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Children's Home Society Celebrates National Adoption Awareness Month



The Breneman Family

CHS staff and adoptive families are available for interviews upon request.

October 29, 2019 – Greensboro, NC – Each year, November is recognized as National Adoption Awareness Month. While all adoption-related issues are important, the particular focus of this month is the adoption of children living in foster care. In North Carolina, nearly 12,000 children are part of the foster care system, and more than 500 youth age out of foster care each year without finding a permanent adoptive family.

These children are in need of a family to love, nurture, and protect them. They come from a variety of backgrounds. Some have special needs, some are part of a sibling group, and many are older children or teenagers.

Often the public is unaware of these children and the realities of adoption. National Adoption Awareness Month provides organizations, including Children's Home Society of NC, with a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness.

The Breneman family is just one CHS family who chose to foster while awaiting adoption of 3-year-old twins, as well as an unrelated infant. In June 2019, all three adoptions were complete.

“It’s been an emotionally difficult journey, but it’s been 100 percent worth it,” said Briana Breneman. “It’s easy to want to shy away from things that are difficult, but if we continue to do that, then we will really miss out on blessings that come from difficult places.”

“There are kids who need families, and they are beautiful kids with wonderful hearts,” Breneman continued. “Love and consistency go a really long way in bringing healing to their lives. They’ve done much more for me than I have done for them.”

CHS is North Carolina’s leading adoption agency completing more adoptions than any other private agency in the state – over 200 adoptions last year and more than 16,000 adoptions throughout its history.

CHS has several initiatives occurring throughout November to help raise adoption awareness, including our searchable online database of children awaiting adoption www.chsnc.org/meet, as well as free information sessions for those interested in learning more about foster care and adoption www.chsnc.org/info-meetings.

In November these free, no obligation meetings will be held in Asheville, Burlington, Cabarrus County, Charlotte, Durham County, Greensboro, Greenville, Lenoir, Morganton, North Wilkesboro, Wake County, and Winston-Salem, as well as online.

Last year Children’s Home Society served more than 18,000 North Carolina children and families in its mission to promote the right of every child to a permanent, safe, and loving family. This included providing a safe haven for more than 870 children with foster care families, giving 203 children a permanent family to call their own through adoption, and providing educational services to nearly 13,000 teens, parents, and professionals.

For more information on Children’s Home Society, becoming a foster or adoptive parent, volunteering, or providing financial support, please call 1-800-632-1400 or visit www.chsnc.org.

About Children’s Home Society of North Carolina

Children’s Home Society offers a network of services and support throughout North Carolina to help establish and sustain healthy, loving relationships in every family. For 117 years, Children’s Home Society has provided a broad spectrum of programs and services including adoption, foster care, parenting education, family preservation, and teen pregnancy prevention. Children’s Home Society believes in the importance of family, not only in the life of a child but also in the foundation of a community. For more information, visit www.chsnc.org.