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## **The Cumberland County Department of Social Services Celebrates National Foster Care Month**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – The Cumberland County Department of Social Services is joining agencies across the country in celebrating National Foster Care Month.

“The month of May provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the needs of children in foster care, including the need for more foster families,” said Sandra Robinson of the Department of Social Services. “We encourage our local citizens to get involved and learn more about foster parenting.”

Some of the DSS activities include honoring foster families by hosting an annual foster care picnic and a balloon release to commemorate foster children across the nation. Awards will also be presented during a separate ceremony to thank foster families and community partners in Cumberland County.

Also, the Fayetteville Regional Association of Realtors will again be sponsoring a “Suitcases for Kids” drive during the month.

“Throughout the year, DSS collects suitcases through the Suitcases for Kids program to ensure that children who are moving to different foster home placements have a dignified way to transport their belongings,” Robinson said. Anyone who would like to donate a new suitcase or backpack to a child can drop the item off at the first-floor reception desk of the Social Services building, located at 1225 Ramsey St.

For those interested in learning more about foster care or adoption, informational sessions are held on the third Thursday of each month at 12 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Social Services building. The next one will be May 19.

All interested Cumberland County and military families are invited. For additional information contact Sandra Robinson at (910) 677-2541 or e-mail [SandraRobinson@ccdsnc.com](mailto:SandraRobinson@ccdsnc.com).

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