

LSF Central Coast Adult Services: In Loving Memory of Kameron M.

Life Steps Foundation has lost a long term individual. Kameron had multiple strokes from cancer which he had been battling from a young age. Over the years, Kameron became part of the Life Steps Family. He was loved by all staff as he was a positive, strong, and funny person. Life Steps was able to provide him with services to sustain his independence in his own home and community for most of his life. Kameron will be missed dearly.



Welcoming a New Team Member

LSF, Central Coast Adult Services (CCAS) would like to welcome Vickie Norman as their Administrative Assistant. She joined the team in March 2018 with a wealth of knowledge in operations, office management, human resources, and computer skills. Vickie has become a great asset to our program and individuals we serve. Vickie is gaining knowledge about Life Steps Foundation policies and procedures and the reasons why we provide the services we do. We are excited to welcome her aboard and look forward to her assistance in moving CCAS forward in the right direction.

Our Annual Event is Coming Up!

LSF, Central Coast Adult Services is excited to announce its Annual Mayhem by The Mesa Fundraiser happening this October 2018. This gives us a chance to educate our friends and neighbors about our individuals and the services we provide. The fundraiser will feature a haunted house, music, games, and more. For more information, please contact us at (805) 549-0150. Donations are welcomed.

LSF Santa Maria Wisdom Center: Final Steps



The Santa Maria Wisdom Center's new facility is now nearing completion. The business signage is in place as is the dedication plaque thanking the city of Santa Maria for their generosity regarding the Community Development Block Grant funds received. We are currently in the process of completing inspections as required by the city and county. The next step will be to arrange inspections with the Department of Public Health and Aging as well as various other agencies to ensure compliance. After this is completed, we will be announcing our Blue Ribbon Cutting ceremony with the new facility to open soon after. This has been

a long journey for the SMWC and the community as well. We thank you for your patience and look forward to servicing your loved ones at our new location in the near future.

LSF Northern California Adult Services: Retirement



After 17 years of service with the Social Dynamics program, Rosanna Pamatian has decided to retire and will be moving home to the Philippines. During her time with Life Steps, Rosanna served as an educator who worked with all types of individuals and staff members. She was always willing to mentor and assist management with cross-training new employees. Rosanna is an outgoing person who brought so much light and laughter to the Center. Her hard work and dedication to the organization is very much appreciated, and she will be missed by all. Everyone at Social Dynamics showed their gratitude by gifting Rosanna with flowers and a certificate of appreciation signed by all the dedicated staff members and participants.

Bayside Park Clean up Volunteers!

Every Friday, Social Dynamics' participants join Program Manager Stephen Victoriano at Bayside Park for community service. The group will spend two hours picking up waste, recycling, and tidying up the public restroom. The participants along with Stephen enjoy being out in the community and helping to keep Burlingame clean! We hope members in the community witness the great job our participants are accomplishing and become inspired to do the same for Burlingame and the surrounding communities.



LSF Southern California Adult Services: Participant Recognition



Ronesha has been a LSF SoCal Adult Services participant for more than three years. Ronesha has made a lot of progress in her time with Life Steps Foundation. In the beginning, Ronesha had a rough time acclimating to the organization but once she understood her actions would not affect her participation with the program she changed her demeanor. Ronesha is now a completely different person. She smiles, laughs, is more outgoing, and has transformed her approach with other participants and staff members. These last five months have been especially good for her. Ronesha has met with family members with whom she has not been in contact in over a decade. Visiting her mother and sisters has given her peace of mind. Kristine E., the CEO of LSF SoCal Adult Services, believes not giving up on Ronesha and always letting her know she is special is what made the breakthrough with her.

Kristine E. on the Hope Board Again!

The Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment (H.O.P.E.) board has invited Kristine Engels, CEO of Life Steps Foundation SoCal Adult Services, to be a member of their board. Kristine was a previous member of the board but had to leave because she became a board member of the Harbor Regional Center. This was a conflict of interest as HOPE receives referrals through the

regional centers. HOPE's mission is to provide accommodating and affordable housing for adults with developmental disabilities. Life Steps Foundation is one of their biggest vendor as they have participants who are part of HOPE's services. The HOPE Board voted on July 26, 2018 to accept Kristine E. on their board.

LSF Children and Family Services: Spotlights

Comment from an Early Interventionist & a Letter from a Parent

"For two years and nine months, I had the privilege to work alongside Andrew and his parents. This was a truly wonderful experience and one of the highlights of my professional career. It was an amazing journey to see Andrew begin to interact with much enthusiasm in a number of activities. From the beginning he demonstrated determination and perseverance. He achieved various skills from crawling and walking to jumping. Andrew's persistence also resulted in successfully lacing beads, placing puzzle pieces on a puzzle board, and participating in song and fingerplays. Andrew and I truly enjoyed our sessions to the fullest and seeing his progress brought us so much joy. Although I will miss his smiley face, I am positive he will continue to make great gains as he is willing to learn and engage. A big thank you to his greatest advocate, his mother, she has been instrumental to his success."

— Maria G., Early Interventionist

"Dear Maria,

It is sad knowing that you will not be coming anymore. You have been there for every milestone that Andrew achieved. He has matured so much, mentally and emotionally, all because of your patience, understanding and guidance. It has exceeded my expectations by far! Your hard work and dedication has given Andrew a strong foundation to continue to grow and mature in the years to come. Thank you so much for everything! May God be with you and continue to bless you with health and happiness so that you can continue to help other children. Take care and we hope to see you again soon! Have a great summer!"

— Lena, Andrew's mother

We Play We Learn in the Summer

We Play We Learn is kicking off the summer session talking all about the ocean & the animals that live there. The kids have enjoyed playing in ocean sensory bins, making cupcake liner fish, pasta starfish, and making sensory ocean bottles. We are also looking forward to our other summer themes which will be Pirates, Camping, & Sports!



Announcement: Renewal of Partnership

The LSF Children & Family Services in northern California will renew the Student Teaching Agreement with San Francisco State University that allows attending students to gain practical experiences in the form of practice teaching and/or administrative internships at our organization for the current fiscal year.

STEPPING UP FOR CALIFORNIANS WHO LIVE WITH A DISABILITY

From time to time, all of us need help taking some of the more challenging steps in life. At Life Steps, we help those with the greatest challenges by giving them training, skills and confidence to achieve greater independence and realize their personal potential. In today's economy, your support is more urgent than ever.

Please consider joining our Life Steps Community with a donation. Visit www.LifeSteps.org and click the "Donate" button today! Your name will be recognized on our Life Changer list of donors. Thank you for your support.

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