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COUNTY LICENSED FOSTER FAMILIES TO BE HONORED AT PADRES GAME

More Than 100 Foster Families Will Be Recognized May 9 at PETCO Park

- WHO:** 500 San Diego County licensed foster parents and children
Foster Care staff from the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
- WHAT:** As part of National Foster Care Month, HHSA purchased 500 Padres tickets to honor local foster families. The foster families will receive a visit from the Padres Friar. Foster Parent Association presidents will visit the field, welcome the foster families, and receive an autographed baseball.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, May 9, 2006
7:05 p.m. (Gates open at 5 p.m.)
- WHERE:** PETCO Park
- WHY:** May is National Foster Care Month, which provides an opportunity not only to express appreciation for the dedication of foster families and those who work in the foster care system, but also to get more people involved, whether as foster parents, volunteers, mentors, employers or in other ways.

There is a shortage of foster homes in San Diego County and throughout the nation. There are nearly 6,000 children in the County's foster care system and although there are approximately 1,600 licensed foster homes, more loving foster parents are always needed.

By recognizing the foster parents who currently serve our county's abused and neglected children, HHSA shows how important they are to the community, and that their efforts do not go unappreciated.

Please contact Ann Fox to arrange for photographs of children.

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