



Kinship Newsletter



Thurston-Lewis-Mason Counties **August - 2020**



Join the Kinship Group on Zoom

Take a much needed break, meet up with your fellow Kinship Caregivers & enjoy some well deserved "Me Time."

Meetings are: **Tuesday Afternoons 2 - 3:30 pm**
Wednesday Evenings 6:30 - 8 pm

Contact Tammara for signup information:
Tammara@familyess.org



Did you know. . .
August 16- National Tell A Joke Day
August 18- National Fajita Day
August 19- National Potato Day
August 20- National Lemonade Day
<https://nationaltoday.com/august->



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AUGUST 28, 2020
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COST: \$25 REGULAR PRICE
KINSHIP DISCOUNT CODE: KINSHIP



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Notifications during COVID-19 on our
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Lewis-Mason-Thurston Kinship Caregivers
Group



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Sometimes Things change

Sometimes things change. From the tires on your car, to the people you live with. My life changed in 2010 when I couldn't live with people who's jobs were to take care of me and make sure I was safe. Instead, my loving, outstanding, and favorite Mom/grandma, brought me into her safe, warm, home filled with family and love. My life has been much better since, ^{then} I still have moments when I miss my biological parents, and other times I don't, life gives challenges and hard tasks, like me not being able to be with my real parents and not able to have my mom/grandma be the grandma who I  visit on holidays and get spoiled rotten by, but that's ok. I have a family who cares about me. I just have to remember that sometimes things change.

RUNNER-UP:

Sevon(12)

DIFFICULT ROADS
OFTEN LEAD TO
BEAUTIFUL
DESTINATIONS.

2020 VOICES OF CHILDREN

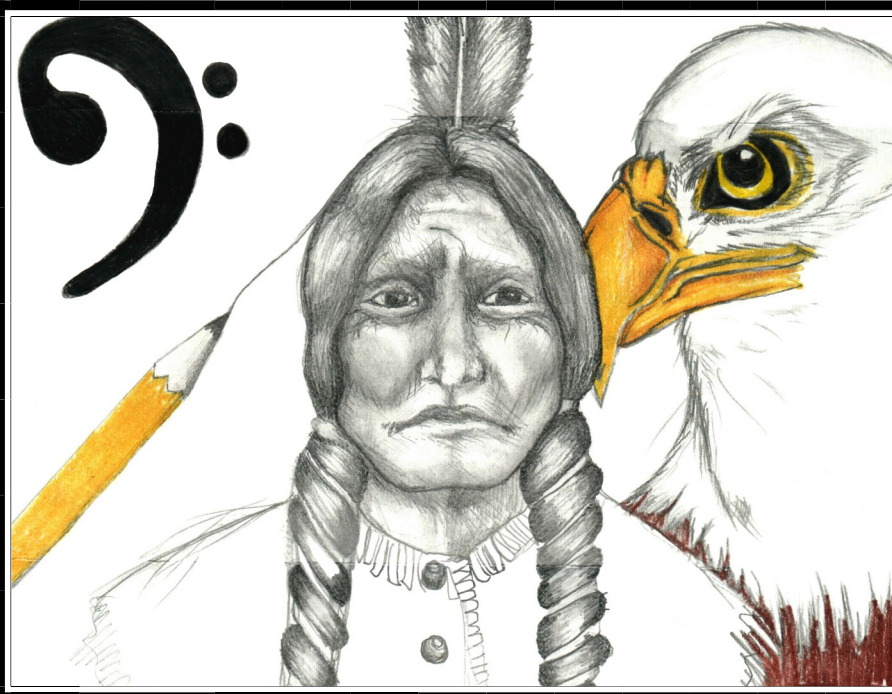
RUNNER-UP: Nattalee(12)



Hello my name is Nattalee. I would like to tell you why living with my great grandma GG and my grandma YaYa is so wonderful for me.

They made my life complete when my brother Jase was being abused and he needed saved. They rushed to bring him to our home, putting all 3 of us back together after 2 yrs apart. I am 12 yrs old, Jase is 5 yrs old, Odin 3 yr old. The dr. says Jase is only 2 yr old due to his dad being mean to him. My G.G. and YaYa love us all the same. Jase is getting better now he feels safe and loved. I am thankful to my G.G. and YaYa for caring for us and putting us back together again. I thank God everyday for them.

-Nattalee

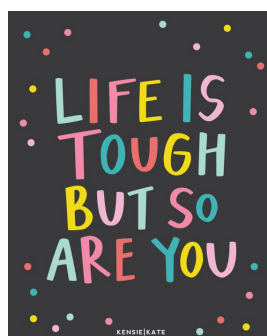


ENTRY OF MERIT: Desiree(15)



ENTRY OF MERIT:

Giovanni(7)



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