

## November is Adoption Awareness Month in Parksville

**PARKSVILLE, BC:** The City of Parksville has proclaimed November as “Adoption Awareness Month” in Parksville. This follows a similar proclamation from the Province of BC, and builds on the recognition of foster families in October. This month provides the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many families created through adoption in our community.

According to the Ministry of Children and Family Development, there are currently over 1,000 children and youth in British Columbia who are in government care, waiting for a permanent family. Many of these children and youth have a diverse range of needs.

Potential adoptive parents come from an equally diverse range of backgrounds; anyone over the age of 19 who is interested in providing a stable, loving home may be eligible to adopt. It is thanks to these selfless individuals that many children receive the immeasurable benefits of belonging to a family, including the support, assistance, and advice that is necessary to face the challenges of growing up.

“October was Foster Family Awareness Month in Parksville, and it just makes sense to follow that up with Adoption Awareness Month. Adoptive parents make a huge commitment by offering vulnerable children and youth a sense of stability and a permanent loving home. The City is tremendously pleased to have this opportunity to applaud and celebrate the adoptive families in our community,” said Mayor Chris Burger.

Information about Adoption Awareness Month is available from [www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/adoption](http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/adoption)

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