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Youth News magazine is a way to celebrate the good news of youth. *Youth News* provides fostered, adopted, kinship cared and mentored youth with real on-the-job training skills. Youth are paid as they learn how to produce this publication for the community. Donations for ad space is how we pay youth in training. The "Dove" logo is a symbol we use as a message of good news. Our goal is to bring educational, inspirational and motivational stories to encourage people to open their hearts and support youth.

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In this issue we are getting ready for our annual **Youth Praise Awards Gala**, "Dinner & Fashion Show". If you want to model join us on Saturday, September 10, 2022 for a Model Call, details inside. Nomination is open, please nominate a young person 12-24 for the Praise Awards. Also, you can sponsor a youth or family to this event. Tickets and sponsorship information is available on Eventbright: **Youth Praise Awards Gala**. Proceeds from this event will benefit all youth nominated.

I am deeply honored to work with these amazing people. From our youngest writers to our retirees, we are all committed to educating our communities about the vast need for people to become foster parents, adoptive parents, and mentors, while providing job skills training to these young people. Hey, we're looking for writers . If you are passionate about foster care, adoption and mentoring and want to serve as an advocate we would love to hear from you. High school youth to retirees are welcomed.

Please open your heart and/or home to help a child in need. You never know, you may help raise the next VIP.

One of our team members may call you to ask for support. Please "Answer the Call." From city-to-city, coast-to-coast, and nation-to-nation our focus is FAMILY:

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- AdoptUSKids.org
- Child Welfare information Gateway
- Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI)

Additional Resources

- Adoptive Families Magazine
- Adoptive Parents Committee
- American Academy of Adoption Attorneys (AAAA)
- Child Welfare League of America
- The Center for Adoption Support and Education
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What is The CWLA National Blueprint? The CWLA National Blueprint for Excellence in Child Welfare serves as the foundation and framework for achieving the vision that all children will grow up safely, in loving families, with everything they need to flourish-and with connections to their culture, ethnicity, race and language. This vision for the future of child welfare requires that all children, whether they receive child welfare services, or are at risk for child abuse or neglect, will grow up safely in loving families and supportive communities.

What is the Goal of The CWLA National Blueprint? The primary goal is to be a catalyst for change: to broaden the thinking of communities, individuals and groups, including public and private organizations within and outside of the child welfare system, and to help them understand how their roles and responsibilities fit into the overall strategy to improve outcomes for children and youth. Simultaneously, it serves as the basis for updating and creating CWLA program-specific Standards of Excellence, which play a unique and pivotal role in moving child welfare practice forward.

Who Is Involved? CWLA encourages everyone to aspire to achieving the standards detailed in the CWLA National Blueprint. Families, individuals, communities, providers, and other organizations can create the greatest opportunities for all children and youth to succeed and flourish. It is only by achieving a vision for all children and youth that the most vulnerable children and youth can flourish.

What is the Guiding Approach? The CWLA National Blueprint focuses on maximizing the strengths and resilience of children, youth, and their families within the context of their communities. With youth and families as true partners in policymaking, planning, and funding decisions, communities and organizations can ensure greater success. What will it Take? To facilitate community leadership and decision-making, current child welfare, education, social services, and health care systems will be required to transform their thinking and retool their mechanisms for allocating funds. Reform is required at the federal,

tribal, state, and local levels, as is greater participation and investment from the private foundation and corporate sectors.

How is it set up? The National Blueprint includes a Vision and Values statement and eight core Principles with accompanying Standards. The following core principles guide the thinking, decisionmaking, and behavior of individuals, organizations, communities, and government entities committed to the promotion and enhancement of children's safety, permanency, and well-being. The core principles are: Supports and Services; Quality Improvement; Children's Rights; Shared Responsibility and Leadership: Engagement/Participation; Workforce; Race, Ethnicity, and Culture; and, Funding and Resources. Each principle has a resources section with a list of relevant resources.

How will it be Implemented? Implementation will be neither straight forward nor swift. As each community, organization, family, and individual is unique, the obstacles will only be identified as they work together to achieve the CWLA National Blueprint. It will take the combined knowledge, skills, and resources of all systems, services, communities, and individuals to ensure the vision is achieved. See the National Blueprint in Action.

How will CWLA Help? CWLA plans to disseminate tools that will help identify strategies for implementation. We encourage your interest, support and investment as we strive together to ensure that all children and youth have the best opportunities for safe, healthy, nurturing environments for learning, growing, and becoming productive, healthy, fulfilled adults.

For more information you can go to the CWLA National Blueprint for Excellence in Child Welfare Executive Summary

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Scholarship Solutions

By: Rhea, The Scholarship Doctor

There are five easy steps to a free degree and the first step is very easy to achieve with proper planning, preparation, and dedication. So, you may be wondering what it takes for students who are in kindergarten and beyond to secure 1000s of dollars in college scholarships. Well, let's break down the first important yet easy and highly effective step:

Step 1: Earn A and A grades. No this is not a typo. A & A grades are important for students of all ages. From day one, express the importance of strong grades/marks. We should encourage our children to earn As and compliment and celebrate their accomplishments in this regard. Setting this precedence is not a pressure point but rather an expectation that can be met and exceeded when proper planning and consistent academic support is in place. To get the necessary support use an academic coaching service like mine, contact your local library, chat with teachers and professors during their prep time and office hours, participate in before or after school support programs, or take advantage of clubs and organizations at school or in the community that may provide academic assistance. Now, "A" grades are surely not the only variable in

achieving scholarships but strong grades must not be ignored, especially if you want to win big at scholarships and eliminate the need for student loan debt.

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Rhea M Watson, The Scholarship Doctor is the Founder/CEO of Scholarship Solutions a premier Scholarship and College consulting firm located in the beautiful city of Las Vegas. Rhea and her team of expert scholarship coaches help students of all ages 0 - 99 to attend college debt free. She has helped 100s of students to earn a free degree to the tune of \$200 million dollars in scholarships. Rhea is a two time #1 best selling author, a highly sought after speaker, and expert in financial aid and scholarships.

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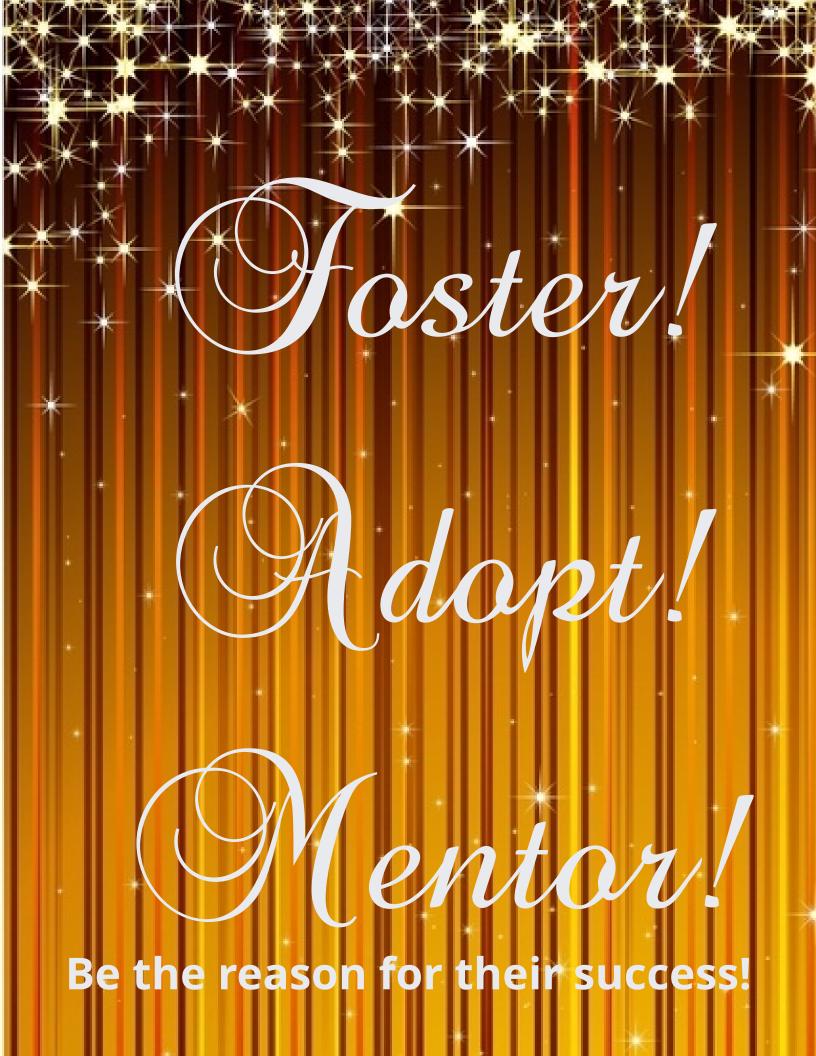
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Youth Spotlight



Jane was so excited to volunteer for LVBNM's Power of Women and Business Expo on May 3, 2022. Little did we know a week later Janae would be named Miss Nevada Teen USA 2022. Janae's hard work paid off, she had many supporters there to cheer her on and witness history in the making. When she was called upon to be a model for this amazing organization's Fashion Show, she did not give it much thought as the Foster care system is close to her heart. She relished the opportunity to give back through her time as a model for a cause that is in need of more spotlights. As the reigning Miss Nevada Teen USA 2022, Janae hopes to bring more light to the foster care system and the need for more resources and family support. Currently, she has been working closely with the Nevada CASA Association to help with fundraising and awareness. As she gears up for Miss Teen USA 2022, which will be held in our beautiful state this year, she will continue to be an added voice to this program and many more.

Do you know a young person that should be spotlighted? Send your youth info to: admin@whaler'screation.us

Moon Landing Mission

Written by: Amulya Rayabhagi, 16 years old

July 16th 1969 marked a remarkable memory for people who lived on that day and the future generations to come. An important victory for NASA and we crossed the finish line of the space race on this very day.

This holds a special place in my heart as a STEM student, fascinated behind the scenes of constructing a massive spaceflight escaping the atmospheric layer of the Earth. Even attempting to land on a planetary-mass that is 239,900 miles away from Earth is an incredible feat, but imagining having humans who are fragile to a little change in the atmosphere were capable of landing on an entirely different mass.

It occurred early in the morning at 9:32 est to be exact while the president, Richard Nixon, watched the launch from the white house. The entire control room watched the outcome of Apollo 11 and held their breaths during the descent anxiously waiting for confirmation from the astronauts on board: Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, and Buzz Aldrin. And they did on July 20th, the famous words "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

Although this was a huge accomplishment, for some people, this may have little significance to them however little did they know that this very day changed their daily life. The invention of water filters arose as the astronauts needed tasteless, safe water. Better tires came about as the ones used by NASA were much more durable than the radial tires. Wireless headsets needed for communication between airline pilots were brought to citizens and the development of this became what we today use as airpods. The "perfect picture" taken by a device within your hands' reach is achievable with NASA's invention of an integrated system that requires less energy to take high quality photographs in space. These are just a few to name, if you would like more visit:

https://www.usatoday.com/story/

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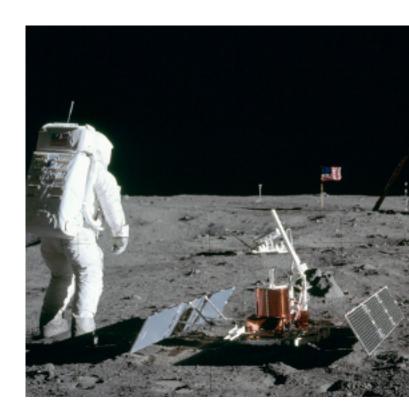
However, I would like to not just appreciate the famous three we all love and appreciate for their bravery, accomplishments. I want to thank the entire team of people who worked tirelessly to make sure that day became the one that is forever ingrained in the pages of history and the hearts of many. The people who worked at that control center-keeping in close contact with the astronauts, the technicians, and the engineers behind the model. This accomplishment remarks to all of the people who worked hard to make that day possible.

If you would like to watch the apollo landing coverage:

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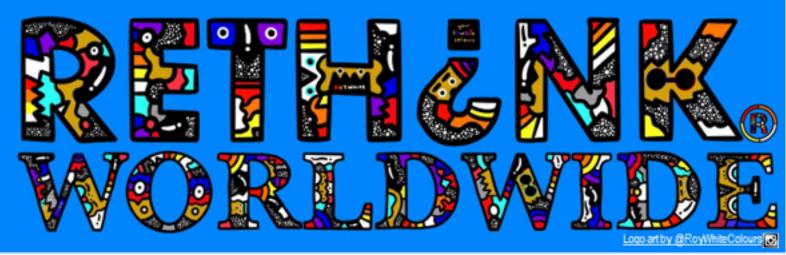
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out will become pregnant before age 21.

1 in 2

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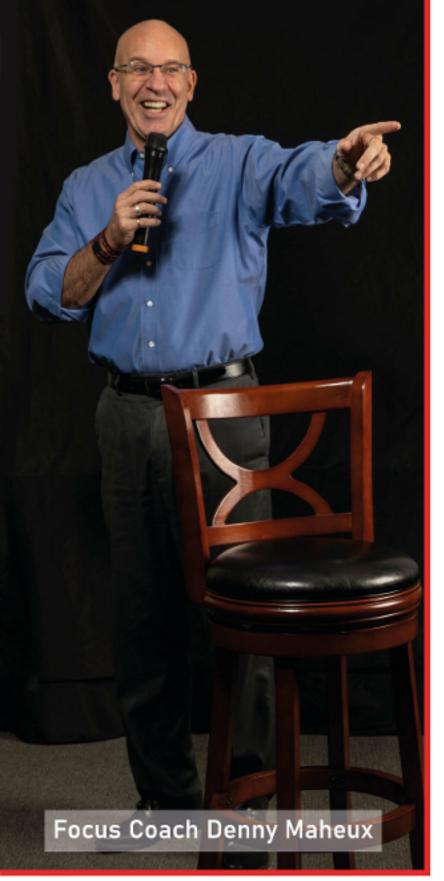
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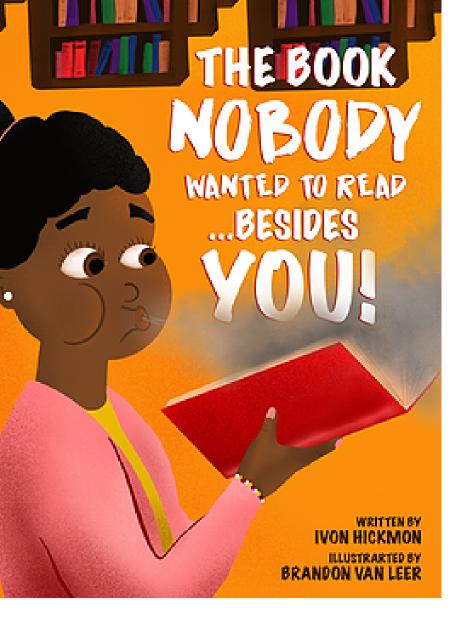
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DENIS "DENNY" MAHEUX



This beautiful story captures the need for inclusivity and emotional intelligence. Readers are introduced to the protagonist, as she shows empathy and compassion towards our book character. By definition, inclusion is the action or state of including or being included within a group. Inclusion must be taught and fought for. Equipping children is essential for this life's journey. Emotional intelligence is a set of emotional and social skills that influence the way we perceive and express ourselves, develop and maintain social relationships, cope with challenges, and use emotional information in an effective and meaningful way. This dynamic story teaches your children a proven, practical tactic to develop emotional intelligence skills. After reading this story, children will be empowered to love and embrace themselves fully and gain awareness of their emotional state.

About the Author: The youngest son out of three boys to military parents, Ivon found his dreams of playing among the NFL greats were closer than he'd ever imagine. Ivon's football career journeyed from "last man" on the roster to earning his football scholarship with honors and being selected as team captain and MVP.

A true "girl dad," Ivon spends hours visiting both his daughters' schools, cultivating children through the power of reading. These visits propelled Ivon to release his debut children's book, *The Book Nobody Wanted to Read...Besides You*, a fun and silly book that introduces children to emotional intelligence and inclusion.

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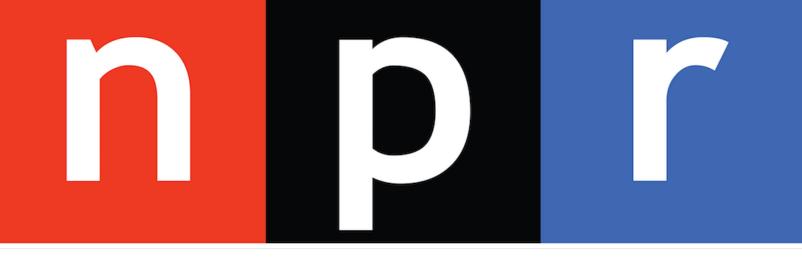
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8-Minute Listen

NPR's Ailsa Chang speaks with journalist Deepa Fernandes about her two-part investigation for *Latino USA* into domestic violence survivors who lose their children to the foster care system.





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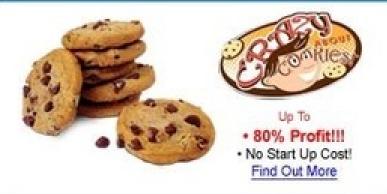
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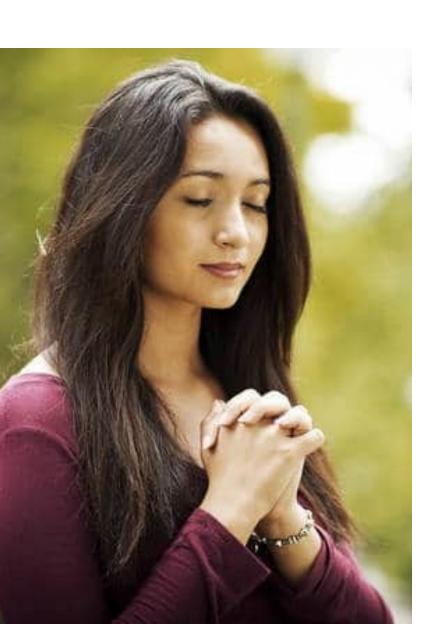
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The Mindful Corner

Written By: Loney Nguyen, LCSW-C

Mindfulness is a technique that can help us stop and be in the present moment rather than the past or the future. By practicing mindfulness, we can learn to become more aware of our own thoughts, feelings, and the environment around us. It helps us to refocus and recenter our mind, body, and spirit. Throughout this issue, you have read several articles that may have been thought-provoking or tapped into your emotions. Whether you were inspired by a story or an article that triggered a traumatic memory for you, take this moment to reflect on how you are feeling.



The Five Minute Journal

This exercise is centered around gratitude, a positive psychology technique. Here are 5 daily questions to answer in your journal of choice:

IN THE MORNING:

Set your intention for the day

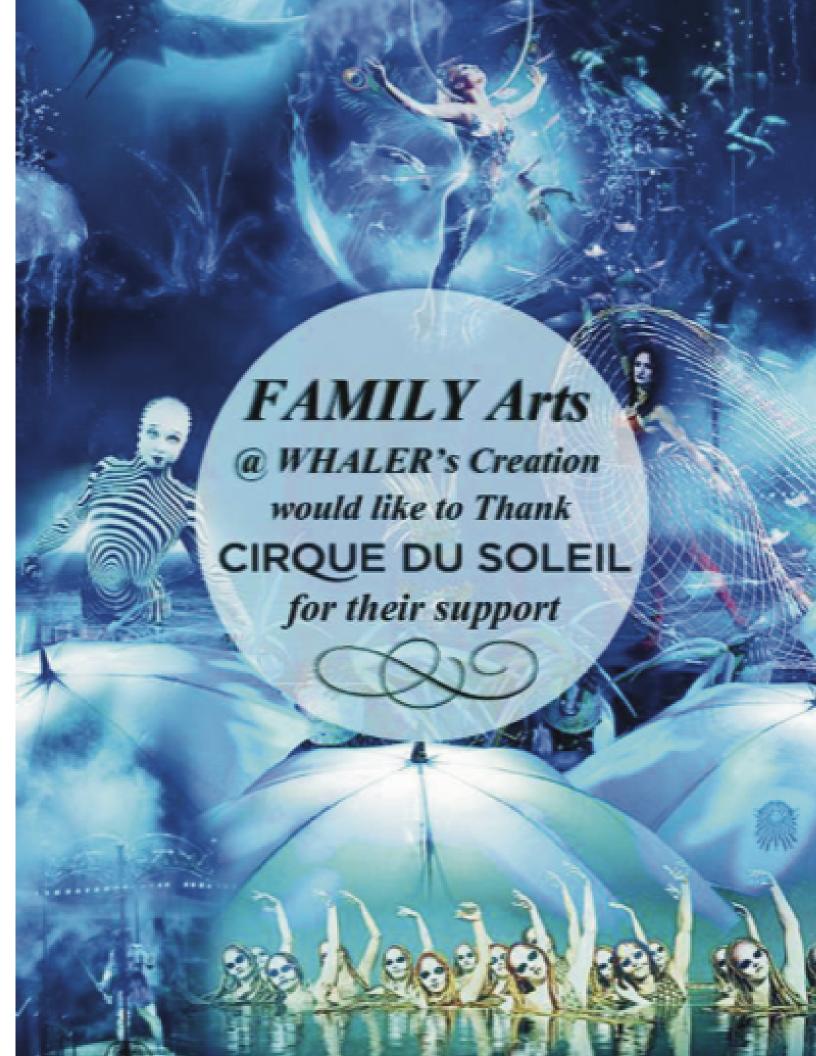
- (1) What are you grateful for?
- (2) What would make today great?
- (3) Daily affirmation. I am...

AT NIGHT - End your day on a high-note and reflect

- (4) 3 Amazing things that happened today...
- (5) How could I have made today even better?

Take a mindful minute

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Breath-out
Relax





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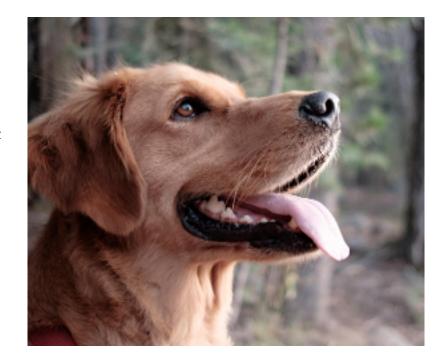


Dear Lillie,

My son has a dog that I am really affair of. When I visit his home I am in a cold sweat worried that he may bite me or just come near me. My son and I have always been close and he know I am afraid of his dog. He thinks that if I just get use to his dog I will be OK. I don't think so. I forget to mention that I was attach by this breed many years ago. I wish he could take my feelings serious and get rid of this dog. What can I can I do? I'm so hurt he bought the one dog I am affair of.

Sincerely,

Not a Dog Hater



Dear Not a Dog Hater,

It's sad that your son purchased a breed he is aware that you are afraid of. If you cannot talk to him about your fears send him a letter expressing your fears. The easiest solution is to give the dog away, but I am not sure he is willing to do that. It sounds like your son has not faced real trauma, because if he did he would understand the feeling of fear with something triggers that feeling. Ask your son to put the dog away when you visit his home.

Good Luck, Lillie

Have you hugged your dog today?



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