

BLESSING THE FOSTER FAMILIES OF ANNA'S HOUSE

What does it take to add a little dignity, a little love, a little caring to the life of a child in foster care — and to the foster parents?

On Nov. 15, Kimray delivered a record 50 Thanksgiving baskets to the Anna's House Foundation foster care network.

The mission of Anna's House is to support foster families, especially those who take in large sibling groups. The simple act of providing all the groceries necessary for a Thanksgiving meal is a huge weight off these families, especially in the busy holiday season. And those families often pass along that blessing — about 1 in 5 families passes along their basket to the biological families of their foster children.

"Some of our foster families are close to the biological families of their foster kids, and sometimes if the foster family is going out of town for Thanksgiving, they pass on this blessing to the bio-family," said Britley Little, community engagement director at Anna's House. "It's unexpected and really sweet. Our clinical director also passes along some baskets to our patients who receive mental health services.

"Kimray is such a consistent partner with us, year after year," she said. "Every event has its own challenges. With Kimray, it's seamless. Each year you're like, 'Put us on the list for next year.' As an agency, that makes our impact so much greater, because I know Kimray is a solid partner who will go above and beyond to bless our families."

Blake Harrison, development coordinator at Anna's House, said she felt the blessing of the Thanksgiving baskets during her two years as a foster mom.

"The first year we got a basket, it was just two weeks after we got our son, so we weren't expecting it at all," she said. "That was great. Then we gave the food to his bio-dad, so it touched our family and also touched his family, so it was a big impact. My son reunified with his dad, which



Kimray team members stand with Anna's House staff after delivering the 50 Thanksgiving baskets..

is the ultimate goal with foster care, especially with Anna's House.

"There are a lot of ways to support foster care, even if you're not having a child in your home. It's a huge need in the state of Oklahoma. If you can't have a child in your home, you can volunteer with Anna's House, you can come to our gala, you can pray for them."

Anna's House Executive Director Katherine Craig said she appreciates the dignity with which the baskets are provided.

"Sometimes when there's a call to the community, you receive what is asked for, and we certainly appreciate that," she said. "But what Kimray has given today is bountiful, and it's consistently that way. It's not lost on us that the cost of food is about double what it was when Kimray started doing this.

"I think how your team pours into this is their way of showing Christ's love to our families, and then our families can sometimes show that love to the biological families. Dignity is so powerful, and that can be seen in these baskets."



Director of Security Jeremy Biggs helps drop off the baskets at the Anna's House offices.



Lori Mayhue and Rose Faherty of The Kimmell Foundation.

Kimray teams and families that provided Thanksgiving baskets for Anna's House:

- Accounting and Finance (4 baskets)
- Assembly tool room (3 baskets)
- Building 16
- Continuous Improvement
- IT Innovation
- IT Operations (2 baskets)
- Kimmell Foundation
- Learning & Development (2 baskets)
- Marketing (2 baskets)
- Packaging
- Parts Pulling (3 baskets)
- People & Culture
- PMO
- Quality
- Sales
- Second Shift Distribution Center
- Supply Chain, Warehouse, and Distribution Center (8 baskets)
- Sustaining Engineering (2 baskets)
- Territory 6 (2 baskets)
- Tool Crib (2 baskets)
- Warehouse (2 baskets)
- Zora Beck and family
- Jonathan Bodine and family
- Bob Cole and family (2 baskets)
- Thomas Hill and family
- Nick Hutchins and family
- Joe Kos and family
- Troy Manolovits and family



The Territory 6 team.



The Marketing team.