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MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

Bring Them Home campaign has increased number of local foster homes, kept more children in community

Racine – As Racine County continues its efforts to keep local foster children in the community, County Executive Jonathan Delagrave is reminding the public that May is National Foster Care Month, an opportunity to show gratitude toward those who improve the lives of children and teens in foster care.

In appreciation of local foster families and supporters of the foster care program, Racine County will coordinate activities, including a signed proclamation from County Executive Delagrave. The proclamation recognizes the efforts of all community members who are improving the lives of children and youth who are part of foster care.

This year's Foster Care Month comes on the heels of Racine County's Bring Them Home campaign, an effort launched in 2018 to recruit and license new foster homes in Racine County and bring back local children who were placed in homes outside the county. By the end of the year, the number of children placed in care outside Racine County dropped by about 50 percent, while the number of licensed foster homes increased by 10 percent. In total, approximately 160 foster families provided homes to more than 400 Racine County children in foster care in 2018.

"We are so grateful for the tireless efforts of foster families, Racine County staff and community members that manage and coordinate the foster care program," Delagrave said. "Their compassionate and dedicated service changes the lives of kids and teens every day."

To learn how you can use your time, talent and resources for Racine County Foster Care, contact Dan Chiappetta of Racine County Foster Care at 262.638.6509 or dan.chiappetta@racinecounty.com. You can also visit Foster Care online at racinecounty.com/fostercare or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/RacineCountyFosterCare](https://www.facebook.com/RacineCountyFosterCare).

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