

NEWS RELEASE

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Adoptive parents to speak at Friends of Children event

A local couple goes against the odds and adopts a 17-year-old child.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. (Mar 22, 2012) – Community Partnership for Children, a local non-profit organization serving more than 1400 children and their families, is hosting its seventh annual Friends of Children Breakfast Wednesday, April 25. The event will run from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the LPGA International, 1000 Champions Drive in Daytona Beach.

Adoptive parents Curt and Rosine McCauley are serving as the event keynote speakers. Rosine McCauley is an assistant harbor master at Palm Coast Marina. She previously owned a private catering business and once served as a nanny. Curt McCauley is a yacht captain and has extensive experience sailing the Caribbean and Mediterranean. The McCauleys joined the Community Partnership for Children Mentor Program in March 2011. They were matched as mentors to then 17-year-old Stephen, shortly after finishing the program training. During their mentorship, the McCauleys and Stephen formed a family bond that led to adoption. They became a forever family on January 20, 2012.

A review of Community Partnership adoptions records over the past three years shows less than six percent of adopted children are over the age of 15. Once children in foster care turn 17, they begin to phase from the program and are taught coping mechanisms and life skills for living on their own.

The Friends of Children event is a fundraising event and is open to the public. Business sponsorships are available. Details about the event and registration are available at www.communitypartnershipforchildren.org.

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Editor's note: The McCauleys are available for press interviews prior to or after the event. Media and event inquiries should be directed to Jo Lynn Deal, Community Partnership for Children at jolynn.deal@cbcvf.org or 386-566-6935.

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