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For Immediate Release: May is National Foster Care Month – Honoring the heroes who help Franklin County’s children and families.

Columbus, Ohio—Did you know that there are 390 heroes among us? They’re Franklin County Children Services’ dedicated foster parents. These devoted moms and dads selflessly give everything they have to help children and families in need.

To honor these inspiring real-life heroes, the Franklin County Foster Parent Association and Franklin County Children Services will host the 45th annual Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet on Friday, May 15th, beginning at 7 pm at Monaco’s, 4555 Cleveland Ave.

“**Thanking the heroes that impact the future of our children**” is the theme of this annual celebration honoring Children Services’ foster parents for their years of service and extraordinary care of children. The agency has more than 390 foster families with years of service ranging from one year to 44 years.

According to Eric Fenner, executive director for Franklin County Children Services, National Foster Care Month is the ideal time to recognize the invaluable contribution foster parents make in helping to nurture our community’s children. “Everyday heroes, our foster parents help shape the future of Franklin County’s children,” he said. “We are profoundly grateful for their tireless efforts in helping to protect children and strengthen families.”

To date, there are approximately 1,900 abused, neglected and dependent children in foster care in Franklin County. Currently, foster homes are needed for teenagers, teen moms, and sibling groups of three children or more.

To learn more about the rewards of being a foster parent, please call Franklin County Children Services at (614) 341-6060 or visit www.franklincountyohio.gov/children_services.

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