



“Partnering with people who have developmental disabilities to achieve healthy, fulfilling, enriched lives.”



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KOINONIA CELEBRATES NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH
Holds Dinner to Recognize Dedicated Families

Koinonia, a private, Cleveland non-profit, recognizes foster families as part of National Foster Care month this May.

According to the National Foster Care Organization, there are an estimated 12 million foster care alumni in the United States. Behind this incredible statistic are individuals who have stepped up to make a difference in someone’s life. They are living, breathing examples of this year’s theme: You Can Change a Lifetime.

To our organization those individuals are silent heroes. Their overwhelming kindness and dedication might go unnoticed because - from the outside looking in - they appear like anyone else. However, these foster caregivers are truly extraordinary.

Currently at Koinonia, there are four foster families who have *changed a lifetime* of seven individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). They provide 24-hour care whether it be feeding or cleaning an individual or creating a healthy, nurturing home environment.

For more than 10 years, Koinonia has placed individuals with IDD into supporting foster family homes. To celebrate their dedication and honor them during this national event, the organization is hosting a private dinner for families on Thursday, May 13th.

For more information on National Foster Care Month, please visit www.fostercaremonth.org. Or, to learn more about how you can be involved with Koinonia’s Foster Care program please contact Craig Hasel via email at craig.hasel@koinoniahomes.org.

About Koinonia Homes, Inc.

Koinonia Homes, Inc. (coin-o-nee-yah) is a private, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides residential and vocational services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) throughout Cuyahoga County, Ohio. It is the largest provider of IDD services in the county, serving over 260 individuals and employing 450 staff members. Koinonia was founded with the firm conviction that individuals with IDD could - and should - take their rightful place in communities as productive citizens. Our mission is partnering with people who have developmental disabilities to achieve healthy, fulfilling, enriched lives. Visit www.koinoniahomes.org to learn more about our organization.