

KI BOIS NEWS



These cute little guys, are not only busy creating masterpieces, but using their mask to stay safe during the COVID 19 Pandemic. They attend Little Sprouts Family Daycare Home which is a part of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). CACFP has been a program of KI BOIS Community Action for over 30 years and Ginger Bryant is currently the Director.

From the Desk of the Executive Director / CEO

Community Action Partnership: Helping People, Changing Lives. KI BOIS Community Action Foundation, Incorporated is one of 20 Community Action Agencies in Oklahoma and 1000 in America in partnership. Community Action principles make us unique and distinctive. Community Action opens doors and leads the way: We provide access to the opportunities people need to improve their lives, to help themselves and each other. Community Action turns hope into reality: We identify the needs of the entire community, collaborate with others in the community, and take action to improve life for everyone in the community. Community Action empathizes: Our staff and volunteers are from the community they serve. Community Action treats people with respect: We treat people the way we want to be treated. Community Action says "yes": If we do not provide the needed service, we will link you to those who do. Community Action gives a voice to the poor: Through our advocacy, we seek to make society more flexible and responsive to the needs of the poor. Community Action mirrors the diversity of our communities: Our local boards include low-income people, local public officials, and business and community groups. The promise of Community Action: "Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other."



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***Healthy Food Power You Up.....
Unhealthy Foods Drag You Down....***

Unhealthy foods can make you feel sluggish, but eating the right foods can boost your energy, mood, and focus. According to TSET Healthy Living Program Coordinator Denice Daniels, “The new TSET campaign is geared toward teens encouraging them to have healthier habits. It shows how healthy vs unhealthy foods effect a teens body and brain. It also has easy ways to swap up food and drink to get more fruits, veggies, and water in your life.

You can go to swapupok.com and learn about this new way to eat healthier.



SSVF Has Moved

The Support Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) office which was located in The Oaks, McAlester has moved to the KI BOIS Community Action Pittsburg County Office. The new address is 609 E. Peoria and the phone number is....

918-423-6030

Additional numbers are:

Muskogee.....918-681-7525

Ardmore.....580-465-6684

Poteau.....918-647-3267

Hugo.....918-448-6552

Ada.....580-436-9015



All 23 of the KI BOIS Community Action Transit (KATS) new vehicles are lined up and ready to go! According to KATS Director Charla Sloan, “ We were able to transfer operating funding from our 5311 program through Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) to capital and purchased 23 mini vans and eight (8) transit vans. This was a much needed purchase.” The vans, although they have been ordered, will not arrive for another six (6) months which should put them delivered sometime in the month of September.

In Loving Memory

Graveside Service for Paulette Ruth Moore, 78 of Sallisaw, Oklahoma was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at New Hope Cemetery in Spiro, Oklahoma.

Moore was born on May 30, 1942 and passed away on March 7, 2021. She was a member of Sallisaw First Assembly of God Church. She was named East Side Elementary "Granny of the Year" in 2018 and also involved with the KI BOIS Community Action Foster Grandparent Program.

Ms. Moore was the mother of Kenneth "Kep" Moore and wife, Beverly. Kenneth works in the maintenance department of KI BOIS Community Action.



Stay in Touch

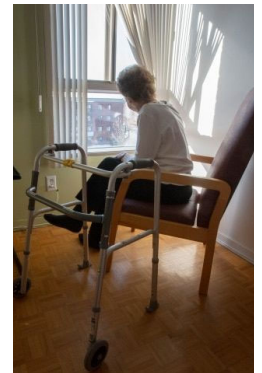
COVID-19 has certainly changed everything about everyone's life. This is especially true for those with aging parents and loved ones. Though you may want to visit them, it is important that you allow them to stay healthy by keeping your distance. Below are a few tips and tricks....

Window Visits

If you are lucky enough to live close, you can always visit them through their window and door. You may be able to talk to them on the phone while actually seeing them in person (even if you can't touch them). Actually seeing how well they are doing can give you peace of mind.

Pick up the Phone

Unfortunately, we live in a world where phone calls aren't as important as they used to be. However, you can use this time to stay in touch with your loved ones by talking on the phone on a regular basis. Set up times to spend a few minutes catching up. Indeed, it will be worth it.



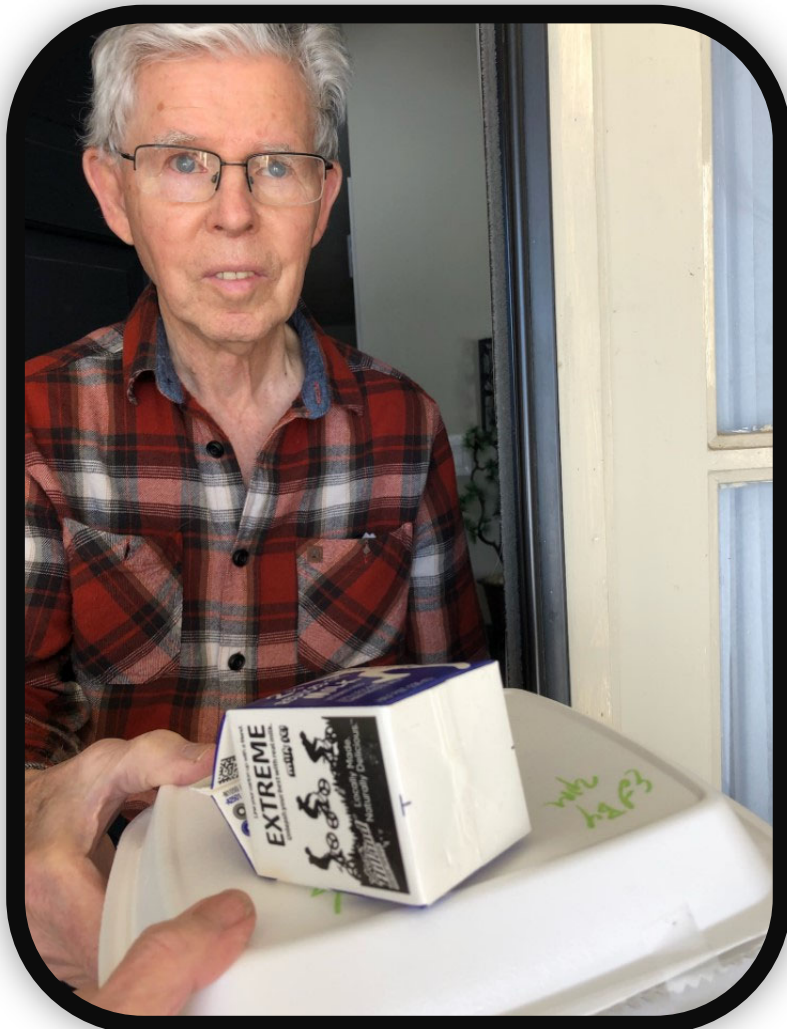
Text, Text, and Text Some More

For those who are more tech-savvy, you may be able to text your parents to stay in touch. Many people enjoy texting because you can just send short messages when it is convenient to you. They will reply when it works for them, instead of having to wait until both of you are free for a phone call. Your conversation may take all day, but it might be easier to send short messages to let your parents know that you are thinking about them.

Video Calls

Video chat was important before this happened, but when COVID hit, more and more ways to video chat came out. You may decide to chat over Facebook, Google Hangouts, Zoom, or another method. Video chats are often better because you can actually see your parents while you are talking to them.

Or you could also surprise them by sending them something in the mail to brighten up their day!



Left, Ronald Narup, 84, is shown receiving a meal which was delivered by a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers. According to RSVP Director Sandie Rutherford, "Mr. Narup was one of the many seniors receiving a helping hand during the COVID 2019 Pandemic."

It's Nice to Have a Window.....



I recently moved to an office at KI BOIS Community Administrative building which has a window. Where ever my desk had led me in the past, I never had a window and I knew I was missing out on the excitement of the outside world.

In February, when the snow arrived, I was busy working at my desk when I caught a glimpse of this little guy darting around in the snow. His mother was being helped at the front door and even though she was trying to get him back on the stoophe was not having it. He was on a mission.

I went out and spoke to his mom and she agreed that I could take his photo....it turns out his name is Jetson....he is four (4) years old.....loves his teacher Ms. Hildbrandt attends PreK in Stigler..... and he loves the SNOW!

Thank you KI BOIS Community Action, Jetson and your mom, Kim Jones, for allowing me to make memories.

Kay Box, Editor
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**FREE COVID-19 VACCINE
DRIVE THRU CLINIC**

SATURDAY MARCH 20TH, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

At the Stigler, Sallisaw and Wilburton Clinic Locations.

All patients 18 years and older are eligible. Vaccines will be distributed on a “first come first served” basis. No exclusions, this vaccination clinic is open to all... regardless if you are not a HWC patient.



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***KI BOIS Community Action
Job Posting - February 23RD, 2021***



KI BOIS COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM

JOB TITLE: CASE MANAGER - FT (Program Service Area)

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Will provide case management for the Advantage Program. Requires BS in social work or related field with two years of experience in human services. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be substituted. Must be willing/available to complete other program training as required.

Notice of Job Posting

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KI BOIS AREA TRANSIT PROGRAM

JOB TITLE: TRANSIT DRIVERS (Please verify current openings with local transit office.)

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Maintain a valid driver's license. Good driving record. Must be physically able to assist passengers and their belongings while entering and exiting the vehicles. Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. and provide wheel chair assistance. Should have knowledge of area resources and live within convenient distance of city where job opening is available.

KI BOIS SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES SOUTHEASTERN OK – VETERANS HOUSING FIRST

JOB TITLE: VETERAN PROGRAM CASE MANAGER - FT - Current funding for this position is 18-24 months (Service Area)

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's Degree from accredited University required. Preferably in Social Services, Management or Leadership. Case Management experience preferred.

JOB SUMMARY: This position will be responsible for providing intake and eligibility screening for the program. Will provide needs assessment, program orientation, case management, maintain liaison with area resources and attend community meetings. Will develop housing stability plans for participants, maintain case files and prepare required data and reports.

KI BOIS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

JOB TITLE: HABILITATION TRAINING SPECIALIST - PT/FT (Stigler GROUP HOMES)

JOB REQUIREMENTS: Will serve as direct support staff for consumers. Ability to handle sensitive issues while protecting others' welfare. Able to exercise patience, understanding, creativity and flexibility. HS Diploma/GED, valid DL and auto insurance. Must complete Foundation, CPR and First Aid Training (and any other training as required/requested.) Able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs.

JOB TITLE: HABILITATION TRAINING SPECIALIST - PT/FT (Stigler, Poteau, McAlester, Ada, Ardmore, Pauls Valley and Sulphur)

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ALL POSITIONS SUBJECT TO CONTINUED PROJECT FUNDING. All positions are open to KI BOIS Community Action Foundation Staff as well as to the public - unless otherwise noted. Deadline for all openings: Until Filled. CURRENT AGENCY EMPLOYEES – please submit a letter of interest, and updated resume (if applicable) to Human Resources. Applications for new hires are available online at www.kibois.org, or may be picked up at any KI BOIS Community Action office. Applications should be returned to KI BOIS Community Action Foundation, Inc. P. O. Box 727 Stigler, OK 74462, Attention: Human Resources or e-mailed to doylene.knowlton@kibois.org. Fax: 918.967.9100.

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