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TFI Family Services, Inc. Educates and Rejuvenates Foster Parents at Annual Retreat

Kansas City, Kansas, August 26, 2009 – TFI Family Services, Inc. (TFI) recently held their Regional Annual Foster Family Retreat which serves to educate and rejuvenate foster parents from the Kansas City area as well as other communities in Northeast and Southeast Kansas. Over 150 adults and 183 children attended this annual retreat held on August 21-22 at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas.

The retreat served as a time of rejuvenation for parents and fun for children from infants to teenagers. Age appropriate activities were planned for children which included a Mad Science Show and a trip to Zonkers, an indoor theme park. With quality child care provided and in the comfortable setting of the Doubletree Hotel, foster parents were able to relax and interact with other foster parents, along with many of their case workers and the CEO of TFI Family Services, Inc, Peggy S. Martin, LMSW. TFI also took time to honor its foster parents by presenting awards for years of service to children.

Another reason TFI plans this retreat is to make it simpler for foster parents to complete necessary continuing education units. This was accomplished through multiple workshops offered throughout Saturday for foster parents. Some topics included the nuts and bolts of the adoption legal process, safe use of the internet and cell phones for the entire family, keeping hope alive, and creative strategies to embrace the chaos, challenges and change that all parents inevitably face.

The need for foster parents in your community will continue as long as there are children who are still in need of the love and stability of a family. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent or adopting, contact us at 1-800-279-9914 or visit www.the-farm.org.

ABOUT TFI Family Services, Inc. –TFI Family Services, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to doing what makes sense for children and families through a diverse range of behavioral healthcare and child welfare services.

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