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**November 13, 2017**

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Lake Christopher Homes Association  
2224 Virginia Beach Blvd  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454

Dear [REDACTED]:

**Re: Foster Parent Information Session**

The Virginia Beach Foster Care Program needs caring and supportive individuals, **like you**. On average, there are over 200 children in the temporary custody of Virginia Beach Department of Human Services. Foster Parents provide a temporary, safe home for children in crisis. Children who need foster families have been separated from their birth family homes for reasons of neglect, abuse, abandonment, or other issues endangering their health and/or safety. With that in mind we strive to find safe and caring foster home placements that meet the needs of every child, including sibling groups and those with special needs.

To learn more about the criteria to become a Virginia Beach Foster Parent, you are invited to attend an upcoming information session to be held on: **Wednesday, November 29, 2017 (6:30pm – 8:30pm) or Friday, December 1, 2017 (10:00am – 12:00pm).** [Location: 3432 Virginia Beach Blvd.]

The aim of the information session is to provide you with further details including:

- How and why children come into foster care
- The role of the foster parent
- Training and assessment steps for becoming a foster parent
- Types of foster care placements, and
- Support for foster parents

In addition, we would welcome the opportunity to come to your Civic League meeting to discuss the aspects of becoming a Virginia Beach Foster Parent and the certification process.

Please RSVP to: **Ryan Jones @ (757) 385-3272 or ryjones@vbgov.com**

We look forward to hearing from and meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

**Ryan Jones**  
Ryan Jones, B.S.  
Family Services Specialist II  
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Child Welfare Administrator  
Virginia Beach Human Services