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SFFA Welcomes Budget Funding Boost for Foster Parents & Caregivers

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Regina, SK: The Saskatchewan Foster Families Association (SFFA) is pleased to support the two per cent funding increase for foster parents and family-based caregivers in today's provincial budget.

"We are thankful for the Saskatchewan Government's continued investment in our province's foster families and caregivers," said SFFA Executive Director Deb Davies. "This most recent budget increase builds upon the previous increases and truly recognizes the important role that foster families and family-based caregivers play in providing a safe and supportive network for children and youth in crisis."

In the 2021-22 budget, the Saskatchewan Government allocated an additional \$1.5 million for Phase II Pride Levels of Pay, on top of the previous \$2.74 million for the Phase I payment structure. These investments highlight the additional skills, training, and commitment of caregivers to ensure they provide the best care to vulnerable children and youth in the province.

"As we continue to navigate the challenges of rising inflation, we're urging policymakers to keep considering how it's affecting families and caregivers. We believe that by working together and keeping the lines of communication open, we can find comprehensive solutions that ensure everyone can access the resources they need to thrive. It's crucial that we continue to engage in constructive dialogue with the government to make sure their future planning and action fully addresses the impact of inflation on the cost of living."

The need for foster homes for Saskatchewan children remains high, and SFFA has been working tirelessly to raise awareness about the need for more foster families and launching recruitment campaigns. The SFFA is a community-based organization that provides support for prospective and approved foster parents across Saskatchewan. The SFFA provides all training for foster parents and caregivers that is required by the Ministry of Social Services including trauma training.

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