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FEBRUARY

Dental Health Month

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES ALL MONTH!

- Explore the Puget Sound Dental Office exhibit
- Register for a free dental screening
- Make "shrinking dink" teeth necklaces
- Sew a toothy monster or tooth fairy pillow
- Craft toothy charms and trinkets

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Hawks Prairie Pediatric Dentistry
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Olympia Pediatric Dentistry
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Screening Sponsor
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Scott T. Rowley, DMD, MSD
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Free Dental Screenings!
Every Saturday in February
4, 11, 18, 25: 2-4 p.m.
First Friday Night
Feb. 3: 6-8 p.m.

Meet Superheroes Feb. 3, 11 & 25 & Meet Tinker Fairy Feb. 18

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Kinship Support

Wednesday Evening
Night-Owls Kinship Group
6:30-8:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/446048833?pwd=aHhOSzhBZ21hV1p5L1JkTnl1ZGxZUT09>

Meeting ID: 446 048 833
Passcode: 006845

Contact:
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<https://www.hocm.org/events-programs/annual-events/dental-health-month-2023/>



South Sound Foster/Adoptive/Kinship Clothing Closet has **moved**

5333 Wiggins Rd SE, Olympia, WA
(in a house at Grace Community Church)

Open Saturdays 10-12noon




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20th Annual

Voices of Children Contest AND Kinship Caregivers Contest



What are the Contests?

Voices of Children

Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives
is a contest for *children* in Washington State, who are being raised (now or in the past) by a relative – other than their parents.

Voices of Kinship Caregivers

is a contest for *Kinship caregivers* in Washington State, who are raising (now or in the past) a relative child not their own.

The contest honors both, the more than 57,000 children, and the more than 47,000 grandparent & relatives in Washington State who are raising them.

How Do You Enter the Contest?

Children: Write a poem, short essay, or draw a picture that **describes how living with a relative** (such as a Grandparent, Aunt, or Uncle) **has made a positive difference in your life.**

Caregivers: Write a poem or short essay that describes your *positive* experiences as a Kinship Caregiver.

Entries will be judged in 4 categories:

5-7 year-olds; 8-12 year-olds; 13-19 year-olds; and Kinship Caregivers

What are the Rules?

- All participating children must live in **Washington State** and children must be **5-19 years old**.
- Poems should be 21 lines or less.
- Essays should be 200 words or less for *children*, 500 words or less for *caregivers*.
- Make your art as big and bold as possible and add a statement that explains your drawing.
- **Artwork must be submitted on the enclosed entry form.**
- Do not include any names within the artwork.
- Artwork must be flat and submitted within the box on the entry form (Other side of this page).
- Winners will be notified in early May and the decisions of the judges are final.
- The Award's Ceremony will be Time & Date TBA.
- We reserve the right of first publication and use of the writings and drawings submitted.
- All entries may be published in a 2023 Book entitled:

"Voices of Children & Voices of Kinship Caregivers"

What are the Prizes?

The Two Top Entries in each Child Age Division and the top 3 Adult Entries will receive:

* \$100 from Twin Star Credit Union



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Write an essay, poem, or submit a drawing **describing how you have benefited by living with a relative.** Poems should be 21 lines or less.

Essays should be 200 words or less for **children**, 500 words or less for **caregivers**. Writings may be submitted on this entry form or a separate piece of white paper.

Drawings should be **BIG, BOLD, and COLORFUL** images. **ARTWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM.**
Artwork not submitted on this form will be ineligible for the contest. Do not include any names within the artwork.



Child's Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Adult/Caregiver Name: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(Address) (City) (Zip Code)

Email Address _____ Contact Phone #: _____

Mail or Email Your Contest Entries to:

2023 Voices of Children Contest
c/o Family Education & Support Services
P.O. Box 14907
Tumwater, WA 98511 or trista@familyess.org

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE
SUBMITTED OR POSTMARKED BY
APRIL 15th, 2023**

Questions? Call: 360.754.7629
OR
Email: trista@familyess.org

Privacy Note: The information above is for the Award's committee members to contact you and will not be shared with any third parties.
All entries will be published with the child's first name only and age. All other personal information will be withheld.