

### GRANDPARENTS RAISING AND NURTURING DEPENDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

**JULY 2020** 



#### **July Project GRANDD Events and Groups**

**CONTINUING THIS MONTH: Weekly Virtual Check-In** 

Every Tuesday @ 10:00am Support & Sharing

Link for Google Video Call: <a href="https://bit.ly/grandd20">https://bit.ly/grandd20</a>
Dial-in by Phone Number: (414) 600-9528 PIN: 888 104 633#

If you need help setting up your Google account, contact Ashlyn at <u>ashlynd@isdd-home.org</u> or (470) 310 3458.



#### **Emergency Food Box Pick-Up**

Thursdays through the end of August: Noon-3 PM 5-8 pound box of Georgia-grown fruits and vegetables

#### **PICK UP ONLY**

Project GRANDD Office 4282 Memorial Drive, Suite B Decatur, GA 30032

RSVP REQUIRED EACH WEEK ashlynd@isdd-home.org 470-310-3458

## **Parenting the Second Time Around (PASTA) Classes**

It's not too late to sign up and join the class VIRTUALLY! Sign up by July 14th

> Thursdays 6pm-8pm <u>or</u> Fridays 11:30am-1pm

Contact Ashlyn <u>ashlynd@isdd-home.org</u> 470-310-3458

#### <u>Child/Teen</u> <u>Virtual Support Groups</u>

Help your child or children stay connected with Project GRANDD

**Sign up now through July 10**<sup>th</sup> or keep an eye out for October groups!

Contact Ashlyn <u>ashlynd@isdd-home.org</u> 470-310-3458

## WRITING CORNER

Some of our Project GRANDD members submitted writing that speaks on their experience as kinship caregivers. Please enjoy their beautiful work!

#### A Letter to my Grandma

By Joyce McKibben

Dear Grandma.

This letter is to you, on this special day, as we sit and share this time together, these things I want to say, for the day you took me in, I'm most grateful to thee, many didn't make it, they don't have a grandma you see.

As your little grandchild to your dress tail I would cling,

you had all the answers, Grandma you knew everything.

Through my terrible teens,

when I thought you were so mean, you would say no, cuz I said so,

Grandma I thank you for not letting go. Those whipping would not let me go astray, Grandma I believe that's why I'm on the right path today.

As an adult it never stops,

from your unselfish giving,

in your day-to-day living,

Grandma for all this and more,

it's you I truly adore,

you're my grandma, you're my friend,

I'll forever cherish and love you, this will never end.

Grandma God gave you to me, just so I could see, an example of his love, the love from you to me.

#### **Grandparents**

by Alfancena Barrett-Davis

**G** is for Gracious and these words association are true;

kindness, courtesy, charm, and taste.

 ${f R}$  is for Rainbow – the hope and joy in a grandchild's eyes.

A is for adore- they are extremely fond of the young lives they are caring for.

N is for Nurture – representation of what grandchildren receive daily:

They are feed, they are cared for, and are exposed to new

knowledge.

D is for Dear – They are highly valued in the eyes of their

grandchildren. Their love is unconditional.

P is for Precious – representative of a two-way street; grandparents

see their grandchildren more precious than even their own children;

and grandchildren see their grandparents as stars in their eyes.

A is for Attune – There is a sweet harmony between grandparents and their grandchildren.

**R** is for Radiant – Beams of joy radiate on all the faces.

E is for Excellent; a performance that cause many to wonder, "How do they do it?"

N is for Natural — a job grandparents do with simplicity and sincerity.

**T** is for Tremendous – one of the greatest contribution grandparents

make to future generation and society.

S is for Superb – Grandparents, sure do an outstanding job, especially

those who are members of Project GRANDD.

G-R-A-N-D-P-A-R-E-N-T-S, GRANDPARENTS ARE THE BEST!

#### MEMBER CORNER

# In Loving Memory

At Project GRANDD, we try our very best to build relationships with each and every one of our members. We cherish those relationships and we consider you all family. With profound sadness, we announce that we have lost two members of our Project GRANDD family.

Ms. Yvonne Jackson, passed away on June 7, 2020 at the age of 74. She will be missed both by our staff and clients. Ms. Jackson was born in Jamaica, and resided in Stone Mountain at the time of her passing. She was caring for her only grandchild, a 14 yr. old beloved granddaughter. She is also survived by a son and daughter. She participated in our program for the past two years, and particularly enjoyed attending the DeKalb support group and parenting classes when able. She remarked to her case manager more than once that if she was feeling down or struggling, she always felt better after she attended our groups. Ms. Jackson enjoyed writing, had a wide circle of friends, and her Christian faith was very important to her. We will miss her kind spirit and what she contributed to our groups. There was no funeral at her request, however, there may be a memorial service on a future date.

#### Rosie Marie Kinzy, age 61, passed away on June 25, 2020.

She often attended Project GRANDD Dekalb support groups. She was a God-fearing woman. Ms. Kinzy is survived by her son, daughter, granddaughter and other relatives. She is located at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Decatur, GA. Services are pending.

#### RESOURCE CORNER

**Atlanta Community Food Bank Help Map**: <a href="www.acfb.org/covid-19-help-map">www.acfb.org/covid-19-help-map</a> -- just put in your address and the site will lead you to the food bank or agency closest to you!

#### **Find Food Near You With Just a Text:**

Text FINDFOOD or COMIDA to 888-976-2232

#### **Atlanta Legal Aid Livestream**

Sessions on Legal Issues: Wednesdays from 1 pm-2pm https://bit.ly/ALAlivestream

July 8-Custody Issues July 15-Bankruptcy

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