

October is Foster Family Month in Parksville

PARKSVILLE, BC: The City of Parksville has proclaimed October as “Foster Family Month” in Parksville. For more than twenty years, British Columbia has declared October as Foster Family Month in order to recognize and celebrate the dedication, hard work and remarkable contributions of foster families.

With about 8,200 children and youth-in-care in BC, foster parents support children and youth with a diverse range of needs. The loving, stable environment that a foster family provides shows these children and youth in a real and tangible way that they matter and deserve every opportunity to grow, prosper and succeed.

Foster care provides children with a family setting and a safe, loving and stable environment when their own parents are not able to look after them. Around 35 per cent of children in care who are adopted are adopted by their foster family.

“Foster families open their hearts and homes to provide care to children in need. The City is pleased to honour the remarkable contribution that foster parents make to the children and families in our own community” said Mayor Chris Burger.

Information about Foster Family Month is available from www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/foster

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