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Re: Red Carpet Premiere to Honor Foster Families

WELD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES HOSTS RED CARPET PREMIERE HONORING FOSTER AND KINSHIP FAMILIES

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Department of Human Services honored Weld County Foster and Kinship families with a Red Carpet Premiere event, Sunday, March 9, at the Kress Cinema and Lounge in Greeley.



Disney's Princess Tiana greets attendees at the Weld County Foster and Kinship Red Carpet Premiere

“We were excited to show the community what we’re doing and for the opportunity to honor those in our community who have opened their homes to these children in need,” said Judy Griego, Director of Weld County Human Services. “Foster and kinship families help a child achieve their full potential and see a future full of hope.”

The event included a lunch, a showing of the movie “Hotel for Dogs,” and other fun activities. Star impersonators, dressed as Princess Tiana from Disney’s “The Princess and the Frog” and Iron Man, were at the event. Attendees were invited to “dress to impress” and spent the afternoon celebrating not only the families who provide abused and neglected children a safe, stable, and loving home, but also as the children who deserve them.

The program hosts an annual foster care picnic, but this is the first event to include kinship families and the first event to be held at the Kress Cinema and Lounge. A kinship care provider is a relative related by blood, marriage, or adoption with the fifth degree relationship who is providing full-time care to a child or children. A kinship provider may or may not have temporary custody.

“Adding the kinship element is definitely the reason the event was so special to us. Honoring both kinship and foster care families together allowed us to show our appreciation to all of our resource families,” said Toilynn Edwards, Child Welfare Resource and Foster & Kinship Supervisor. “We wanted to make all of the families feel special with a red carpet event, because we feel like a lot of times they’re overlooked.”

For more information about Foster and Kinship programs, please visit the Human Services section at www.weldgov.com or contact Toilynn Edwards at (970) 352-1551 ext. 6277, edwardta@weldgov.com.

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