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Dear

Throughout October at The Fostering Network we have been celebrating you – incredible children of foster carers – and the vital role you play in fostering families. So I wanted to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for the huge difference you make in the lives of children in foster care.

I understand that being part of a foster family isn't always easy – it means compromise, change and sometimes difficult goodbyes. But your dedication to fostering has helped give children and young people the best possible chance to thrive.

We've heard from children of foster carers over the years who say that while fostering can be hard at times, they wouldn't change their experience of growing up in a fostering household. Being part of a fostering family has given them a unique insight into the lives of children who they may never have met if their family hadn't decided to foster.

However long you have been fostering, I want to thank you for the support you've shown to children in foster care – for being a friend when they need it most, for being patient while they settle into the home and standing up for them when they need support.

Everyone at The Fostering Network and the entire fostering community are incredibly grateful for the kindness you continue to show. Tonight over 65,000 children across the UK will be living with a fostering family and thousands of young people like you will be helping to make them feel safe and loved.

Your commitment to fostering is changing lives – thank you for everything.

Sarah Thomas

Chief Executive of The Fostering Network

