



ANGELS FOSTER CARE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara County there are approximately 500 children and youth in foster care, most of who are younger than three years old; and

WHEREAS, for the past 10 years Angels Foster Care has provided stable, loving, highly-trained foster homes for babies and toddlers, wherein "Angel Parents" help children and families heal and reconnect by giving "Angel Babies" a safe place to flourish after early childhood trauma; and

WHEREAS, the Angels Foster Care model of "one child, one placement" for the entire time a child is in foster care and requiring a full-time parent in the home have proven successful in secured attachment in babies, emotional self-regulation, cognitive development, school readiness, and healthy adult behaviors; and

WHEREAS, Angels Foster Care social worker staff have logged over 18,000 hours training foster parents, driven over 30,000 miles visiting Angels babies and supervising their care, and spent over 3,000 hours in juvenile court serving as a voice for these foster children during their time in dependency; and

WHEREAS, since 2006 Angels Foster Care has certified 108 foster families, placed over 200 babies and toddlers in Angel homes, and overseen up to 100 adoptions, positively shaping the lives of many local children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby congratulate Angels Foster Care on its 10th Anniversary, and, with the belief that all children deserve a loving home, I urge citizens to support and embrace the foster care community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California to be affixed this 8th day of November 2016.

MAYOR HELENE SCHNEIDER

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