



Hastings CAS thanks local faith community

With over 468 children in care, recruiting foster and adoptive families in South, Central and North Hastings continues to be a priority for Hastings Children's Aid Society (HCAS).

According to Janet Vintinner, HCAS Resource Supervisor, a new partnership with a number of churches in the community has help generate awareness of the need to increase the number of foster families.

"We are really excited to be working with members of these churches and their congregations," said Vintinner. "It's a wonderful opportunity to spread the word about our need for foster families who are willing to foster babies up to two years of age, as well as both male and female teenagers."

Participating churches designate someone in their congregation to work directly with a representative from Hastings CAS. Vintinner reports that often times community members have questions regarding fostering and adoption but would prefer to speak to someone they know.

"The church designate answers some initial questions and encourages the individual to contract the agency to learn more," she explained.

Currently Hastings CAS has 199 great and extremely dedicated foster families, but Vintinner emphasized that the Society needs more.

"It is important that we have the right number of homes in order to successfully match every child with a family best prepared to meet his or her needs," she said.

Hastings CAS also has approximately 40 children available for adoption, including school age children and siblings groups. Like foster families, adoptive families receive extensive support and training.

If you would like to learn more about fostering or adopting a child, or if you would like your church to become involved, contact Hastings Children's Aid Society at 613-962-9192.

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