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Dear Lara,

Angelica Joy Miskanin, a foster care & adoption caseworker at JF&CS's Family Hope Connection (FHC), recently found herself deeply moved by one of our youngest clients.

Angelica worked for six months with a two-year old and his biological and foster families to prepare for his adoption by his foster family (a service called child preparation). When she arrived at the toddler's foster home for their last visit together, she found a bouquet of yellow flowers for her, picked specially by the child.

This small gesture was deeply significant, as it showed that Angelica's compassion and one-on-one attention built the trust needed to help the toddler reconcile separations and trauma of his young life. Angelica, the toddler and his adoptive family joyfully celebrated this successful journey to a loving, permanent home.

Child preparation is just one of many Statewide Adoption & Permanency Network (SWAN) services for waiting children and adoptive families. SWAN affiliates like FHC offer child preparation, child profiles and child-specific recruitment to help children in foster care overcome difficulties preventing them from finding permanent homes.

We help thousands of people each year here at JF&CS, but nothing is more rewarding for our staff than to see the individuals we've touched and the lives we've made better. FHC caseworkers not only visit the homes of families and children - they also enter their hearts.

If you would like to learn more about FHC services for waiting children, adoptive families and those considering adoption, or if you are a pregnant woman looking for options, please call us at 412-422-8567. All calls are confidential. We welcome the chance to help build and strengthen your family.

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Last month FHC director JoAnn White (left) and caseworker Debbie Kelly presented at SWAN's 18th Annual Pennsylvania Permanency Conference in Lancaster.

Their workshop, "Social Networking for Social Services," discussed how interactive sites like Facebook can nurture successful recruitment and matching of permanent families through photo exchanges and online support groups.

JoAnn and Debbie received positive feedback for leading the use of this technology in a professional capacity. Congratulations to the

Sincerely,



Aryeh Sherman
President & CEO
Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh

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