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NYC ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES RECOGNIZES NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH AND REMINDS NEW YORKERS THERE ARE CHILDREN & TEENS IN FOSTER CARE WHO NEED LOVING FOREVER HOMES

ACS is Committed to Ensuring Every Child, No Matter Their Background or Age, Has a Forever Family

NEW YORK, NY – As part of National Adoption Month, the New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS) is recognizing New Yorkers who have adopted children in foster care as well as the professionals who work to support the adoption process. National Adoption Month is celebrated every November across the country to remind everyone that there are children and teens in foster care who cannot return home and who need loving forever families.

"In recognition of National Adoption Month, ACS is proud to celebrate the adoptive families and child welfare professionals who have helped provide a forever home to children and teenagers in need," **said ACS Commissioner Jess Dannhauser**. "Most children in foster care return home safely to their families, but when that is not possible, ACS works hard to ensure that children are provided a permanent and loving home where they can thrive."

New York City's foster care system continues to improve outcomes for children through new and innovative initiatives, and the number of children in foster care has reached a historic low of under 7,000. Most children in foster care return home safely to their families, but when that is not possible, ACS and our foster care agency partners work to achieve permanent families for children through adoption or kinship guardianship (with relatives or close friends who become permanent caregivers).

For information about becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please visit:

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/acs/child-welfare/foster-adopt.page>

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