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Warm Hearts Open House event focuses on foster care

Public invited to learn more about how to help children in crisis

Pontiac, Mich. (May 15, 2019) – What does becoming a foster parent really involve? Find out at our Warm Hearts Open House, an Oakland Family Services event that will have staff and current foster parents on hand to answer questions about becoming a foster parent, adoptive parent, or volunteer with our agency.

The Warm Hearts Open House event runs from 5–7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 30 at the agency’s Pontiac office, 114 Orchard Lake Road. Those interested in attending can RSVP to Teresa Spong, (248) 858-7766 ext. 1236 or tspong@ofsfamily.org. Light refreshments will be served.

“There are thousands of foster children in Michigan in need of loving temporary homes, where they can feel safe, comfortable, and secure,” said Luna Phetmisy, director of Family Preservation at Oakland Family Services. “Across the United States, more than 1,000 children enter the foster care system every day. These are children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect.”

Oakland Family Services is looking for people who are willing to open up their hearts and homes to welcome children in crisis and make a difference in their lives. The agency also is seeking volunteers to help with transporting children from the foster home to the agency for parenting visits and providing childcare for training and other events.

Oakland Family Services receives calls daily to place children in foster homes and faces the challenge of finding homes that meet the unique needs of every child. Through the Warm Hearts Open House, Oakland Family Services hopes to increase the number of licensed foster homes.

Oakland Family Services is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) serving the community since 1921 and dedicated to providing individuals and families the opportunity to build brighter futures. The agency’s prevention, education and treatment services touch the lives of more than 40,000 individuals throughout southeastern Michigan every year. The agency has offices in Pontiac, Berkley, Rochester Hills and Walled Lake. For more information, go to www.oaklandfamilyservices.org.

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