

## *Family Care Services Christmas Letter*



*December 2019*

*This year has brought many changes to our agency. We welcome Devon Kline to our admin staff and Rachel Shreve to our DD program. With all of these great additions to our staff, we also said goodbye to Emilee Little and Lydia Keplinger. We also welcomed many new families to our agency as well! It was great to see so many families at the annual Christmas Party. We had about 67 people there! I hope everyone enjoyed themselves, and I look forward to seeing you at the summer picnic in June. I really appreciate each one of you. You all do a great job at caring for and supporting the individuals we serve. Thank you for everything! Have a wonderful holiday season. Each program director wrote a little something to all of you below:*

*~Kristen Fisher, Clinical Director*

*The Family Based program would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Family Based has been part of Family Care Services for the past eight years. I have been part of the family based team for seven years and continue to be blessed with being employed at such a wonderful agency. A special thank you to all the staff and caregivers for everything you do! Your hard work, dedication, and compassion is truly appreciated. We hope your*



*holiday is full of laughter, love, joy, and peace. Bless you and your families during this holiday season and every day!*

*~Angela M. Ciccarelli, BA, CMHW (Family Based Director & MH Professional)*



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the world of foster care and adoption and permanency! Author Tonia Christle has written, "You might be temporary in their lives. They might be temporary in yours. But there is nothing temporary about the love or the lesson." There's so much truth in that. Sometimes the temporary nature of our relationships brings joy and sometimes grief. But in both, the love that was shown is permanent. We ask a lot of our resource parents, but the most important thing we ask is to love; to give children and teenagers a sense of belonging, whether it is short-term or lasts a lifetime. And we thank you, all of our resource parents, for doing just that - for loving. For celebrating, and grieving, and worrying, and protecting, and sacrificing, and attaching, and letting go. Many of you have had to physically let go of children you cared for, but we know they will always be in your hearts. Some of you have celebrated adoptions or are close to it; and we all celebrate with you! Resource parenting is hard in so many ways, and we value all you do, and we value you. During this holiday season and throughout the year, please remember that we are thankful for you! Best wishes for a blessed holiday season!

*~Andrea Adams, Foster Care and Permanency Programs Director*



The ID Program has experienced unprecedented change in 2019 which is likely to continue into 2020. Navigating these changes would not be possible without the support of all our wonderful Life Sharing families, both seasoned and new. I'm proud to report that we are now serving more individuals than any time in our history. This growth would not be possible without the remarkable network of people that care enough to do this type of work. We thank you and we appreciate you for all you do. I hope we can all take the time to enjoy the beautiful moments and happy memories that surround you this holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*~Tony Fisher, DD Program Director*



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