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## Summit County Children Services Celebrates November as National Adoption Month

**AKRON, OHIO** – **November 2022** – Summit County Children Services (SCCS) celebrates National Adoption Month each November as a time to raise awareness about the need for permanent families for children in foster care.

SCCS has more than 830 children in custody of which over 200 children are in the permanent custody of the agency. Over 60 of these children have no specific plan for permanency and need a "forever family." Children in the care of SCCS become available for adoption only after reunification with their biological family is not possible due to safety concerns.

"Each child is unique and by providing them with a stable, permanent family, they will have the best opportunity for success in their future," said Cassandra Holtzmann, Executive Director of SCCS. "It is critical that every child has a loving family to call their own," said Holtzmann.

SCCS encourages the community to learn more about adoption and acknowledges the efforts of those whose lives have been impacted by adoption.

To learn more about how to become a foster-to-adopt parent, please join SCCS for a Virtual Open House on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. To register for this event, please call the foster care inquiry line at (330) 379-1990 or visit summitkids.org.

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