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**NOTE: This event is for foster caregivers by invitation only. The media is welcome and this press release is for your coverage of the event.**

## **Trumbull County Children Services and North Mar Church partner for Foster Caregiver Appreciation event in honor of foster caregivers and their families**

**Warren, Ohio** – Trumbull County Children Services (TCCS) and North Mar Church are partnering for a second year to show our gratitude for the foster families in Trumbull County. The Foster Caregiver Appreciation event is free and will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022, at North Mar Church, at 3855 E. Market Street, in Warren from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. The event will offer a food truck, bounce houses, pumpkin decorating, face painting and much more.

Children Services and North Mar Church began this joint venture of family fun to honor the commitment and compassion of Trumbull County foster caregivers. North Mar Church hosts the Foster Caregiver Appreciation family event because they believe that foster caregivers are real heroes. North Mar Church has members who have adopted internationally, as well as families who have fostered and adopted locally through Children Services.

Timothy Schaffner, Executive Director of TCCS shares, “We are so thankful for the support that North Mar Church provides to our Agency and our community. Foster caregivers Stand in the Gap for children who have been abused and neglected. They provide a safe, temporary home for them, while our Agency works with the family to get them strong and healthy so kids can go home. This hard work needs to be celebrated.”

Paul Armitage, Outreach Pastor at North Mar Church, shares, “Fostering changes lives. I’ve had a front-row seat to loving families who have wrapped their arms of love around a vulnerable child. That child is forever impacted by the care and love of a family who decided to say YES to fostering. Foster families need to be applauded and blessed for what they do. This is a small thing that we can do as a church.”

Deanna Prezioso, Supervisor of Foster & Kinship Care for Trumbull County Children Services, shares, “All children belong in a family. The goal for every child that enters into Agency custody is to be reunited with their biological family, which in most cases is the healthiest solution for the child. Our

dedicated foster caregivers play the role of parental figure while the birth family works toward the goal of reunification.”

To learn more about fostering, please call 330-372-2010 or visit [trumbullcsb.org/fosteradopt](http://trumbullcsb.org/fosteradopt). A copy of the Foster Caregiver Appreciation announcement is attached. For questions or more information, please contact Michelle Schmader, Community Liaison and Recruitment Specialist, at 330-307-3548.

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