

Foster Family Appreciation Week

RECOGNIZING THE VITAL ROLE OF FOSTER FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region (FACS) is celebrating National Foster Family Appreciation Week from October 20 to 24. This week is dedicated to honoring and expressing our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible foster families who open their homes and hearts to children in need.

Foster Family Appreciation Week is an opportunity for us all to recognize the extraordinary role foster families play in our community. Foster caregivers not only provide stability, love, and care to children and youth who are navigating challenging circumstances, they also play a vital role in helping to strengthen family connections and support reunification efforts.

FACS Waterloo continues to be urgent need of caregivers for children of all ages. The Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies has identified that there is a critical shortage of foster homes across Ontario resulting in a staggering 33.6% decrease in available foster homes over the last five years. Our need for compassionate, inclusive, committed and stable foster families has never been higher.

Join us this week in giving thanks to our foster families in the KW region and help us spread the word of the urgent need for foster families who can support placements of sibling groups, older children and youth, infants and those with complex needs.

Follow us on FB and Instagram for foster caregiver testimonials, event highlights and continued words of appreciation throughout the week! We thank all of our caregivers and truly value the stability and invaluable contributions they are making to children and families in this community. To learn more about fostering, visit us at www.fosteringkids.ca.