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News Release

Come Walk with Us

May 3, 2012, Monroe, NC – The Union County Department of Social Services and the Foster Parent Association are celebrating National Foster Care Month by joining together to sponsor a walk to raise awareness for the need for foster parents and to celebrate the children in foster care and their foster families.

The walk will be held on Saturday, May 19 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Don Griffin Memorial Park, 147 Cedar Street in Monroe. There will be entertainment, refreshments and information on becoming a foster parent and supporting the foster care program.

Foster Care is a temporary living arrangement for abused, neglected or abandoned children who need a safe place to live when their parents or another relative cannot take care of them. All types of children, from infants to teens may be brought into the custody of Union County DSS at various times and for various reasons.

To become a licensed foster parent you must be 21 years old and have a high school diploma or GED. You must also live in a stable, drug-free home and have sufficient income to meet your personal needs.

For more information, contact Sandra Harkness, Union County DSS Foster Care/Adoption Recruiter at 704-296-4469 or via email at sandra.harkness@co.union.nc.us.

Come support the foster families of Union County!

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