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Summit County Children Services Recognizes Area Foster Parents

AKRON, OH – May 2022 – Summit County Children Services (SCCS) recognized local foster parents who open their homes, hearts and lives to children at the 72nd annual Foster Parent Recognition Dinner on May 13th. The dinner commemorated May as National Foster Care Month and celebrated families and individuals for their devotion to ensuring the safety, permanency and well-being of children in Summit County.

Among the area foster parents receiving special recognition are:

- o **Retiring Foster Parents**: Angelique Yost, Jonilon Vaughn, John and Kristene Warnick, Virgil and Kimberly Simmons, Illinois and Susan Wilson, III and Deborah and Mary Jane Heintz.
- Longevity Awards:
 - o **25 Years of Service:** Carl and Malinda Williams
 - o 15 Years of Service: Sandra and Kelli Buckner
 - o 15 Years of Service: Nancy Martin and Walter Harold
 - o 10 Years of Service: Christopher and Anamarie Bolyard and Sara Yeager

SCCS has nearly 850 children in custody and provided services to 1 out of 12 children in Summit County last year. As the need for foster parents continues to grow, SCCS relies on the support of local families and individuals to help keep kids safe.

To learn more about becoming a foster parent, please call the SCCS Foster Care Inquiry line at (330) 379-1990 or visit www.summitkids.org.