



# Legislative Lingo

## \$12.00 A DAY!!!

Hello to all of the returning foster parents and Welcome to the new ones. I hope that this newsletter finds all well and every one enjoying the spring flowers and sun!

I want to congratulate all of you on the wonderful job that you are currently doing. There is no greater job nor more rewarding than being a foster parent, and now we can feel like others recognize that fact. I am pleased to inform you that, as of March 23, 2000, the legislators approved the 2001 budget and the foster parents were included in that budget with the largest per diem raise in Georgia history. We were approved for a 75 cent raise, bringing us up to \$12 A DAY. This is effective July 1, 2000.

Thanks to all who sent cards letter, faxes, e-mails and made phone calls. This raise would not have been possible if it were not for you! A lot of hard work went into getting this raise and you all deserve a pat on the back. I was at the capitol most of the legislative session and I talked to many of the people listed below. I was told repeatedly that this was the first year that they had received any type of word from the foster parents requesting support. Because of this we were able to convince them that we do a hard job and that we NEEDED and deserved this raise!!

BUT..... our work is not over yet. I need to ask that all of you (even those of you that did not have a chance to write before) to sit down and send BIG THANK YOU'S to all of our supporters. We would have never gone anywhere if the people listed below did not support us through out the process. It is imperative that you do this. If we are not thankful this year for their support, we may find ourselves alone next year without any one to help us through. These people want to see that the foster parents are taken care of. They want to ensure that we can do the best job that we can. PLEASE if you do nothing else this year sit down and call. It will only take moment and it will make sure that we are heard again!

Thank you again and God Bless you all,

*Sis* Risé Wampler • Legislative Chairperson

Table #4	Wk Phone	Fax Phone
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Sen. Terrell Starr	404 656 7586	404 463 7781
Sen. Paul C Broun	404 656 5095	404 651 6767
Sen. Hugh Gillis	404 656 5080	404 657 9728
Sen. Nathan Dean	404 656 5121	404 651 6768
Sen. Harold Regan	404 656 0083	404 651 7668
Sen. Rooney Bowen	404 656 7580	404 651 6767
Sen. Richard Marable	404 656 5120	404 651 6767
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Connie Stokes C-109	404 651 7741	404 651 5795
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Meyer von Bremen C-314B	404 656-0037	404 651 5795

Send Cards, Call or E-mail to let these people know how much we appreciate their help!



Here Are Some Very Useful Internet Links For Adults And Children Alike. If You Would Like To Submit Your Favorite Link, Please Contact The Editor At His Address On Page 2.

### Suitcases For Kids☆☆☆

This is a great website devoted to providing every foster child a suitcase, an alternative to the usual "garbage bag."  
www.suitcasesforkids.org

### Christ Centered Foster Parenting☆☆☆

Lots of terrific info for those who wish to raise their foster children in a Christ centered environment.  
home.earthlink.net/~cfpsupport/

### Notes To Myself☆☆☆

This is a beautiful site with good information and links to other good sites  
www.homestead.com/andysworld0/Notes\_to\_Myself.html

### Valulinks.com☆☆☆

Foster Parents LOVE to save money. Here's a site that will help you do just that!  
www.valulinks.com/mtips.html

### Online Clinic☆☆☆

Finally, pediatric information in an easy to use alphabetical reference format  
www.online-clinic.com/index.html

## I am thankful for....

- ....the mess to clean up after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
- ....the taxes I pay because it means that I'm employed.
- ....the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.
- ....my shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.
- ....the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
- ....all the complaining I hear about our government because it means we have freedom of speech.
- ....that lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means that I can hear.
- ....the piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved one are nearby.
- ....lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
- ....my huge heating bill because it means that I am warm.
- ....weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means that I have been productive.
- ....the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I am alive.

by Nancie J. Carmody