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SFFA Celebrates Office Grand Opening in Saskatoon

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Saskatoon, SK: The Saskatchewan Foster Families Association (SFFA) today celebrated the grand opening of its new office location at 231 Robin Crescent in Saskatoon.

The new, larger space provides greater access to parking and most significantly, room for two training centers for foster families, that the former downtown location did not offer. Several Ministry of Social Service employees also work from the new location.

“The SFFA works tirelessly to support and advocate for Saskatchewan children in care, as well as their families,” said Social Services Minister Paul Merriman. “The online training program for our foster families has become an excellent support tool for those who help our most vulnerable children and families. I congratulate the SFFA on finding and establishing a facility that will contribute to even stronger outcomes for children and foster families in our province,” Merriman said.

As part of the official opening, the SFFA announced the dedication of the new foster family training room to the SaskTel Pioneers, who provided the SFFA with state-of-the-art video conferencing equipment.

“We are so grateful for the SaskTel Pioneers,” said SFFA Executive Director Deb Davies. “This technology, combined with increased training space offers families a more professional level of experience and training and enhances our capacity to recruit and retain foster families.”

The SFFA jointly delivers training with the Ministry of Social Services through a globally recognized program to help foster families provide a home environment that is safe, caring and respectful. The SFFA supports the Ministry of Social Services when a child first comes to a foster home, and provides continual follow-up, support and education.

As part of the grand opening, the SFFA also celebrated a successful new partnership with Save-On Foods Ltd. in Saskatchewan. The SFFA held information sessions in Save-On-Food stores across the province during Foster Families Appreciation Month in October.

“The Jim Pattison Group are a family-oriented corporation, so the partnership just makes sense,” said Davies. “It is true that it takes a village to raise a child, but it takes a community to help a family and that’s what Save-On Foods helps us do – build community.”

For more information about becoming a foster family in Saskatchewan, please call the SFFA at 1-888-276-2880 or visit their website at www.saskfosterfamilies.ca.

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