



Royal Friends' Clubs

MENTORING FOSTER KIDS

AN OFFICIAL PARTNER OF ROYAL FAMILY KIDS' CAMPS

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from Tuscaloosa, Alabama:

At our second RFC meeting, this is what one little girl said on her bus ride to the church (she and her sister were standing waiting for the bus to arrive, and they had been ready for a while!) She had ALL of the dates for RFC for the ENTIRE year memorized and couldn't wait! She said,

"I was so excited about Club that I couldn't go to sleep last night. It was like the night before Christmas!"

✧ Standing in the Gap ✧

Ezekiel 22:30 – "I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap of the wall..."



RFKC counselor Christy Mosely had a natural bond with 10-year-old Ruby and her heart broke when the little girl told her about her fears as camp ended. Ruby had been placed in five homes in the past three years! When she returned home, her foster parents were considering adopting her or giving her up. Both options filled Ruby with fear!

That fall, Christy became Ruby's mentor through Royal Friends' Clubs just as Ruby moved into her *sixth* foster home. Delighted to have Christy in her life, Ruby begged Christy -- a young single woman -- to adopt her. But Christy focused on her role as mentor and Ruby blossomed with her attention. Meanwhile, Christy started a relationship with Ruby's new family.

Slowly, as she watched Christy relate warmly to her family, Ruby learned to trust her new foster parents and attach to them. This summer, they adopted her and now Ruby is back in club with Christy as her mentor.

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Our Royal Mission:

*to launch, train and equip clubs
that give foster kids lasting friendships
with mentors from neighborhood churches*

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What is A Royal Friends' Club?

Royal Friends' Clubs is the only national mentoring program designed just for pre-teen foster children. The Clubs begin and end with 5 days of Royal Family Kids' Camps. Campers at participating sites are invited to join Royal Friends' Clubs, which run for a full school year and include:

- A match with a screened, trained and cleared adult mentor
- 4 + hours a month of 1-to-1 mentoring
- Monthly club meeting
- Club Kid Kit (backpack, Adventure Book, etc.) and Club Curriculum

YEAR TWO: 11 CLUBS IN 8 STATES & 1 FOREIGN COUNTRY (AUSTRALIA)!

RUBY'S STORY

"Ruby is a little girl who just needed one person to trust," Christy explained, "so that she could learn to let go of her fears and count on her own foster family. I thank God every day for RFC and for providing me the opportunity to be that first constant for Ruby. Watching her expand from only trusting me to now trusting her new family wholeheartedly

has changed my life forever."

Having a Royal Friend has helped Ruby to feel safe again. "As followers of Christ, we are called to stand in the gap for one another," Christy said. "We must stand up for these beautiful children!"

** to protect foster child confidentiality, we only use photos of models or adopted children*

Royal Friends' Clubs Training Institute For Mentoring Leaders

NEW 3 DAY SCHEDULE!

Royal Friends' Clubs Training Institute is offering a **3 Day Conference/ Training Package**, February 25 – 28, 2010 that includes the full RFC leaders' course PLUS the plenary RFKC Leadership Conference sessions AND an *on site visit to a local club* to see club coaches, mentors and club kids in action. A minimum of 2 RFKC volunteer leaders per church or camp and completion of all Institute sessions are required for a certificate.

Tuition is \$397 per person (includes conference meals, 2 manuals, CD/DVD, RFC shirt, transportation to Corona for on site club visit, etc.); does *not* include Thursday banquet, travel or accommodation.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday
February 25, 26 & 27
Thursday 1 – 4 p.m. (Irvine, CA)
Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Irvine, CA)
Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Corona, CA)

REGISTRATION: Limited enrollment. Contact Conference Registrar Mary Ann Manifold (mmanifold@rfkc.org) at 714.438.2494 re the Royal Friends' Club/ Conference Package. **Registration deadline: January 28, 2010**