

# Giving back to community by fostering kids

BY TARA GASTON

With four children of their own, Chris and Sabrina Reddy already have a full house. But that doesn't stop them from opening their home to children in need of foster care.

"Fostering, for us, is something our family has entered into together. It's a group effort that affects everyone in our household," says Mr. Reddy.

"We enjoy the feeling of knowing we are doing good in our community, helping children and families in need, and making a difference in the lives of the kids we come in contact with."

The couple has been foster parents for three years and stay motivated by depending on each other, looking for support within their family and friends and by relying on York Region Children's Aid Society supports.

"We have our family worker, the children that stay with us have their child care worker and the children's family has a worker," Mrs. Reddy says.

► For more information on how to become a foster parent, visit [www.fosteringatork.com](http://www.fosteringatork.com)

"I encourage others in the community to consider being foster parents because there is still a need," he added.

"When you become a foster parent, you are helping a child and their family. And you are not alone. There is a huge fostering community here to lend support."

This is National Foster Family Appreciation Week and honours foster families who play an essential role in the lives of vulnerable children.

Every day, devoted foster families provide safe and nurturing homes to children and youth who come from families who may be in crisis.

### QUICK FACTS

► York Region Children's Aid Society (York CAS) is looking for foster parents to ensure a large, diverse pool of families is available to match children to.



Chris and Sabrina Reddy of Keswick and their four biological children Tristan (from left), Trinity, Jaquin and Tyler.

► York CAS currently has 121 foster homes.

► York CAS is responsible for 470 children and youth, with only 377 of those children "in care," as there are 93 youth on extended care maintenance or independent living. Of the children in care, 85 per cent are in family-based care, with the other 15 per cent in group care.

► Last year, more than 10,000 calls were received from professionals and concerned members of the pub-

lic about possible abuse and neglect of children and youth; of those, almost 4,000 were severe enough to require an investigation.

— Tara Gaston is communications co-ordinator for the York Region Children's Aid Society

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