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Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Resource Symposium

Thousands of grandparents are raising their grandchildren in San Diego County. Many of these grandparents and other relative caregivers began raising children under unexpected circumstances, not only putting financial stress on their families, but emotional as well. Many of the children have experienced trauma in their past, and grandparents and relatives have changed their own plans and stepped up to keep them safe, provide love and support, and keep them out of foster care.

On Saturday, May 25, 2024 the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency is partnering with the YMCA Kinship Support Program to host a Resource Symposium event - an event that will include a resource fair, guest speakers, and support for grandparents raising grandchildren and other kinship caregivers raising children. These kinship caregivers have taken in children to provide a home, support, and love as they grow up as a part of our community, and we are working with many partners to make sure these children grow up in an environment where they are able to thrive. These caregivers are often at a disadvantage, both physically and financially. Any small donation would be appreciated, but specific items requested are:

- Gift cards (e.g., grocery and gas)
- Tickets for family enrichment activities (e.g., amusement parks, professional sports games, and museums)
- Household items (e.g., grills, bikes, helmets)

On behalf of those who will benefit from your support, thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa Brooks

Melissa Brooks, Kinship Director,
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