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## Help a Child This Holiday Season

The Arc NCR Treatment Foster Care Program Needs Parents

[Aberdeen, MD] December 1, 2014 - The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region's (The Arc NCR) Treatment Foster Care (TFC) program is seeking people willing to open their homes and hearts to help a child. Thousands of children in Maryland are placed in foster care. Treatment Foster Care at The Arc NCR helps the neediest of these children who have suffered abuse and neglect, and without people to provide a home locally, these children will continue to suffer the trauma of being moved away from their community. TFC parents provide loving homes, a high level of care for children in need and stable relationships that are meant to last a lifetime.

"Imagine losing everything you love in your life, including your family, home, school, church and friends. Imagine not knowing where your next meal will come from or where you'll be sleeping next week. This is the reality for hundreds of children in Baltimore, Cecil and Harford Counties who are in foster care during this holiday season," explains Director of Treatment Foster Care at The Arc NCR, Joel Lightfoot.

Treatment Foster Care at The Arc NCR trains and certifies foster parents. Potential parents can expect to receive 27 hours of initial training, as well as additional training throughout the year; children who are the best match for their home; frequent contact and support from licensed clinical social workers; 24-hour emergency on-call services; financial support to care for the child; individualized planning; and respite services. You can attend an information session to decide if becoming a foster parent is right for you. To learn more, contact The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region at 410-836-7177, visit www.arcncr.org or "Like" TFC at facebook.com/TheArcNCRTreatmentFosterCare.

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About <u>The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region</u>: For sixty-one years, The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region has helped people with intellectual and developmental disabilities build better lives by providing support services and advocacy to adults and children and their families in Harford and Cecil Counties. For more information, call 410-836-7177 or visit <a href="https://www.arcncr.org">www.arcncr.org</a>.