



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## HONORING FOSTER PARENTS

*Event Spotlights Successes and Needs*

**WHAT:** As part of National Foster Care Month, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) will host the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet to honor 157 local foster families. Several awards will be presented during the banquet including *Foster Parent of the Year*, *Above and Beyond Service Awards*, and *Public Health and Adoptions Awards*.

*Long Term Service Awards* will be presented to many families, including six foster parents who have cared for foster children for 30 years. Additionally, a proclamation from the County Board of Supervisors will be presented to the local Foster Parent Associations.

**WHO:** **Supervisor Greg Cox**, County of San Diego Board of Supervisors, District 1  
**Nick Macchione**, Director, County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency  
**Sam Bass**, KyXy Radio, emcee  
Foster care staff from HHSA  
Hundreds of local foster parents

**WHEN:** Friday, May 14, 2010  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Westin San Diego  
"Crystal Ballroom"  
400 West Broadway  
San Diego, CA 92101

**WHY:** There are nearly 4,200 children in out of home care in San Diego County. Approximately 1,600 licensed foster families provide care for these abused and neglected children. San Diego County celebrates the commitment and dedication of these loving families, and encourages others to open their homes to care for and protect our most vulnerable children.

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