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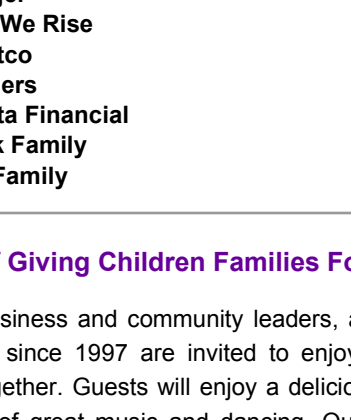
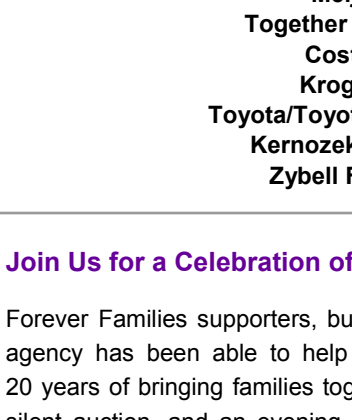
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Family Focus

September 2017

Back to School Picnic Kicks Off New School Year

Forever Families hosted its annual Back to School Backpack Picnic on August 25th at Handy Park in Redford for some fun in the sun before the start of the new school year. Our foster/adoptive families enjoyed a tasty bbq, water activities and camaraderie. Each child received a backpack full of school supplies, SweetCase duffel bags filled with goodies, as well as warm well wishes for a GREAT school year. We are grateful for all our donors. Your generosity and support helped make the event a great success and ensured our foster/adoptive children have everything needed to learn and excel.



THANK YOU for Supporting Forever Families' 2017 Back to School Backpack Picnic

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Zybell Family

Newsletter Spotlight

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

Join Us for a Celebration of Giving Children Families Forever Since 1997

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 enjoy a gala celebration highlighting 20 years of bringing families together. Guests will enjoy a delicious buffet dinner and cocktails, a silent auction, and an evening of great music and dancing. Our Master of Ceremonies for this momentous occasion is Blaine Fowler from 96.3 WDVV. 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

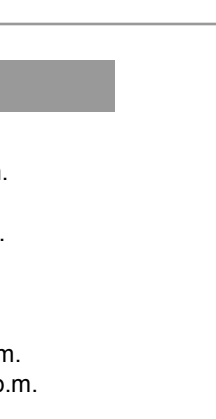
Cocktail Attire

6:30pm ~ Cocktail Reception, Silent Auction Opens

7:30pm ~ Dinner

8:45pm ~ Program

9:00pm ~ Music & Dancing



For additional event info, visit www.forever-families.org/20th-anniversary-gala

Please contact Sunny at skerschenheiter@forever-families.org for reservations/ticket sales, sponsorship opportunities, silent auction donations.

A Reflection on the Past 20 Years ... Message from Co-Founders Denise & Jean

We have been thinking about the last 20 years quite a bit lately and how we have grown. Where we started. Where we are today. We certainly could not continue to do our good work without our team who include the following: Mary Jo, Mary, Nicole, Amanda, Katie, Rhiannon, Brittany, Bridgett, Wilrice and Sunny. Also, please welcome our newest team members: Kim D., Kim P., Jessica, Louise, Jeremy, Deirdre, Manessa, Madison, Lindsay and Stephanie. Welcome to our family and our team! We look forward to you giving children families forever with us.

~ Jean Stenzel, CA/President

~ Denise Weiss, Executive Director

Upcoming Events & Trainings

PRIDE Training

Friday September 15th 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

Friday October 20th 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

Friday November 17th 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

No classes in December

Foster Care Orientation

Tuesday September 19th 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Tuesday September 21st 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Thursday October 17th 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Thursday October 19th 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Thursday November 16th 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Tuesday November 21st 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

No classes in December

**** YOU MUST RSVP TO BRIDGETT CRAIG AT 734.762.0909 TO BE PUT ON SCHEDULE. NO WALK-INS.**

Open Your Heart and Home

There are 13,000 children in foster care in Michigan alone. These children are in need of a loving, nurturing home... sometimes for a little while ... sometimes forever. If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please contact Jean at jstenzel@forever-families.org or call 734.762.0909.



Every child deserves a family

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Looking Ahead to the Holiday Season

The holidays will be here before we know it, and Forever Families is already gearing up to ensure all our foster/adoptive children have their holiday gifts wish list fulfilled. We can surely use some support from any extra special elves out there! Please contact Sunny at skerschenheiter@forever-families.org to learn more about how you can help.



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