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**Summit County Children Services Recognizes November as National Adoption Month**

**AKRON, OHIO – October 2020** – Summit County Children Services (SCCS) recognizes National Adoption Month each November as a time to raise awareness about the need for permanent families for children and youth in foster care.

With nearly 800 children in the custody of SCCS and more than 150 children in permanent custody, there is an essential need for foster and adoptive homes in our community. Children in the care of SCCS become available for adoption only after reunification with their biological family is not safely possible. “Children in our custody have experienced trauma from abuse and neglect, and foster and adoptive families can provide the safety, security and love children need to heal” said Julie Barnes, Executive Director of SCCS. “Securing lifelong family connections for children is critical for their future achievement, health and well-being,” said Barnes.

We hope you will consider and encourage others to provide a child with a permanent home and family. To learn more about Foster Care and Adoption, please join SCCS for a Virtual Open House on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. You can register for the event by calling the foster care inquiry line at (330) 379-1990 or by visiting the website at [www.summitkids.org](http://www.summitkids.org).

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