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### **May is National Foster Care Month Longevity Awards Presented to Deserving Parents**



[Aberdeen]-The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region hosted the 6th Annual Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner in support of National Foster Care Month. Longevity Awards were given to more than 20 foster care parents with Kim & Rusty Shuler, Nancy Swam and Mowana Russell receiving an award for nine years of service." This is the month when we honor the amazing families who give healing homes to children and teenagers," explained Sherry Nolte, Director of Family Services at The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region. The foster care program at The

Arc Northern Chesapeake Region serves over 30 of those children each year, in Harford, Cecil and Baltimore Counties. Across the country, people just like you are helping these youth build brighter futures by serving as their foster parents, mentors, social workers and volunteers. But much more help is needed. May is National Foster Care Month. No matter how much time you have to give, you have the power to do something positive that will change a lifetime for a young person in foster care. Get involved. Make a difference. Contact The Arc at 410.879.6785, ext 402 to see how you can make a difference.

*Caption: Foster parents Doug Mann (left) received the longevity award for 3 years of service and Rusty Shuler (right) received the award for 9 years of service.*

*The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region offers a wide variety of services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, both children and adults, in Harford, Cecil, and Kent counties, to make informed choices with their lifestyles, vocations, education and recreational pursuits, and to assure stable and nurturing lives among their families and friends.*