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Cache County Festival, Pickleball Tournament, and Outdoor Movie supporting CSS Utah!

Logan, Utah | Children's Service Society GRANDfamilies program on Saturday, June 18, 2022 will host a FREE community festival, pickleball tournament, and outdoor movie at Bridger Park in Logan, Utah to raise awareness about CSS services and kinship families.

The pickleball tournament will kick off the event at 3:00pm and will feature round robin seeding, followed by a single elimination bracket with a grand prize for the 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0+ division winners. The community festival will begin at 5:00pm and will feature carnival games, bounce houses, face painting, balloon art, food trucks, and giveaways including free swag for the first 40 families in attendance. Starting at dusk (approx. 9:00pm), the event will feature an outdoor movie on the lawn, showing Lilo and Stitch to highlight kinship families. The event is estimated to conclude at 10:30pm.

To enjoy Lilo and Stitch, attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to experience the tale of a young girl's close encounter with the galaxy's most wanted extraterrestrial. Due to the passing of her parents, Lilo is raised by her older sister Noni. While the movie depicts a fictional family, the story represents a real-life scenario where children are raised by grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, or other relative caregivers. A few examples of modern-day kinship that you may have heard of include Simon Biles, Oprah Winfrey, Barack Obama, and Jack Nicholson.

In Utah, there are more than 21,000 children living in kinship, and the outreach event is hosted to raise awareness about the Children's Service Society of Utah (CSS) GRANDfamilies program serving families in Cache, Davis, Salt Lake, Tooele, and Weber counties since 2002. Kinship participants receive free support through support groups, case management, legal and financial resources, and a focus on permanency for at-risk youth. CSS is recognized as Utah's oldest non-profit working to empower families, caregivers, and professionals through services supporting the safety and well-being of children, since 1884.

You can learn more and register for the pickleball tournament at cssutah.org. Also, follow along @CSSUtah on social media to receive additional information, event updates, and kinship highlights. During the festival, you can tag @CSSUtah or use the hashtags #CSS #GRANDfamilies #Kinship to help raise awareness about the GRANDfamilies program and support local children and families. Hope to see you there!

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