



Building and Supporting Families Since 1985

Looking Through The Windows of Chrysalis House

“CELEBRATE ADOPTION!” FUNDRAISER

On December 1, 2016 Chrysalis House, Inc. held our second annual Celebrate Adoption Fundraiser at the Second Space Theatre in Fresno. We were thrilled to spend the evening with so many of you! Guests enjoyed wine, appetizers, a silent auction, surprise boxes and the play “It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play” performed by the Good Company Players.

Through ticket sales, sponsorships, surprise box sales and our silent auction, we raised funds which will go towards increasing our Post-Adoption Support Services, increasing community awareness and improving our Birth Parent outreach. With your help, we strive to honor the mission of our founder by building and supporting families through adoption. Every dollar we raise helps bring adoption education and supportive services to our local community.

We received an abundance of support from families, sponsors, our Board of Directors, Friends of Chrysalis House and our local community. Thank you to those who made this event such a success!

- US Cold Storage
- Western Growers Insurance Services—Matt Luis
- Alliance Chiropractic
- California Dingo Studio
- The Walker Family
- The Osborn Family
- Stocking & Cozzi Insurance
- The Campbell Family
- The Pigg Family
- The Jaramillo Family
- The Herron Family
- The Pearce Family

Chrysalis House, Inc. will be closed in observance of the following Holidays:

- Winter Holiday: Office Closed December 26-January 2, 2017
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 16, 2017
 - President’s Day: February 20, 2017

Chrysalis House would like to thank **TekTegrity** for providing all of our technical support throughout the year!

Support us when you shop for holiday gifts! #StartWithaSmile at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0073590> and Amazon donates.

Join Us for Our Training and Support Group!

Since 2007 Chrysalis House has been hosting an adoption support group for all Chrysalis House families. This group is held on the second Tuesday of each month. For the past couple of years we have been incorporating family friendly outings as requested by members of this group. These outings include social gatherings at restaurants, trips to the pumpkin patch and our Christmas Craft event. Participants of this group have changed but we are excited to watch it grow! Ashley Luis hosts this group. She is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and is also one of our fabulous Social Workers.

Just this year we have added a second support group to better serve our families. This group is held in Kingsburg during the third week of the month and is hosted by Ashley Phelan, another one of our fabulous Social Workers. Feedback tells us that these groups are valuable to families in all stages of the adoption process.

Check your e-mail for details about these groups throughout the year!

2016 in Review

Chrysalis House has had a busy and exciting year! This year we grew by 44 new families! We are looking forward to watching all of these families welcome new babies and children in the near future. In the previous year, CHI placed 18 children through our fost/adopt program, 1 child was placed domestically, and 4 children adopted internationally. CHI also works in cooperation with Fresno County DSS to help finalize the adoption of dozens of foster children throughout the year. We love to watch our Chrysalis House family grow and thank you all for the support that you give us year after year!



Share Your Talents!

Chrysalis House is looking forward to the various events we have planned for the coming year! If you would like to help with the planning and execution of these events, or if you feel that your talents would be best served on our Board of Directors please let us know—we would love to have your support!

New Regulations Coming January 2017

Beginning January 1, 2017, the State of California is implementing a new approval process called Resource Family Approval (RFA). From this date forward all new Fost/Adopt and Domestic families will be considered Resource Families and will be subject to these new regulations.

In addition to implementing the RFA process, Chrysalis House is also in the process of becoming accredited through the Council on Accreditation. All Foster Family Agencies in California must be accredited by a national accrediting body by December 31, 2018. Chrysalis House has already begun this process and we expect full accreditation by the beginning of 2018. This accreditation will be in addition to the Hague Accreditation we received in 2008.

The purpose of these new regulations is to improve California's child welfare system; increase the use of home-based family care and decrease the length of time to achieve permanency; strengthen cross-agency networks of services and supports and to ensure children and non-minor dependents have a stable, permanent family. We have been hard at work over the past several months preparing for this incredible change.