



Family Learning Center Newsletter

Out of Love for Christ and the diversity He has created, the Family Learning Center provides educational support for the refugee community.



Soroptimists Sponsor Scholarship

In 2017 we partnered with the Soroptimist International of Pasco-Kennewick to develop a program for high school girls we called "Taking Charge of my Future." High school juniors and seniors spent time meeting together to learn about career opportunities, do some college visits, and prepare for life after high school. The Family Learning Center promised a \$250 scholarship to all the girls who attended at least ten times. Ten young ladies started the program, and 3 met the attendance goal. They were Tar Mo, Pdeh Wah Paw, and Hsel Hsel Soe. All three are planning to attend CBC in the fall. Many thanks to the Soroptimists for providing this opportunity for these young women!



Graduation

High school graduation is an important milestone for every American child, and equally so for young adults from refugee families. Students from refugee families have to work doubly hard, as they work to overcome the language barrier and, for some, an interrupted education in order to reach that milestone. This year we celebrated the graduation of 14 high school students. Nine of them were the first in their family to graduate from high school.

Most of the students are planning to continue their education at CBC or WSU Tri-Cities next year. They want to be nurses, pharmacists, teachers, and engineers. Their families and the staff at the Family Learning Center celebrate their success and pray God's blessing on their futures.

Want to help?

Donate— one-time and recurring financial donations pay our rent and provide programming for children and adults.

Pray— for the families we serve. For staff and volunteers as we prepare for a new school year. For refugees around the world still seeking peace and safety.

Volunteer—

Many wonderful volunteers will continue to serve again, but we will also need new volunteers to work with young people and adults this Fall. Most positions require an hour or two each week. We provide training and orientation.

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You can help refugee families when you shop

If you are a Fred Meyer Shopper, you can choose the Family Learning Center to receive Community Rewards funds. Just link your Fred Meyer/Kroger rewards card at <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>. You'll need to connect your rewards card to an online account, and then choose Family Learning Center (HU997).

If you haven't already, you can also choose the Family Learning Center to receive a share of Amazon Smile funds when you shop online at Amazon.com. Sign up at <https://smile.amazon.com/> and make sure you choose Family Learning Center in **Kennewick**, since there are several organizations with similar names.

The amounts we receive from these programs are small, but every little bit helps. Thank you for taking the time to help when you shop.



Dairy Adventure

Some new friends helped us kick off the summer with a field trip. Jim and Lavonne Boogerd and their daughter Alyssa Haak, along with dairy ambassador Cobie Van Slageren, welcomed 45 kids to their dairy. They showed us how the cows are milked in their barn, we got to look in the big tanks that hold the milk, and we even got to feed the baby calves.

Yoe Tha Poe said, "Thank you for letting us visit the farm and showing us the cows. How the machine milked the cows was really amazing. I thought that you guys milked the cows with your hand." The kids at the Family Learning Center love to go on field trips.

