



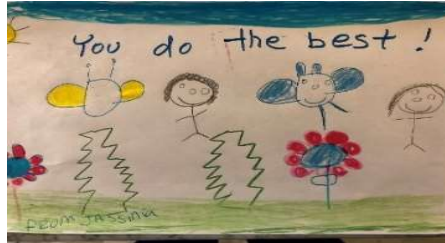
DCF COVID-19 Daily Update Supporting Children, Families and Staff

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"THANK YOU" - OVER 30 YEARS LATER

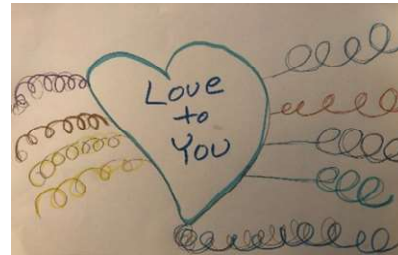
As our days blend together and weeks quickly move by, practicing self-care is vital component to keeping ourselves healthy and strong. In a rapid pace environment, pausing to reflect on our accomplishments is not the norm.

Practice that now...



Think back of those families you have strengthened over the years. Where would they be without your support? What about the children you engaged and assisted through some of the most difficult times in their lives? They are stronger because of you. Maybe a reunification or even a very special adoption comes to the forefront of your mind.

The families with whom we interact do remember us. We have impacted the lives of the children we serve. Here are some examples:



Read a little more...

Jassinia was adopted over 30 years ago and still remembers the day she met her adoptive family. "I'm your new sister" she exclaimed when meeting her brother as she climbed out of the car. With a large loving family and a community behind her, she is living life up to her fullest capabilities. And smiling along the way....

Now residing with other adults in a supportive group home setting, her memories of the Department, our importance and impact, have not faded. She will inquire about the "Workers" and "Are they okay?" Her soft voice is heard asking "How are the children. Do they have families?"

When asked to make pictures for the hard working and dedicated staff in the Department, out came the paper, markers and designs!

She made these pictures for you. Let these images remind all of us about the importance for taking time to pause and reflect on our successes. They also serve as a "Thank You" for all those lives you have touched who could not articulate those words to you at the time.

