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“November is National Adoption Month”

National Adoption Month is an initiative sponsored by the Children's Bureau, in partnership with AdoptUSKids and Child Welfare Information Gateway. Each November, National Adoption Month brings awareness to the needs of children and youth waiting for a "forever family."

Randolph County Department of Social Services (DSS) has specific needs for homes that are able to take teenagers, or sibling sets of two or more, or children who have special needs. DSS currently has 135 children in foster care, 27 of those are legally free for adoption.

One Randolph County family answered the call to become a foster family and is being recognized nationally for their work with foster children. Mike and Jennifer Allred are the forever family to three children whom they adopted from the foster care system. The Allred family is receiving the Adoption Excellence Award in the category “*Family Contributions*”. This category recognizes contributions in providing adoption and other permanency outcomes for children in the foster care system. The Allred family has not only adopted three children, they have also provided a home and a support system to numerous other children in care as well as assisted DSS in recruitment efforts for foster families.

The Allred family is one out of only 12 recipients, *nationwide*, for the Adoption Excellence Award this year and will be attending the National Adoption Month Celebration in Washington DC this month.

Randolph County DSS has scheduled an informational session on November 20, 2018 at 6:00 at the Department of Social Services, 1512 North Fayetteville Street, Asheboro to promote awareness and the need for foster and adoptive homes. We hope that you will join us at the session to find out more about this ever-growing need in our community.

Informational materials are also available for posting. Anyone interested in distributing materials or setting up a display should call 336-683-8036.

Do you want to make a difference in a child’s life by becoming a foster and/or adoptive parent? Contact a Foster Care Licensing Social Worker at your local DSS. In Randolph County call 336-683-8062 or email foster.adopt@randolphcountync.gov today. For more information, visit: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/adoption/> or the Randolph County website at: <http://www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Social-Services>

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