

Social Worker Appreciation Week ~ March 8th through 14th

This is an excellent opportunity to take a few moments to recognize our social workers' commitment to the safety and well-being of children and families in our community.

On a daily basis, our social workers make critical decisions, affecting the lives and futures of those they serve as they fulfill our mission of protecting our children and strengthening our families. They are dedicated advocates.

Social workers make so many positive contributions to the lives of children and families day after day – efforts that are too often not adequately recognized.

As foster parents and members of our community, each of us needs to take a moment to think about the challenges, decisions,

emergencies, and accomplishments that make up the daily routine of our social workers.

We need to thank them for their very important work in keeping our children safe. Whether our thanks are conveyed formally or informally, we need to remember that a word of appreciation, sincerely expressed, can go a long way in acknowledging the gratitude and respect we feel for our social workers and the critically important service they provide.

To each and every Social Worker in the Vancouver Island Region:
“For all you do, we thank you.”

Submitted by Margaret Howley
 FPSS Executive Director

In Praise of Social Workers

by Thomas L. Crossman
 Foster Parent
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A river of troubled children
 Go passing by us all
 The foggy veil that covers them
 Masks their wanton call

So many signs of trouble
 So many signs of need
 Too many people turn away
 Who will get them freed?

What kind of special person
 Would reach into a fire
 Grasp a hand, and pull it up
 To what do they aspire?

Yet they ask not for recognition
 Nor for special praise
 They help the children recapture life
 In so many different ways

In spite of all the protests
 In spite of all the cries
 They stay the path, they hold the line
 They continue to advise

So many children benefit
 So many families survive
 Because of social workers like you
 Have come into their lives.

Dedicated to the hard working
 people at the Ministry of Children
 and Families, Duncan



Once you
 choose
 hope,
 anything's
 possible.

Christopher Reeve

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