

## October is Foster Family Month in Parksville

Mayor Ed Mayne has proclaimed the month of October as "*Foster Family Month*" in the City of Parksville.

For more than twenty years, the Province of British Columbia has declared October as Foster Family Month to recognize the dedicated individuals and families who nurture and guide the lives of children and youth as foster caregivers.

Currently in BC there are thousands of children who need temporary foster families when they are unable to live at home. Many of these children and teens have experienced trauma and difficult times. Foster caregivers provide not only food and shelter but also invaluable day-to-day stability, care and support to vulnerable children and youth.

More information about fostering in BC is available at [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/fostering](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/fostering).

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