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Re: Foster and Kinship Caregiver Appreciation Month - October 2020

We are excited to announce that October 2020 will mark the 1st Foster and Kinship Caregiver Appreciation Month in Alberta. Traditionally, we've celebrated and honoured foster and kinship caregivers during the 3rd full week of October. However, with the size of our province and the number of caregivers spread across it, we felt that one week was just not enough. Many thanks to the Minister of Children's Services, the Honourable Rebecca Schulz, for declaring the Month of October as Foster and Kinship Caregiver Appreciation Month.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of the Alberta Foster and Kinship Association, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the more than 4200 foster and kinship homes across Alberta and to those across Canada. On a daily basis, foster and kinship caregivers work closely and in collaboration with families, government, agencies, schools, medical professionals, agencies and more to ensure the safety and the best possible outcomes for the children and youth in their care.

Your commitment, dedication, support and kindness to the children and youth placed in your care, at a time in their lives when they need it the most, is nothing short of admirable. From ensuring familial, community to cultural connections, we appreciate and commend all you do every day in supporting our most vulnerable children and youth.

In October, we hope that you may be able to take part in some of the celebrations and recognition events being held in honour of foster and kinship caregivers across Alberta and Canada. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for updated caregiver recognition events across our province.

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