

# FOREVER FAMILIES

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## Family Focus

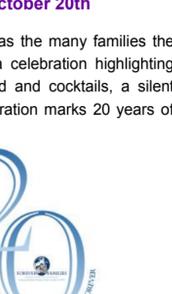
June 2017

### Taking Strides to Help Foster Kids in the Community

Forever Families hosted its 3rd annual 5K Fun Run/Walk on May 20th at Nankin Mills Park in Westland to support the 13,000 Michigan children in foster care. As the month of May is National Foster Care Awareness Month, this fun event was a great way for supporters to come together to raise awareness among the community about the need for loving, nurturing foster families. Forever Families would like to thank all who came out while sharing the common desire to help children in need.

Runners/walkers of all ages, even our four-legged friends, were delighted for a beautiful, sunny day and enjoyed a post-race picnic with some tasty treats, as well as extra fun and camaraderie.

We applaud the families who are willing to open their hearts and homes to children in need. To learn more about Forever Families' Foster Care Programs, please contact Jean at [jstenzel@forever-families.org](mailto:jstenzel@forever-families.org) or 734.762.0909.



**THANK YOU for Supporting Forever Families' 2017 5K Fun Run/Walk for Foster Care Awareness**

**ALL the 5K Fun Run/Walk participants**  
**Our dedicated staff & volunteers for your time and help**  
**Kneading Something Sweet**  
**Busch's Fresh Market**

**Newsletter Spotlight**

Be sure to check out our **Family Blog!** Read stories of families sharing their personal fostering/adoption journey. [www.forever-families.org](http://www.forever-families.org)

### Forever Families' 20th Anniversary Celebration Gala Set for October 20th

Forever Families supporters, business and community leaders, as well as the many families the agency has been able to help since 1997 are invited to a gala celebration highlighting 20 years of bringing families together. Guests will enjoy delicious food and cocktails, a silent auction, and an evening of great music and dancing. This special celebration marks 20 years of giving children families forever, and we hope you can join us!

**Friday, October 20, 2017 ~ 6:30pm-12:00am**  
**Laurel Manor, Willow Room ~ Livonia, MI**  
**Cocktail Attire**  
6:30pm ~ Cocktail Reception, Silent Auction Opens  
7:30pm ~ Dinner  
8:30pm ~ Program  
9:00pm ~ Music & Dancing



Executive Director Denise Weiss and Chief Administrative Officer/President Jean Stenzel founded Forever Families in 1997 with a shared mission - "Giving Children Families Forever." This commitment and dedication to helping children in need has only grown through the years, and 2017 marks a milestone for the agency. "We look forward to celebrating with all our supporters while commemorating those who share our mission," said Jean Stenzel. "We could not do what we do without the support of our wonderful families, community partners, and all those who champion helping children in need of a loving home."

**Please contact Sunny at [skerschenheiter@forever-families.org](mailto:skerschenheiter@forever-families.org) for reservations/ticket sales, event info, sponsorship opportunities, silent auction donations.**

### Backpacks, School Supplies Needed August Picnic Kicks Off New School Year for Our Kids in Foster Care

Summer break might be right around the corner; however, the new school year will be here before we know it!

As children get ready to hit the books once again, Forever Families will send all our kids in foster care with the necessary supplies needed to learn and excel.

Our families will enjoy a picnic at Handy Park in Redford on August 25th where each child will receive a hug, well wishes, and a backpack full of everything needed for a great school year.



We welcome and appreciate donations of new backpacks, lunch boxes, school supplies, etc.

Please contact Sunny at [skerschenheiter@forever-families.org](mailto:skerschenheiter@forever-families.org) if you would like to help. BIG THANKS!

### Upcoming Events & Trainings

**PRIDE Training**  
Friday June 16th 9:00am - 5:00pm (FULL)  
**NO PRIDE IN JULY**  
Friday August 18th 9:00am - 5:00pm (FULL)  
Friday September 15th 9:00am - 5:00pm

**Orientation**  
Thursday June 15th 10:00am-12:00pm  
Tuesday June 20th 6:00pm - 8:00pm (FULL)  
**NO ORIENTATION IN JULY**  
Tuesday August 15th 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Thursday August 17th 10:00am-12:00pm

### Ready for Some Summer Fun...

Warm, sunny days. BBQ cookouts. Wading in the pool. Road trips. The coming months is an opportunity for everyone to enjoy all summer has to offer. The Forever Families team wishes you a fun, safe summer full of memorable moments!



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