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## It's All About The Boys

**A self proclaimed "tomboy", Lynelle's style is just right!**

**by, Vicki Mastro**

"I want to go see Lady Gaga," said Jimmy, age 13.

"I have to go to football practice," chimed Abraham, age 11.

"I don't want to go to his practice, I have homework," stated Daniel, age 16.

"Can I go to the store and get some candy?" pleaded Adrian, age 15.

In the hour or so I spent with her, Lynelle Weber was pulled in many different directions. Lynelle and her husband Jim have been foster parents since 1994. Their first experience as foster parents occurred more than 18 years ago, when former Ettie Lee President & CEO Clayton Downey, brought twins to the Webers at midnight during the week! Since then they have fostered more than 35 boys....yes boys only....as Lynelle proudly says, she's a tomboy and says that her love of outdoors, sports, and her playfulness really helps her to connect with the boys she fosters.

"She does have a girly side," chided Adrian...."you know she likes to talk and talk and talk... She always explains why we should or should not behave in a certain way, why we have to go to school, why we have to do our homework, what the consequences of our actions will be...ya' know that kind of stuff."

She is in favor of the kids going back to live with family when appropriate. She has stepped up big time, recently, when she felt as though the kids she had been fostering would be more successful if they continued to live with her and Jim. To do this, however, she and Jim had to become the guardians of Abraham, Daniel and Adrian. That makes the boys very happy.

Lynelle speaks lovingly and fondly of all of the boys she has fostered and many of them still keep in touch.

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