



Welcome! to the first issue of the Illuminance monthly Newsletter. This newsletter will help us to all stay connected, up to date and give us a recap of what has happened in this month, so we are ready for the next.



What's in our first issue?

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Important dates for the next month:

5th January – Foster Carer Monthly Meeting at 11:30 - 13:00

5th January – Curiosity Training at 17:30 - 19:00

11th January – Language Training at 10:00 - 11:30 & 17:30 - 19:00

12th January – Foster Carer Support Group at 10:00 - 12:30



A LETTER FROM OUR REGISTERED MANAGER



Dear Foster Carers,
I am writing to all our foster carers in Illuminance to say, a massive, big thank you to each and every single one of you in our family. I appreciate you deeply for all your hard work in providing a safe and loving home for all our foster children, and young people to grow and thrive. I know it has not been easy, but the way that you have been there for the children and provided them with newfound stability through your loving, safe homes is admirable. I thank you for all your dedication and selflessness towards putting the children's needs first. Your role as foster parent is so important for our society but more importantly for the children and young people you love and care for. As an organisation we recognise the importance of family and its meaning in the lives of children. We are always stronger together and I am happy that you share these values as well.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of children and young people. Words alone can't express how thankful we are for your tireless efforts and continued care. Your faithfulness and commitment have a

tremendous impact not only in the lives of the children today, but forever and more.

The foundation that we are giving these children is greatly appreciated.

Together in 2023, we will continue to work even harder and provide children with happy, safe, loving homes where they can grow and thrive to their full potential. In the new year, we will continue to support you and your families with guidance, training and all the skills to help you grow and achieve greater positive outcomes for the children and young people.

Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! - Ama Appiah



Policy of the Month:

We will be introducing the Policy of the Month, this is a policy that will be chosen monthly for all staff and Foster Carers to read so that we are all familiar with the Illuminance policies and procedures. Once the policy is chosen you will be informed, and you can read it in your Foster Carer Handbook. Thank you

“ Sometimes the hardest truth to accept is that no amount of love or effort can change people that don't work toward changing themselves. – Morgan Richard Olivier ”

Our Amazing Artists



Get Involved!

We would love for all staff, foster carers and children to get involved in the newsletter so please contact us if you would like to make a submission for next month! As this is our first issue we would also appreciate any feedback. Thank you!



Christmas is a wonderful time of year to reflect back at the year and count your blessings. Everyday we have to help a child is a blessing! I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas, may you all be blessed with health and happiness for 2023! I am looking forward to working with you in 2023!

Much love, Kate Harper



A thank you message to all our staff and Foster Carers at Illuminance!

It has been amazing to see how as Foster Carers you have grown and continue to grow, the time you have taken to reassure your children and care for and support them wherever possible. And all the staff who have continued to support the carers, the children and each other.

The way in which everyone has remained committed despite the challenges along the way. It has been with pride and appreciation seeing what you are capable of, but more importantly how caring you have been. It takes a community to raise a child – and it is an honour and a privilege to be part of the Illuminance community.

Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year to Everyone – don't forget to take care of each other.

Poetry and Quotes

For me, this time of year
is a time of contemplation, reflection,
of endings and new beginnings,
of memories and special times.

For me, Christmas is a state of mind –
of peace, joy, love, giving and forgiving,
when someone else's happiness is your
happiness.
A time of 'Bringing light. Sharing love'.

Christmas is a time of family, of home, of
belonging
a time of children and childhood
a time of magic, wishes and dreams -
but a silent magic – you cannot hear it
– you feel it you know it you believe it

Thinking of this journey so far,
and the difference you have made
in the lives of children and young people,
every time you smile at your child
and offer them your hand

Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked,
welcoming the unwanted,
caring for the abused and neglected,
loving those who feel unloved,

Your commitment, compassion,
understanding
nurturing and keeping them safe
- and though it may not be for long
every child you care for
will be forever in your heart.
– Gary Jeffery

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*If you can't fly then run,
if you can't run then
walk, if you can't walk
then crawl, but
whatever you do you
have to keep moving
forward.*

– *Martin Luther King Jr*

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“Children do not enter this
world with bad intentions.
They do not come
to wear us out,
test our patience,
or push us over the edge.
They come to us with
a need for love,
connection and belonging.”

– Rebecca Eanes

*Consider it pure joy,
whenever you face trials of
many kinds, because you
know that the testing of your
faith produces perseverance.
Let perseverance finish its
work so that you may be
mature, complete and not
lacking anything.
– James 1:2-4*