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Dear

This week, during Children of Foster Carers' Week, we've been shining a spotlight on you – the amazing children and young people who are such an important part of fostering families.

I want to thank you for the role you play in helping children who come into your home feel safe, cared for, and welcome. The warmth, patience, and understanding you show has a lasting impact, not only on their first days with your family but throughout their childhood.

Growing up in a fostering household isn't always easy. It asks a lot of you – flexibility, compassion, and a willingness to share your time, space, and family. There are challenges, like saying goodbye when children move on, or trying to understand some of the difficult reasons why some children need foster families. Despite these challenges, you continue to open your heart and extend friendship and support to children when they need it most.

Because of you, foster children experience a sense of security, kindness, and belonging. The way you welcome them, stand alongside them, and help them through difficult times makes an incredible difference. Together with your family, you help them heal, grow, and ensure that they are valued.

On behalf of The Fostering Network and the wider fostering community, I want to say a heartfelt thank you. Your contribution is truly invaluable, and you should be proud of the difference you are making in so many lives.

With heartfelt thanks,

Sarah Thomas

Chief Executive of The Fostering Network



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