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Trillium acknowledges Therapeutic Foster Care providers Dedication throughout the pandemic ensured treatment and hope for 395 children

GREENVILLE, NC- Trillium Health Resources celebrates our dedicated providers of Therapeutic Foster Care who worked relentlessly after the arrival of COVID-19. Treatment parents navigated an unknown pandemic while supporting children with complex behavioral health conditions and developmental disabilities. In standard times this is never a simple responsibility, and we want to honor their willingness to help provide continuity of care for these children during an extraordinary time.

"It should not hurt to be a child!" says therapeutic foster parents, Verena and John. "Children deserve the best opportunities for a bright future. It's our responsibility as a community and a nation to make sure all children (including those in foster care) receive appropriate, culturally sensitive, and equitable services to maximize their development and brighten their futures. The value of foster care, is just that...an opportunity to be safe, loved, cherished and a chance to <u>enjoy</u> being a child!"

Trillium worked with providers such as Easterseals UCP to offer a one-time sustainability bonus payment to Residential Level II (TFC and IAFT) Contractors for services rendered during the 2021 calendar year. Treatment parents received 80% of this funding which was targeted to parents with successful and consistent placements. We recognize the additional financial stress that may come with the reward of providing a loving and safe environment to these children. We hope the additional funds helped these 290 parents during the pandemic.

"We are overwhelmed by Trillium's generosity! It shows that Trillium truly wants to partner with provider agencies because they see the value in supporting high quality therapeutic foster care programs. There is such a need for therapeutic foster parents and it is exciting to show them they are valued," says Deanna Cornett, program director.

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Any households interested in serving as a treatment parent can contact Deanna Cornett at 919-815-5437 or <u>deanna.cornett@eastersealsucp.com</u>. Potential candidates must be willing to go through extensive pre-licensure training and have time, patience, tolerance and love to give to a child who may present with some challenging behaviors. <u>Fostering is challenging, but there is no greater reward.</u>

ABOUT TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES

Trillium Health Resources is a leading specialty care manager (LME/MCO) for individuals with serious substance use, mental illness and intellectual/ developmental disabilities in 28 counties in eastern North Carolina. Trillium's mission is transforming lives and building community well-being through partnership and proven solutions. We help every community and individual we serve to reach their fullest potential. By coordinating care across multiple systems, we achieve improved health outcomes, quality of care, and efficient use of resources. Trillium remains focused on delivering the right services, in the right amount, at the right time. For more information, visit www.TrilliumHealthResources.org.

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