



# Kinship Salutations

Victor Davis is a kinship caregiver for seven relative children, all under the age of ten years old. When asked by the Department, Victor and his fiancée, Janna Lawson, humbly stepped into the role of being care providers to all seven children.

Although this was a daunting responsibility, Victor and Janna embraced their new roles as their calling in their lives. Victor and Janna have three of their own children ages twelve and ten years old and four months old. Victor and Janna were well liked in their foster care training classes and seen as positive role models. They share that the success they have with their large family is achieved by following household routines and directions.

Victor and Janna share that they shower their children with love and support and advocate for their needs. According to Victor, “the children are just so happy all the time” and are successful in school, sports and group activities. They are also thankful to the Foster Kinship Program and the Department for helping to keep his family together where they can thrive and receive the support of a loving family.

*~ From Kimberly Twining to the Davis Family*



Thank you for being so faithful and strong.

A pillar of hope when things go wrong.

The glue that holds your family together.

There is no storm we cannot weather.

Thanks so much for everything you do.

We really couldn't do this without you.

*~ To all kinship caregivers from Your DFS Eligibility Team*

**Family**



There's no guide given to us when we become a part of a family. We never know when a surprising curve ball will come flying around the corner. No matter how unforeseen becoming a kinship caregiver was, you didn't run; you immediately stepped up to the plate with love, empathy and dedication. For that and for so much more, you have our gratitude, our support and our appreciation! Thank you for everything you do!

*~ From Tiffany Carr to Mihanee Williams and all Kinship Caregivers*

I wanted to acknowledge relative caregiver Ginger Hunter who has been faced with many personal obstacles during her time as kinship caregiver and thank her for remaining dedicated and committed! She is appreciated for not giving up through the toughest of times.

*~ From Mihanee Williams*



We are all so grateful for the love, support, care, and work you do every day to "help keep home in the family" for children.

*~ From the Foster Kinship Team to All Kinship Caregivers*



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Thank YOU Ali Caliendo for pouring into the lives of over 3,275 children and 2,045 families by and through Foster Kinship!! Your vision of ensuring a vibrant future for all children in kinship care is becoming a reality because of the hard work, perseverance, dedication, commitment and meaningful relationship that you have invested into every child, kinship caregiver and family that Foster Kinship serves. Our children and families are the heartbeat of our agency. We thank you for believing in the work we do, the children and families we serve, and the community that we strive to build. Together, we will "Help Keep Home in the Family".

Thank YOU to our Kinship Caregivers for opening your heart and your home to your children. Your unconditional love, grace, humility and dedication to caring for the children in your home is a testament to your character, values and integrity. We honor you for all that you have graciously entrusted to the children in your care – the sleepless nights, the shoulder to cry on, the constant juggle between career and family, so much to do, so little time.... Yet at the end of the day, it is all worthwhile because your actions conveyed to the children in your care that THEY ARE LOVED and THEY ARE FAMILY.... And being there for one another -- through thick & thin, the good times and the bad times -- is what FAMILY is all about. We thank you and honor you.

*~ From Mari Parlade, DFS Manager*



I would like to acknowledge Rhonda Rumer. She is a wonderful example of someone who not only talks the talk, but demonstrates daily her commitment and support of Kinship. Thank you for making a difference.

*~ From Susan Pearson*

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