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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### ANNUAL FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION EVENT SPOTLIGHTS SUCCESS

*140 Foster Families Honored at 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Event During National Foster Care Month*

**WHO:** Troy Funk, Policy Advisor to Chairman Bill Horn, District 5  
Maddy Morris, Policy Analyst to Supervisor Greg Cox, District 1  
Foster Care Staff from the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)  
Hundreds of local foster parents

**WHAT:** As part of National Foster Care Month, HHSA will host the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet, to honor 140 local foster parents. Awards include Foster Parent of the Year, the Above and Beyond Service Awards, and the Public Health Award.

Long Term Service Awards will also be given to recognize foster families who have volunteered from five years up to 40 years of service to foster children. Additionally, a proclamation from the County Board of Supervisors will be presented to the four local Foster Parent Associations.

**WHEN:** Friday, May 12, 2006  
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

**WHERE:** Tom Ham's Lighthouse  
2150 Harbor Island Drive San Diego

**WHY:** May is National Foster Care Month. There are nearly 6,000 children in out of home care in San Diego County, and 1,600 licensed foster families provide care for these abused and neglected children. HHSA celebrates the commitment and dedication of these loving families, and encourages others to become foster parents and join the team to care for and protect the county's most vulnerable children.

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