



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**Monday 9 September**

### **Foster and Kinship Care Week**

This week is Foster and Kinship Care Week, a time to celebrate and appreciate the wonderful people who look after children in out-of-home care. ACT Together is holding a number of events during the week which are outlined below.

On Tuesday 17 September at 2.00pm a Foster and Kinship Carer Appreciation High Tea will be held to celebrate our carers and the contribution they make to changing children's lives. Held in central Canberra, the event will feature guest speaker Brenda Mathews, a proud Wiradjuri woman and author and co-director of "The Last Daughter."

ACT Together will also be holding an online information session for anyone interested in finding out more about fostering at 12pm on 12<sup>th</sup> September. There will also be an in person foster care panel at 6pm at the Bruce office. Some of our existing foster carers will be present on the day to help answer your questions and share their first-hand experience of being a Carer with ACT Together. This Carer Panel will give you and other members of your family an opportunity to learn more about foster care in the ACT and ask any questions you may have to some of our existing foster carers. RSVP is via <https://www.acttogether.org.au/become-a-foster-carer/enquire-now/>

ACT Together are using the week to recruit foster carers with radio ads and outdoor advertisements around the nation's capital and Mayilan Park in Watson.

No matter how much time you have to give - from one weekend a month to a year or a whole childhood - you can change a child's life. ACT Together is seeking different types of foster carers in the Canberra region to provide safe and stable homes for children and young people who cannot live with their families.

Foster carers are especially needed for children living with a disability, groups of two or more siblings and young people aged 11-15 years. ACT Together is committed to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children remain connected to culture.

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