

KVC BEHAVIORAL
HEALTHCARE WV, INC.

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Adoptions
- Ride and Raffle
- Christmas Parties
- Events

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KVC Families Adopt More Children

KVC is proud to announce more and more adoptions with children placed in KVC homes.

Jeremy and Dawn Cottrell were pleased to adopt Angelica and Shasta on November 4 in Clay County.

John and JoAnn Napier welcomed Alexsia into their forever family on October 15. Judge Darrell Pratt from Wayne County presided.

Shawn and Tiffany Browning adopted Brook and Adam in October in Lincoln County with Judge Jay Hoke.

Joey and Freda Workman from Lincoln County adopted Kayla on October 4 with Judge Jay Hoke.

Dale and Cathy Reed from Logan adopted DAndru on September 20 with Judge Eric O'Briant.



KVC West Virginia is COOKING!!!

KVC is currently in the process of selling our 'Recipes From Families and Friends' cookbooks! This cookbook includes recipes from KVC foster and adoptive parents as well as KVC staff and friends.

This cookbook is a great way to

support KVC children and their needs. It also makes a great Christmas gift! Cookbooks can be purchased from your Home Finder for \$12.00 each. They can also be shipped to far away families for an additional \$2.95 a book. Buy yours today!



Third Annual Ride and Raffle a Success



KVC held its Third Annual Ride and Raffle motorcycle rally to support KVC children and families on October 13, 2013.

Approximately 100 riders and 20 volunteers met at three rally points - Barboursville, Ripley, and Delbarton—and rode to the final meeting place at Cedar Lakes in Ripley. Along the way, riders stopped to participate in raffles for prizes that were graciously donated to KVC.

Once riders arrived at Cedar Lakes, they were fed a delicious feast that included barbecue supplied by Triple A Farms (based out of Sandyville). They also enjoyed music by Brewin' Company.

By the end of the ride, KVC received nearly \$5000 in donations. KVC would like to thank all of the riders and volunteers that helped to make our third annual ride a success! KVC would also like to thank all of the community partners

and businesses who donated money and prizes to make our ride successful. We are looking forward to having our next ride again in fall 2014!



Meeting Date is

Wednesday,

December 4 at

5:30 pm.

Call in at

1-866-214-0726.

PIN is 758710.

Advisory Board Meetings Starting

The much anticipated Foster Parent Advisory Board meeting dates and times are being announced.

KVC wants foster and adoptive parents who are interested in becoming advocates for foster/adoptive children and are interested in building support for KVC's program to join us for an initial informational meeting on Wednesday,

December 4. Since the holidays are near, KVC is going to hold this first meeting by phone conference (that way families don't have to travel).

Subsequent meetings will be held in person where the board will be selecting a mission, goals, and planning activities for KVC families. During the Listening Tours this summer, many families expressed

interest in taking part in this group, so we hope that you will join us for this conference call to get things going.

We would really like the Advisory Board to be a group that provides positive support to KVC families while advocating on local and state levels for the children that we serve. Please see the box to the right about meeting information.

KVC Logo Gets Update



KVC is changing its look! Soon you will start receiving items from us with our new logo, featured on the left.

KVC has also changed its slogan to 'People Matter.' This reflects KVC's commitment to serving families and children and providing the best care possible.

While you will not immediately see the logo change on everything, we wanted you to be aware of our new look. Be on the lookout for new promotional items sporting our new logo and slogan!

Spotlight on KVC Staff—Kelly Gadd



Kelly Gadd graduated from Marshall University with her bachelor’s degree in social work in December of 2011. Immediately after graduating she started work at KVC Behavioral Healthcare as a Permanency Case Manager. Several months after, Kelly became a Licensed Social Worker.

Kelly enjoys working with children and foster families. Kelly feels she uses a family-oriented approach to provide a wide gamut of services in the homes of foster children as well as with biological parents. A quote that has always stood out to Kelly is, “In the middle of difficulty lies

opportunity.” Kelly used these words as her own motivation while she herself was faced with many problems in her life years ago. These struggles are what gave Kelly her motivation to become a social worker.

Kelly always had a great interest in helping and working with others, and became determined to become a social worker and use her own personal experiences to help others.

A year ago, Kelly decided to go back to school, and got accepted into Marshall’s Graduate Counseling program. Kelly enjoys working

toward goals and leading by example.

Kelly is married and has two sons whom she wants to learn the value of education and the importance of helping others.

In Kelly’s spare time she enjoys spending time with her family, riding and showing horses, and of course what all women love...shopping. Kelly plans to continue in life by moving forward in her career, with her family by her side inspiring her, and teaching others to take their challenges and struggles and turn them into opportunities to grow.

Christmas Parties Coming Soon

KVC is getting ready for the holiday season and this means Christmas and holiday parties in each area!

As always, KVC is working hard with our communities to ensure that our children have a bright holiday season. This involves making Angel Trees and asking for donations from members and groups in the community. If you know of any person or group interested in do-

nating or purchasing gifts from a child’s wish list, please contact Kristi Ferrell at 304-687-3851.

The Cabell/Wayne area party will be held on Friday, December 13 from 6-9 pm at the Harmony Freewill Baptist Church next to the Save-A-Lot in Wayne.

The Lincoln/Kanawha area party will be held on Friday, December 6 from 5:30-7:30 at LCOC in Hamlin.

The Raleigh/Wyoming area party will be held on Monday, December 9 from 6-8 pm in Beckley. Location to be announced.

The Logan area party will be held on December 14 from 2-5 in Logan. Location to be announced.

The Roane/Jackson area party will be held on December 19 from 6-8 at Mill Creek Church in Millcreek.



KVC Partners with Elder Beerman for Holidays



KVC has partnered with department store Elder Beerman to help KVC children and to also help with holiday shopping!

KVC is currently selling coupon books for \$5 a piece. These books can be purchased from any KVC staff member and can be used not only at Elder Beerman but also their partner stores Bon Ton,

Bergner’s, Yonker’s, Boston Store, Carson’s, and Herberger’s. The coupon books can also be used online at www.elder-beerman.com if there is not an Elder Beerman near you.

The coupon books feature special deals and partial proceeds from the coupon book sales will go to helping KVC children have a brighter

holiday season and to help with the Foster Parent Conference in the spring. As always, KVC thanks you for your support!

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This and That

- Welcome back former KVC staff members Promise Prather and Wade McBride! Promise is a Therapist and Wade is a Case Manager in the Raleigh/Wyoming areas. Welcome back!
- Welcome to new foster parents Sharon and Roy Michael Dunn from Wayne County!
- Welcome new employee Dena Price! Dena works in the Logan area and is a Therapist.
- Welcome new employee Ashley Messinger! Ashley is a Case Manager and serves Wayne and Lincoln Counties.

Upcoming RFP Trainings

<u>Name of Training</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Office Location</u>
Community Collaborative Event	Saturday, December 14 at 11:30 am	Memorial Baptist Church, Beckley
MANDT	Sunday, December 15 from 10-2	Roane Office
MANDT	Monday, December 16 from 10-2	Logan Office
MANDT	Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 10:00 am	Wyoming Office
MANDT	Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 10:00 am	Charleston Office
Jacob's Law	January - dates and times to be	All offices

