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MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

Racine County Celebrates Contributions to the Foster Care program

Racine – Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave reminds the public that May is National Foster Care Month, an opportunity to show appreciation for those who enhance the lives of children and teens in foster care. In 1988, the first Presidential proclamation that established May as Foster Care Appreciation Month was issued by President Reagan.

In appreciation of local foster families and supporters of the foster care program, Racine County will coordinate appreciation activities including a signed proclamation from the Racine County Executive Delagrave. The proclamation recognizes the efforts of all community members who are improving the lives of children and youth who are part of foster care.

“Racine County’s Board of Supervisors recognizes the contributions of the many families who make it possible for vulnerable children and youth to be part of safe, nurturing home environments during difficult times,” said Russell Clark, Racine County Board Chairman.

In 2016, there were 127 foster families who provided homes to more than 500 Racine County children and youth in foster care. The number of local children and families impacted by foster care continues to rise annually.

“We are so grateful for the tireless efforts of foster families, Racine County staff and community members that manage and coordinate the foster care program,” stated Delagrave, “Their compassionate and dedicated service changes the lives of kids and teens every day.”

To learn how you can use your time, talent and resources for Racine County Foster Care, contact Dan Chiappetta, Licensing and Recruitment Supervisor, at 262.638.6509 or dan.chiappetta@racinecounty.com. You can visit foster care online at www.racinecounty.com/fostercare or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/racinecountyfostercare.

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