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Family Day Reminds Us that Many Children Still Need a Safe and Loving Home

As Ontario celebrates Family Day on Monday, February 20th, Hastings Children's Aid Society reminds everyone of the Society's continued need for more foster families for the children and youth in its care, particularly for infants under two, sibling groups and teens.

Every young person deserves a supportive and loving environment to grow up in. Family Day is a celebration of families – all types of families – and it's a good time to bring to light the need for more foster families. Whether it's for a short period of time or for a lifetime, connecting with a family can provide a life changing experience for kids in care.

Children and youth come into care for a variety of reasons. None of which are their fault. Whether they need protection from abuse or neglect or come into care as a result of difficult family circumstances, they each deserve a stable, loving home.

Children in need of a foster home can range in age from infancy to 18 years and come from diverse cultural, religious and family backgrounds. Many are teenagers, some are brothers and sisters and some have physical, emotional or developmental challenges.

The Society encourages all families to take the opportunity to enjoy spending Family Day together and to consider opening their hearts and homes to a child or youth in need. Their safety and well being is everyone's responsibility.

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