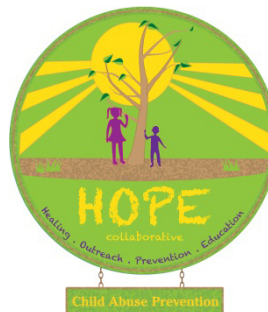


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HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

BLYTHER AREA SUPPORTS LOCAL FOSTER YOUTH

Blythe, CA (December 2, 2015) – Children in and out of home placement and foster care in Riverside County have their basic needs met, but not very many additional things. Children in foster care are often placed in homes where resources are scarce. This can make holiday time difficult. The Blythe area of HOPE Collaborative have set forth to put smiles on the faces of local foster youth during this time of year. The HOPE Collaborative is the child abuse prevention council of Riverside County. HOPE's mission is to promote the safety of children and prevent abuse and neglect by advocating for strong and healthy families.

The Blythe Area is offering HOPE for the Holiday by collecting toys and monetary donations to purchase clothes, games, electronics, hygiene products, and other items for foster youth residing in the area of Blythe. All donations are tax deductible. This campaign is an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the future. This is the second year of HOPE for the Holidays and the Blythe area seeks to make a huge effort to support the foster youth.

Parents, professionals, seniors, community leaders, and students -- anyone seeking to help and support foster youth is encouraged to make a toy or monetary donation. For details of where to take your donation please visit the HOPE website: www.HOPECollaborative.org. Please follow us on Twitter @RivCoHOPE Facebook: www.facebook.com/HOPECOUNTYRiverside. Instagram: @hopecollab.

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