



National Foster Care Month

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**SAMPLE APPRECIATION LETTER FOR  
TREATMENT FOSTER PARENTS**  
*(TAILOR FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL TOUCH..OR WRITE BY  
HAND ON A NOTE CARD)*

*(Date)*

Dear *(Treatment Foster Parents' Names)*

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the work you do caring for *(Agency Name...or can use actual name of child in the home)* . By opening your home and heart, you play a vital role in helping children and families in crisis heal. .

Your commitment leaves an indelible mark on generations to come. You are helping to end cycles of neglect, abuse and/or drug addiction and are often helping a child be the first in his or her family to finish high school or even go to college. Children leave your home knowing there are many paths in life that lead to success, and that one day they may raise a family of their own.

*(Agency Name)Treatment Foster Families* not only provide temporary homes, safety, and nurturing to our children, but they also help birth families by ensuring that children can be safely reunited with them. You do a vital job when you teach children the skills they need to know to get along later in life. The treatment you provide in your home for children in need of so much is invaluable.

I know you don't get nearly enough thanks or recognition for your efforts but I appreciate all you do and wanted you to know. And although children you've helped don't always tell you, their lives have been changed forever having known and been helped by you.

Thank you for sharing your family and your home, giving love, encouragement, and hope to children and families in need. You are my Hero.

Sincerely Yours,  
*(Signature)*

*(Your Name)*

**SAMPLE THANK YOU LETTER TO FOSTER PARENTS – Contributed by  
Devereux Florida**

DATE:

[Your Address]

Dear [Foster Parents Name],

As you know, May is National Foster Care Month. While we are appreciative of your efforts all year round, this is an opportunity to celebrate of your enormous contribution. Your generosity in opening your home to children and the support and guidance you give them is extraordinary.

Foster families provide a safe haven to over a half million children annually. Everybody believes that children should live in a safe and loving home, but you have gone the extra mile of including foster children into your family. Whether for a short-term placement until reunification can be achieved or for longer commitments when children cannot return to their birth families, the supportive and caring environment you provide is invaluable to children that would otherwise have no where to go.

I hope you know the impact that your actions have on these children. What you provide to a child today is like a ripple in a pond that continues on in an ever-widening circle impacting ever relationship that a child will have throughout his or her lifetime. The lives of foster children are much richer and more hopeful because of the time and care you provide.

Thank you again for all that you and your family do to provide a home, encouragement, safety, and hope to children and families in transition.

Sincerely,

[Your Signature]

[Your Name]