

Spiritus celebrates wonderful Gympie Foster Carers in Foster and Kinship Care Week

Foster and Kinship Care week is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the valuable contribution made by Carers to children and young people who for many reasons cannot live with their parents. Cooloola Foster Care will be inviting the community and Foster Carers to celebrate this week from 8th – 14th March.

Kim Moir, Senior Co-ordinator with Spiritus in Gympie, said, “The aim of Foster Care Week is threefold – to recognise, celebrate and thank Foster Carers for the contribution they make to the lives of children in care; to raise community awareness of fostering and hopefully attract others to fostering, and to seek support from the community.

“Our recent Christmas campaign saw great support from individuals, groups and businesses in the community who supported Foster Carers and children by the donation of gifts and goods to make up hampers for children. We thank all those who contributed at that time.

“This designated week, with the theme of “Create a Smile”, will give carers the opportunity to come together for lunch which will be provided through a grant given by the Department of Child Safety through Peakcare. We hope to have some entertaining speeches and good conversation. Foster Carers will have time out”

The organising committee consisting of Foster Carers and staff of the Department of Child Safety and of Cooloola Foster Care will have a display stand at Goldfields Plaza and will be available to meet with interested community members who may want to know more about fostering. Businesses will also receive information on being part of the Foster Care Card scheme which allows Foster Carers to access discounts from nominated businesses.

Anyone who wants to know more about fostering in the Gympie Region can contact Kim Moir on 54804700. Kim said,

“We support 55 Foster and Kinship Carers and provide placements for up to 65 children and young people. Our area covers from Gunalda to Peregian Beach and from the coast to Kilkivan. Carers are a diverse group of people who have to support the needs of a diverse group of children and young people.”

Be sure to take the opportunity to talk to Kim or the rest of the team during the week at Goldfields Plaza.

Further information from Kim Moir, Spiritus Foster Care Program Gympie on 5480 4700.