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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 – In recognition of National Adoption Month, the New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS) is thanking New Yorkers who have adopted children from foster care as well as the professionals who work to support the adoption process. ACS encourages other caring New Yorkers to learn about adoption and foster care.

National Adoption Month is celebrated every November across the country to recognize and thank those who have opened their hearts and homes to create forever families for children in foster care. While most children in foster care return home to their families, those who are unable to reunify safely can be adopted by a loving family.

"Here at ACS, we work every day to provide children and families the services and supports they need so that every New York City child can have a safe, loving family. National Adoption Month is an opportunity to say thank you to the dedicated staff who help create forever families through adoption, as well as the New Yorkers who have opened their hearts and homes to children and youth in need," said ACS Commissioner Jess Dannhauser.

Ensuring that all children and teenagers have the support they need helps them survive, thrive, and can possibly change the trajectory of their lives. Most children in foster care return home safely to their families, but there are times that is not possible. The dedicated professionals at ACS and our provider agencies are dedicated to helping children and youth thrive in permanent and loving homes. 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. Once again,

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