



NWT RESIDENTS,

In October and November, we celebrate **Foster Family Appreciation Month** and **Adoption Awareness Month**. It is an opportunity to recognize how fostering and adoption can positively support and shape our NWT families.

I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the efforts of our NWT Foster Care families and adoption families in sharing their homes and opening their hearts and providing the nurturing, love and support that each child needs. You help our territory's children and youth attain a bright future and that is something that deserves the utmost recognition. Thank you.

Throughout the year, we will continue to promote and advertise for potential foster families and adoptive homes to raise awareness of the importance of fostering and adoption and finding permanent homes for children - as this will help so many children who are waiting for a permanent home.

More specifically, we will:

- Provide information about foster care services and adoptions in the NWT;
- Raise awareness for the need for short term and long term foster families and adoptive homes in the NWT; and
- Celebrate the adoption process and offer post-adoption financial and non-financial support as a part of our culture and a way to build strong, healthy families and ensure children have loving, long term homes.

Visit the Department of Health and Social Services' website for more information on how to become a foster or adoptive parent.

We never outgrow the need for a family!

Sincerely,

Glen Abernethy
Minister of Health and Social Services