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APLIN THANKS FOSTER CARERS THIS FOSTER CARE WEEK

“Every child in Albury and our region should have a safe home for life, ideally with their parents, but tragically, that is sometimes not the case,” said Greg Aplin, Member for Albury. “Foster Care Week (September 10-16) is a good opportunity for us all to recognise the invaluable work of foster families and to say thank you for nurturing and caring for our most vulnerable children and young people.”

Minister for Family and Community Services Pru Goward said the NSW Government was committed to ensuring every child has a safe, loving and nurturing home for life.

“We are investing \$1.9 billion in 2017-18 to protect and support our most vulnerable children, young people and their families,” Ms Goward said.

“We are also working hard with parents to help them change when their children are at risk. When parents cannot change, our focus must be on prioritising the needs of the child for a safe, permanent and loving home for life, either through guardianship or open adoption.”

There are a number of ways people can open their doors to children and young people in need of care. These include kinship, guardianship, and open adoption from care, restoration care, emergency care and respite care.

“People looking to adopt a child should consider adoption from out-of-home care. Beginning the journey through to open adoption can start with something as simple as providing respite care to a child,” Mr Aplin said.

Visit www.facs.nsw.gov.au/fostercare to find out more about foster care.

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