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**PRESS RELEASE: May is National Foster Care Month**

**“Make a Difference in a Child’s Life.”**

May is National Foster Care Month. More than 400,000 children and youth in the United States are involved in foster care. Resource families—which include foster parents, foster-to-adopt families, and relative/kinship caregivers—are critical partners in the foster care process.

Foster parents provide temporary, loving homes for children, ensuring that each child’s physical, medical and emotional needs are met. Foster children need families that can parent any child but especially teenagers, sibling groups and medically fragile children. There are currently 36 licensed foster family homes in Randolph County and 110 children in foster care. It is easy to see that Randolph County needs more Randolph County families to make a difference in a child’s life.

There are specific criteria that must be met in order for someone to become a licensed foster parent. Social Services will be holding informational sessions at 1512 North Fayetteville St., Asheboro, NC on July 17, 2017 and August 21, 2017. These sessions will begin at 6 p.m. and will explain the requirements necessary to become a licensed foster parent. One of those requirements is that all foster parents must complete the *Trauma Informed Parenting for Safety and Permanence: Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting Class*...a mouthful to say a total of 30 hours of classroom training plus maintain current certification in CPR and first aid. Once licensed as a foster family, the family may provide care for one or more children, depending upon the home situation and the needs of the child or children that need placement.

In appreciation of our currently licensed foster parents, North Ridge Church is hosting a fun filled cookout for our foster families on May 18, 2017 at North Asheboro Park. Additionally, DSS also has a sponsor night at the Copperhead Baseball game on June 24, 2017. Elvis will be there, and one of Randolph County’s very own foster family will throw out the first pitch!

Want to make a difference in a child’s life? A former foster child said TIME is the greatest gift you can give. If you have a heart for others and TIME to give a child, pick up the phone and call (336) 683-8062 today. A DSS social worker will gladly provide you with details about how you can become a foster or adoptive parent. If you have considered it in the past, now is the TIME – make the call today!

For more information you can also call (336) 683-8062 or visit [www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov) or the visit the Randolph County Department of Social Services website at: <http://www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Social-Services>

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