NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH!

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Every Child Deserves a Place to Belong

Imagine growing up not knowing where you'll spend your next birthday, who will cheer for you at graduation, or if you'll have a place to call home for the holidays. For children and youth in foster care, these uncertainties can be part of everyday life.

November is National Adoption Month, a time to shine a light on children waiting for permanent, loving families, and the extraordinary difference that feeling of belonging can make.

Here in Maine, children of all ages are waiting for the security, stability, and lifelong connections of family. While adoption is often associated with younger children, teenagers are among those who need families most. Imagine being seventeen and approaching adulthood without someone to call when life becomes overwhelming; someone to celebrate your first job, offer advice, or simply ask how your day went. The need for family doesn't end when childhood does.

Adoption is about more than opening a door. It's about building trust, creating memories, and making a lifelong commitment. It's giving a child the confidence of knowing someone will be there, not just today, but for all the tomorrows ahead.

While not everyone can adopt, everyone can help. Businesses can raise awareness, and individuals can become advocates by sharing information with friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Sometimes, one conversation is all it takes to inspire someone to explore fostering or adoption.

At A Family for Me, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to thrive and experience the enduring connections of family. We are grateful to the individuals, businesses, and community partners who help carry that message throughout Maine.

This November, help us spread the word. You never know whose heart you might reach or whose life you might change.

To learn more about foster care and adoption in Maine, visit afamilyformemaine.org.

Calling All Maine Educators!

Every day, educators are on the front lines of supporting children and families. You see the needs, build relationships, and you have an incredible opportunity to help strengthen our communities. One important way to support Maine's most vulnerable children is to raise awareness of the need for adoptive and foster families in our state! There are several simple ways to do that:

- Invite us to present at an in-service or professional development day. We can provide information about foster care, answer questions, and help your staff better understand the needs of children and families involved in foster care.
- Give us a space to share information. Consider placing our flyers, brochures, or other resources in a staff lounge, lobby, family resource area, or another high-traffic location.
- Invite us to table at a school event. We'd be happy to attend appropriate school or community events where we can connect with educators, families, and community members.
- Share our information with your school community. A post in a staff newsletter, school communication, or social media page can help us reach someone who may be ready to take the first step. We would also be happy to deliver, or mail informational materials. All you need to do is provide us with a mailing address!

We'd love to hear if you have any other creative ways to share this important messaging! For more information or to request materials, please contact Christine at cbrown@spurwink.org or call 274-0745. To schedule an in-person event, please contact the recruiter listed in your area.

Your Church Can Make a Difference!

Every child deserves a safe, stable, and loving home. Churches have a unique opportunity to help raise awareness about the need for foster families and support for children in care.

We invite your congregation to join us in spreading the word about foster care and the many ways individuals and families can make a difference. Your church can help by inviting us to present to your congregation or small groups, displaying our printed materials in your church building, sharing information in your church newsletters or bulletins, and posting about foster care on your social media channels.

Even small steps can spark meaningful conversations, inspire families to explore fostering, and connect children and caregivers with much-needed support.

Will your church partner with us to help make a difference?

Together, we can help more people understand the need for foster care and discover how they can get involved. Contact us today to learn how your church can help spread awareness and support children and families in our community!

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