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Legacy Commons to Host “Share Your Heart, Share Your Home” Foster & Adoptive Care Workshop

PALMDALE – The Los Angeles County the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) will hold a free foster and adoptive care workshop entitled “Share Your Heart...Share Your Home” this Saturday, June 27 from 11 am to 1 pm at Legacy Commons for Active Seniors, 930 E. Ave. Q-9 in Palmdale.

The workshop is free. Lunch will be served. A panel of foster and adoptive parents as well as ex-foster youth will be on hand to discuss their experiences. To RSVP please call 888/811-1121 or visit www.ShareYourHeartLA.org.

Representatives from the Palmdale School District, Antelope Valley College, Los Angeles County Fire Department, City of Palmdale, City of Lancaster, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich’s office will also be participating to help get the word out about the urgent need for foster and adoptive families in the Antelope Valley and how people can become a foster or adoptive parent for abused and neglected children.

“It all started with a small meeting with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Antelope Valley Community partners who saw the critical need for more loving foster and adoptive families,” said Palmdale’s Community Programs Supervisor Trish Jones. “The Antelope Valley is a tight-knit community and it’s been wonderful to see how everyone cares about finding families for children in the Valley.”

Currently, DCFS receives over 10,000 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect each month. After social workers investigate, it is often necessary to remove children to keep them safe. Whenever possible, they are placed with relatives, but when there is no family, there needs to be safe and loving foster homes for these children. Furthermore, there are over 500 children in Los Angeles County waiting for a caring adoptive family that can provide much needed love and stability.

For more information about DCFS, please call Neil Zanville at 213/351-5886, or Sari Grant at 818/642-8897.

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