



Hope & Home NEWS

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Intensive Care
Did for Allie (Page 4)

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“Love to Nurture Parenting”

with Hope & Home Executive Director Ross Wright
Every Monday--Friday at 6:30 p.m.

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With host Ross Wright, co-host Vanessa Beenenga, and special guests

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NEW KIDS AT HOPE & HOME



Please keep the following children in your prayers:

* A Hope & Home family welcomed a preteen boy who initially came into care due to his mother's abuse of his younger brother and an unfit home environment.

* Another family is caring for a month-old girl whose mother is homeless and struggling with drug abuse.

* A teenage girl came into care after being sexually abused by her father.

* A 14-month-old boy came into care due to medical neglect.

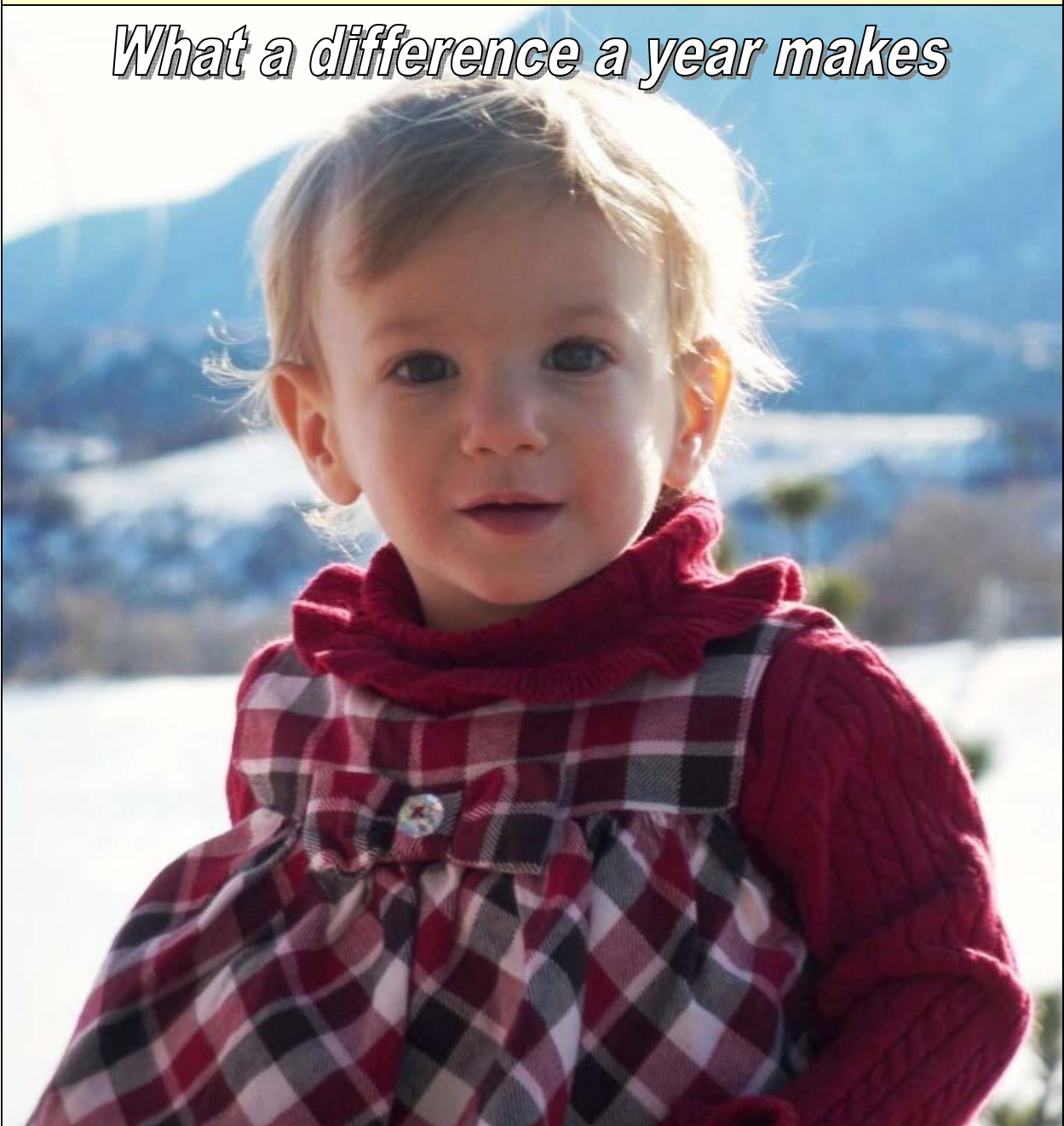
* A Hope & Home family took in a teenage girl who has been in numerous foster homes and residential treatment facilities. She was initially removed from her family due to violence, drug use and neglect.

* A 2-year-old girl is back in care with the same family that had fostered her for more than a year. This time she is joined by her new baby brother.

* Two preschool-age siblings came into care because their mother was not cooperating with police.

* A newborn boy was placed due to his mother's drug use, homelessness and mental-health issues.

What a difference a year makes



*Allison Ann:
Healthy and Happy
With Her Forever Family!*

Then-Magistrate Lynn Billings-Vela at Allie's adoption



Allie had a rough start in life after being born with drugs in her system and spending several weeks in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit. But the care and nurturing of the R. family (last name withheld) helped her thrive. Today, she "likes to laugh and likes to play," says her sister Ruth. "She is just so sweet," adds Helen. Brother Colin loves to "hug her and kiss her." And Jared, who's very good at looking out for her, says, "This is her home for life."



Allie after her adoption in August with mom Dawn, dad Don, and siblings Ruth (5), Helen (7), Colin (2) and Jared (8).

*Congratulations to Hope & Home's 36th Launch Class
of Foster Parents in Training!*

CPR & First Aid

(Required, but free!)

February 11, March 10

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hope & Home

Must register with Karin: 575-9887

Next New Foster Parent Launches:

Friday, February 24 and continuing Saturday, February 25

Friday, March 30 and continuing Saturday, March 31

Interview and application required to attend:

Contact Karin at 719-575-9887

Evening Support Groups

February 2, 7, 16, 21, 23, 28

Next Morning Support Group

Monday, Feb. 6, 9 to 11:15 a.m.

Next Therapeutic Support Group

Thursday, Feb. 16, 9 to 11:15 a.m.

Foster Parent Executive Advisory Council

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 4 to 6 p.m.

New Foster Parent Classes

February 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28