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Your Family & Children Services Newsletter
November 2011

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A Place for Foster Youth

New Community Center Is Led By and Former Foster Youth



Youth shared their stories of foster care at the Grand Opening of the Hub.
Photo by Rod Golden.

Each year, approximately 30,000 young people nationwide leave the foster care system without family connections, most at age 18. These youth face great challenges in achieving stability and self-sufficiency.

In Santa Clara County, current and former foster youth now have a new resource designed to help them succeed: **The Hub**.

Located in central San Jose, the Hub is a community center led by and for current and former foster youth between the ages of 15 and 24. The center, which is managed by our [Independent Living Program](#), opened its doors to youth on November 1.

Youth visiting the Hub can access an array of services both to address their immediate needs and to help them plan for the future. On any given day, youth may find a class on finding an internship, an art therapy workshop, one-to-one assistance with their college and scholarship applications, and a pro bono attorney assisting with legal questions.

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You won't want to miss

We are excited about the potential for the Hub to make a real difference in the lives of foster youth, and we look forward to keeping you up-to-date on its growth.

Your Shopping Dollars Make a Difference



We are delighted and grateful to have the support of select local retailers this holiday season.

Mention Family & Children Services at these generous stores and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to support our circle of support for children, teens, and adults in our community.

- **Kepler's Books & Magazines**

We are part of Kepler's Community Partners Program, which operates [year-round](#). Whenever you shop--in the store or online--your purchase can support our services.

In store: Mention our name at the register.

1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park

Online: Start from our shopping page -

<http://www.keplers.com/fcs-shopping-page>

- **Cheeky Monkey Toys**

Shop from [November 25 through December 9](#), and a portion of your purchase may be donated.

In store: Mention our name at the register.

640 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park

Online: At check-out, select "Fundraisers and Gift Cards" and add "Family & Children Services of Palo Alto" to your cart.

www.cheekymonkeytoys.com

- **Smythe & Cross Fine Jewelry**

A special thank you to Smythe & Cross Fine Jewelry, which chose Family & Children Services as the beneficiary of its holiday party in November.

The store's [December 13](#) 'Men's Panic Party' (complete

Valle Monte League's
44th Annual [Christmas Tree Elegance](#) event on December 1 & 2.

You will enjoy fashion shows, spectacular decorations, and a joy-filled start to the holiday season.

Valle Monte League has raised funds to benefit our mental health services since 1954!

Info & tickets:

www.vallemonte.org

Upcoming Events

November 25-December 9

Benefit Shopping at Cheeky Monkey Toys

December 13

Smythe & Cross Fine Jewelry Benefit Shopping

February 10, 2012

Wine & Chocolate

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with shopping help, snacks, & free gift wrap!) will benefit our work.

December 13
5pm - 9pm
350 Main Street, Los Altos
www.smytheandcross.com

We thank these generous and community-minded stores for making it so easy to give!

Expand Our Circle of Support



Donors like you make possible our circle of support for children, teens, and adults in Silicon Valley. Donations fund counseling sessions for people who are low-income and uninsured or underinsured, education and support programs for families at-risk of abuse or violence, and targeted services--like the Hub--for vulnerable members of our community.

We invite you to expand our circle of support by making a contribution to our Annual Fund.

Check out our new [donation page](#) (it's now even easier to give online), or choose [another way to give](#). Your donation will make a difference in the lives of people in need, right here in Silicon Valley. Thank you.

About Family & Children Services

Since 1948, Family & Children Services has provided counseling, caring, and support to children, teens, and adults, particularly those who would not otherwise be able to afford care. Through your support, we help children and adults cope effectively with depression, addiction, and mental or physical illness. We aid families in ending the cycle of abuse and neglect. We counsel and assist our community's veterans, LGBTQ youth, and young people aged 16-21 as they emerge from the foster care system into independence.

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