School newsletter article:

More Foster and Kinship Carers are needed in the Northern Territory.

Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT, is the peak body for Foster and Kinship Carers across the Northern Territory. As the backbone of the Northern Territory's child protection 'out of home care' system, we pride ourselves on being a strong and positive voice, empowering our members through knowledge, support and advocacy.

Over 1000 vulnerable Territory children and young people have entered the child protection system through no fault of their own. Sadly, this number is steadily increasing each year. These children and young people need and deserve a stable, nurturing and caring environment to flourish and reach their full life potential.

Foster and Kinship Carers members represent an amazing cross-section of the Northern Territory community. Carers can be single, married; have children or not; be retired or work; or come from any social and cultural background.

Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT can give you all the information you need about becoming a registered carer.

As the number of children and young people in 'out of home care' continues to increase, we need more everyday Territorians to step up and become a Foster or Kinship Carer. By opening your hearts and your homes, you will change the life of a child or young person forever.

Sue & John, who have been foster parents to dozens of children, sum it up best: "It is not hard, but it is not easy – it is just the most rewarding thing you will ever be part of."

To find out more information on how you can make a difference, contact Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT on 1300 030 928, email info@fkca.org.au or see our website for more information www.fkca.org.au

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." — Audrey Hepburn

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