

# ACFJC Sneak Peek

## Alameda County Family Justice Center

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### Words from the Director

#### Welcome Aboard

##### BAWAR      TLC

Howard Bloom    Kelly Ransom  
Patrick Mims    Lori Wensley

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Cheryl Brazil    Andrea Zeppa  
Kim Tejada      IIBA  
Greg Hughes    Patricia Keiser

##### EJC

Bilkese Nangyalai

##### FVLC

Jonathan Relucio  
Alicia Alexander

#### Happy Birthday!!!!

##### October

Alexis Lowenstein  
Undrea Barnes  
Marie Tekubie  
Julie Guzman  
Diane Beynon  
Rich Sayers  
Armida Dixon  
Jackie Ponce  
Lisa Kahn  
Hillary Larkin  
Nancy Compton  
Marica Blackstock  
Carol Singer  
Cat Maness

##### November    December

Steve Antes      Kim Hunter  
Alessandra Caro    Adela Rodarte  
Kristina Molina    Bette Davis  
Vicky Gwiasda    Tomoko  
Patricia Keiser    Roudebush  
Cherri Allison    Lena Jeong

Dear ACFJC Partners,

My father often reflected upon the phrase "This too shall pass." Since his passing over 15 years ago, I have come to understand its meaning as this: In times of despair, we must maintain hope, and in times of prosperity, we must remain humble.

The past months have been deeply challenging for many of our partners. The ripple effect of the economic crisis along with unacceptable State funding cuts has placed our treasured domestic violence shelters and advocacy partners in jeopardy.

We at the ACFJC are committed to maintaining hope and doing whatever we can to support you and your sustainability. We are our partners' services. Without our partners the ACFJC would not exist.

For these reasons, **the ACFJC's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gala, January 30, 2010** is dedicated to recognition of our domestic violence shelters. Save the date and anticipate a wonderful evening.

Every day, throughout our day, we are asked to make a choice...a choice to be the hope, peace, and love in our world, or the fear, violence, and hate. All the while, the world, our communities, and families await. A single person's choice can make all the difference in another's life.

Thank you to every partner and member of the endless ACFJC family for choosing to be the hope, peace, and love in our world.

This challenging time will pass. It is our collective hope and actions that will have gotten us through.

With respect,

Nadia Lockyer, Esq.      Executive Director

### Housing Services now at the ACFJC

We are so very pleased to announce that Building Futures with Women and Children is now delivering the **Pathway Home Program** at the ACFJC, which provides housing services for Oakland victims of Domestic Violence (women and children) who are fleeing their abusive partner and are in danger of becoming homeless. The goal is to construct the pathway leading to safe, secure housing.

BFWC Housing Advocates can help with housing relocation and stabilization services, housing search assistance, outreach to landlords and housing providers, safety planning, credit repair, housing rights as they relate to survivors, and legal referrals

No client will be refused services based on absence of income. Housing Advocates can provide information, referrals, and advocacy that will

assist the client in becoming housing ready.

**Pathway Home** Housing Advocates, Andrea Zeppa, Jennifer Co, and Valerie Alipio Jocsos are available to meet with clients Mon-Fri at various times at the Alameda County Family Justice Center.

If you have any questions and/or would like to refer a client for services call 510-267-8828 or email Andrea Zeppa at [azeppa@bfwc.org](mailto:azeppa@bfwc.org).

# Kidzone Corner



- Save the date, Friday, December 18th, Kidzone Holiday Event from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. This event is for all children receiving services at the ACFJC or children whose parents are receiving services at the ACFJC.
- All Partners, please make sure all toys and games remain in the Kidzone Area.
- All Partners, please fill in daily check-in form completely.

Special Thanks to Sedgwick for Adopting Kidzone, providing snacks & toys for the children

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## Deputy Antes' Security Tips

- All visitors to the ACFJC must enter and exit through the front door reception; no exceptions.
- Visitors will not be permitted entry and access beyond the reception area unless escorted by a Partner Staff Member or ACFJC Personnel.
- All employees who were given a keycard should enter and exit through the employee door.

## Congratulations to Our New Alameda County District Attorney, Nancy O'Malley



Thanks to her vision, leadership, and passion, survivors are better served, justice is ethically sought, and the County is a safer place.

## ABOUT US



### Bilkese Nangyalai, Kidzone Coordinator

Bilkese was born in Kabul, Afghanistan and her native language is Dari. In September of 1992, after losing her father in the war, her family moved to New Delhi, India. She lived there for two years; then her family moved to Queensland (QLD), Australia in July of 1994. She graduated from high school in 1998 and attended Queensland University of Technology (QUT), where she graduated in 2003 with a degree in Criminology. In March of 2003, Bilkese began working for Queensland Department of Correctional Services as a Parole/Probation Officer. A year later, she became a Correctional Officer at Borallon Correctional Center QLD. During this time, Bilkese focused on helping offenders develop required skills to successfully re-enter society. In February of 2007, Bilkese married Qayum and moved to the United States. In August of that same year, she began volunteering for the ACFJC, helping with the Resource Binder, GALA and in Kidzone. Since then she was interested in working with kids who are victims of violence and child abuse. In 2008, Bilkese gave birth to her son, Abraham, and is a very proud mom. She values making a difference in children's lives. She believes that providing a loving, care, nurturing environment will bring positive changes in every child's life. Bilkese enjoys being part of the FJC Team because she is working with a great group of people who truly care for victims and their children.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ACFJC will be closed on November 11, 26, 27 & December 25.
- FJC BBQ on October 8 & FJC Holiday Potluck on December 11. For more information contact Armida Dixon or Sgt. Chan.
- Building Futures Support groups are every Tuesday from 1-2:30 PM.
- FJC Team Meetings are every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 12-1 PM.
- DV Collaborative Meetings– 9:30-11 AM  
November 10 (Teen Dating Violence)  
December 8 (Planning Meeting).
- Drop-in Parenting After Domestic Violence Groups are every Thursday 10:30—noon. New members are welcome.

To place future announcements about your agency in the Newsletter please forward the information to:

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