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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 have a permanent and loving home where they can thrive. We are fortunate that children who are adopted are adopted by the foster parent who is already providing them loving care. We are grateful to the thousands of foster and adoptive families who give so selflessly of themselves."

"Every child and young person needs a loving home and family. During, National Adoption Month, we recognize all those who have brought a child or young person into their life through adoption or foster care. New York City has and always will stand up for children and families and we thank every person that has and will stand up to give a forever home to children and young people who need one," **said Deputy Mayor of Health and Human Services Anne Williams-Isom.**

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 6,500. 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 provide children with a stable, loving, permanent family 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:
<https://www.nyc.gov/site/acs/child-welfare/become-foster-adoptive-parent.page>

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