalo snow if desired.

PRO TIP: Adding peppermint extract creates a nice Christmas scent!

Then,

- Finish the paint off with more glitter!

**That's it! Easy and so fun!
Give kids paper, and let the
creating begin!**

This snow paint also dries puffy & raised!

CREATIVE COVID CORNER



CHOCOLATE Peanut Butter STACKS



Chocolate Peanut Butter Stacks

Ingredients:

- 1/2 Cup Marshmallow Creme
- 1/2 Cup Peanut Butter, Creamy
- 1 lb. Chocolate
- Holiday Sprinkles
- 48 Ritz Crackers

Last but not least,

- Once cool, refrigerate for 1-2 hours, if you prefer a cold treat!
- Now indulge!

Next,

- Melt the chocolate.
- Dip the sandwich crackers in the melted chocolate until completely submerged and place on parchment paper.
- Garnish with holiday sprinkles.

First,

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 - Combine marshmallow creme and peanut butter.
 - Spread the creamy mixture on half of your Ritz crackers (24) and then top with remaining Ritz crackers.



SUPER STARS OF THE MONTH

This month's Superstar of the Month consists of not one or two exceptional employees but *SEVERAL*. This essential group of employees deserve recognition for working long and grueling hours while many other employees were bound to the comfort and seclusion of his or her own home. Ursula Walker, who nominated the deserving group, reached out to me early on in the Pandemic with several names. Since then a few other members have joined the team. These employees work around the clock because the emergency shelter never closes, and that is why all must be mentioned and recognized for his and her hard work and dedication.

Ursula offered the following words of praise to the shelter staff:

"I am proud of every staff member at the shelter. Everyone has worked so hard during the Pandemic and continues to do so. Shutting down was not an option for the shelter. Staff have the ongoing challenge of keeping themselves, their families and the residents safe during these unprecedented times. There was never a time that any staff member said he or she would not come to work. They deserve all the accolades in the world."

TONOAH JONES

HOLLY WIYNINGER

SHAWNA BAUMANN

SHAUNDA DAHLEM
(now at HS/EHS)

SHILAH BAUMANN

KELLY MASON

ASHTON MARTIN

DORA KLAMAR

TIM WALLACE

ERICA DELUCA

TY LEWIS (SHELTER ASST. DIRECTOR)

BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER...

Temika Burrell
Ayla Falland
Donna Gray
Karyn Harmoning
Amanda Hill
Randi Hottinger
Jancy Johnson
Tydree (Ty) Lewis
Annette Lyles
Jennifer Nguyen
Kenya Renfroe
Lora Sheik
Camrhea Smith
Ruthie Wilkinson

Shannon Yousey
Natalie Amador
Elizabeth Conner
Brittni Cowles
Cherish Daughtry
Tanisha Davis
Heather Deatherage
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Amber Montelongo
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