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Keller Williams Santa Rosa and Petaluma offices are partnering up with Redwood Empire Foster Parent Association* (REFPA) helping to fill "BLUE BAGS" for Sonoma County Foster Children.

Blue Bags provide children who come into Emergency Foster Care with a few days of clothing and comfort items.

I have pledged to fill a BLUE BAG for Children aged 2 - 8 years and would appreciate any donations. We are accepting new items of clothing, blankets, age appropriate toys or books. We are also accepting checks (made out to REFPA), cash or gift cards.

Give me a call or email me if you would be willing to join in this endeavor!

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The purpose of the Redwood Empire Foster Parent Association of Sonoma County (REFPA) is to support and assist foster care providers so that they may be more effective advocates for the children they serve. REFPA is a non-profit organization consisting of foster parents, community members and Sonoma County social Workers.



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Emergency foster care children come into care with little or no clothing, books, toys or familiar comfort items other than the clothes on their back. It's heartbreaking to think of, but true in most cases. With that in mind, Keller Williams in Petaluma and Santa Rosa has launched a campaign in conjunction with the Redwood Empire Foster Parent Association to provide a bumper supply of new items of clothing, blankets, books and toys for children aged 2 years to 8 years. [Team Timo](#) feels passionately about this local campaign to bring comfort and a sense of security to young children entering emergency foster care. Timo and Frances (WPL Editor) parent three sons, as does Team Timo Executive Assistant Renee Waters (and husband). "We'd like to provide a significant donation of new clothing this May for local kids in transition far less fortunate circumstances," says Timo. Frances, Timo and Renee be hosting an informal 'drop-off' coffee morning at our favorite [Aqus Cafe at Foundry Wharf](#) in Petaluma, on **Wednesday, May 11th, 2011 from 9-11 am.** "We'd be extremely pleased to buy you a cup of coffee or tea for any kind donation of new clothing, blankets, age appropriate new books or toys for Sonoma County emergency foster kids aged 2 to 8," says Timo. "Please mark your calendar to support the most vulnerable in our community and take time out for a coffee on May 11th."

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HomePage Spring Recipe - Hot Cross Buns



April Showers Call for a Little Extended Spring Indulgence!

Looks like we're in for a few more days of rain in Southern Sonoma County, this April. Time to turn down the volume over Easter weekend, pick out a good book, curl up on the sofa with tea and a home baked Hot Cross Bun. If you're not the baker-type, head downtown to Della Fattoria or Bovine Bakery for Hot Cross Buns made freshly for you by the pros!

Hot Cross Buns (Makes 12)

2/3 cup of milk

1/2 stick of butter, 3 cups bread flour

Zest of an orange 1/4 teaspoon of ginger

1 teaspoon of cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1 packet of dried yeast, 1 egg, 1/2 cup sultanas

Heat milk, butter and orange zest in a pan over gentle heat until butter melts. Cool to tepid. Mix flour, yeast, sultanas and spices into a big bowl. Beat egg into milk/butter and add to dry ingredients. Mix with wooden spoon, knead on floured surface for 10 minutes until elastic. Place in greased bowl and cover. Let rise in warm spot for 1 1/2 hours. Punch air out and knead again for a few more minutes. Divide into 12 balls of dough, placing them on a sheet of parchment paper on a baking tray. Make a cross shaped indentation on top of each, cover with a kitchen towel and let rise for another 45 minutes. Heat oven to 425 degrees F. Mix 6 tablespoons of flour with 1 tablespoon of sugar and boiling water to form a thick paste. Dribble along cross indentations. Bake for 15-20 minutes. Remove from oven and brush with a sugar and boiling water glaze. Serve warm with jam, honey or lemon curd.