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Extra Funding to Celebrate Foster Carers’ Day

Minister for Family and Community Services, Marion Scrymgour today acknowledged the work of foster carers in the Northern Territory to mark National Foster Carers’ Day.

Ms Scrymgour also announced additional funding of $20,000 will be provided to allow Foster Care NT to lease office space in Alice Springs.

“Everyday should be Foster Carers’ Day – they do tremendous work and their contribution to their families and communities is priceless,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“They provide care for children of all ages and backgrounds who need support.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank all foster carers and their families for the commitment and dedication they demonstrate every day they care for a child.”

Ms Scrymgour said the additional funding for Foster Care NT would allow the organisation to set up an office in Alice Springs.

“The organisation does a great job supporting carers and the Northern Territory Government would like to assist them in this work,” she said.

Events to support National Foster Care Day will be held in Darwin and Alice Springs for foster carers, their families and the children in their care.

Ms Scrymgour also acknowledged the work of Foster Care NT committee members and the contribution they make towards the ongoing development of the Territory’s care system.

“They make valuable contributions as they work with Family and Children’s Services.”

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