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BOYS & GIRLS VILLAGE THANKS THERAPEUTIC FOSTER FAMILIES FOR CARING

MILFORD, CT (November 9, 2011) - On November 3rd, Boys & Girls Village hosted an Appreciation Dinner for all the wonderful foster parents and families involved with the agency in honor of National Adoption/Foster Care Month. This year the event was held at the Tashua Knolls Country Club. About 30 families and their foster children attended. Guests enjoyed a family style dinner that included an ice cream sundae bar. Each family also received a family photo in a brand new frame to take home.

The dinner is a time for foster families to come together and celebrate. One parent who transitioned to adoption expressed her gratitude to Boys & Girls Village with these words: “You have been through this with us since day one. This is now David’s forever family. Thank you for giving us our son. Thank you for fighting for us and representing us.”

Boys & Girls Village has been offering foster care resources to Connecticut communities since 1988. Called Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC), it has helped many children find supportive foster families, and sometimes adoptions.

Children who come to Boys & Girls Village’s therapeutic foster program need help at a clinical level. Our staff train and certify caring Connecticut residents to take in children who may be coping with loss or trauma, and/or behavioral or emotional disorders.

Currently, BGV is supporting approximately 48 children who have been placed into therapeutic foster homes in the Waterbury, Bridgeport and New Haven areas. Children who are referred to BGV are then matched with the foster family most suited for them, based on geography, demographics, and strengths and interests of the child and family. Once a child has been placed, a case manager works with the child and family to ensure needs are being met and that it is a positive experience for the child and family.

The devotion to TFC and more are what make Boys & Girls Village the agency of choice for therapeutic foster placement in New Haven, Fairfield, and Litchfield counties. To learn more about foster care and how to become a foster parent at BGV, please call 1-888-922-5528.

About Boys & Girls Village

Founded in 1942, Boys & Girls Village is one of Connecticut’s leading providers for professional behavioral and psychiatric “wrap around” care for at risk children and their families. The agency offers therapeutic interventions and a continuum of comprehensive, ongoing support for children and their families. Through its array of specialized evidence based treatment programs that include a specialized day school, outpatient clinical services, therapeutic foster care, adoption services, an

emergency shelter, and a sub-acute, live-in psychiatric facility. Clients come from 50 different communities in Connecticut, with the majority residing in Fairfield and New Haven counties. The children and adolescents who become part of the BGV family range in age from 3-18 years old and are treated for a host of psychiatric and behavioral issues. Operating in three locations – Milford, Bridgeport and Waterbury – Boys & Girls Village provides year-round counseling and age-appropriate clinical and educational programs to help Connecticut children and families **heal, learn** and **grow**.

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