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DCFS TO HONOR ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP AT THE DU QUOIN STATE FAIR

*Nearly 200 foster families join together for
29th Annual Foster and Adoptive Family Picnic*

DU QUOIN, IL – On Saturday, August 23, 550 foster and adopted children and their families will attend the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services' 29th Annual Foster and Adoptive Family Picnic at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. At this year's event, hosted by the Illinois Elks Association and their local affiliates, DCFS will honor the Royal Family Kids Camp in Salem, IL for offering abused, neglected and abandoned children in Southern Illinois a positive camp experience.

"We honor Terry, Terri and Ashley Crompton and the Royal Family Kids Camp in recognition of their support for abused and neglected children in Southern Illinois," said Derek Hobson, regional administrator for the DCFS Southern Region. "In 2013, 70 local foster children were given the opportunity to swim, fish, and attend magic shows and carnivals due to the generosity of the individuals who donated their time and talents to staff the weeklong camp. These caring individuals have made it their mission to help nurture the self-esteem and self-confidence of children who need it the most," he said.

The Royal Family Kids' Camp has been reaching out to children in foster care and group homes throughout Southern Illinois for the past 21 years. For more information, visit <http://www.ilrfkc.org/>. The picnic was made possible due to the support of DCFS and the generosity of a wide variety of local businesses, community organizations and individuals.

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