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**Summit County Children Services celebrates National Foster Care Month**

**AKRON, OH – April 2020** –Summit County Children Services (SCCS) recognizes the month of May as National Foster Care Month. This is an annual observance dedicated to show appreciation and gratitude to foster parents who have opened their hearts and home to children in need.

SCCS currently has over 800 children in agency custody and only 170 foster homes. Last year, SCCS served 1 out of 11 children in Summit County. "Our foster parents provide critical care to children when they are no longer able to safely live in their own homes," said Julie Barnes, Executive Director. "We honor them because we know their commitment and dedication to love and care for these children and families can be a challenging yet rewarding journey." Foster parents provide for children while their parents are receiving the help, support and resources they need. SCCS thanks foster parents for being the reason for a brighter future for children.

For more information about how to become a foster parent, please contact the Summit County Children Services inquiry line at (330) 379-1990 or you can visit our website at [summitkids.org](http://summitkids.org).

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