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Adoption Experience, Truth & Transparency, Foster Sibling Connections Adoption Network Cleveland's Annual Lobby Day, May 2, 2023

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Advocating for Adoptees, Adoptive and Birth Parents, Foster and Kinship Youth and Families

Volunteers and staff representing Adoption Network Cleveland, and its mission, will meet throughout the day in teams with multiple State Representatives and Senators to raise awareness and discuss opportunities to support and improve adoption and foster care for Ohioans.

These teams plan to engage in meaningful conversation around Adoption Network Cleveland's ideas to improve the following areas:

- **Adoption Experience for Parents Considering Placing a Child for Adoption and Parents Adopting a Child**
- **Truth and Transparency in Adoption**
- **Foster Sibling Connections**

Adoption Network Cleveland has a long history of working with policy makers to shape sound adoption and foster care policy. Through virtual programming, the non-profit advocates, educates, and supports all those touched by adoption state-wide as well as participants of their local in-person program offerings. Volunteers will speak from personal experience as adoptees, adoptive and birth parents, and foster care alumni.

Post-event release to follow.

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About Adoption Network Cleveland

Founded in 1988, Adoption Network Cleveland: The Ohio Family Connection is an innovative non-profit organization with 35 years of experience serving the adoption and foster care communities. Our organization fulfills otherwise unmet needs for information, advocacy, education, and support for adult adoptees, birth parents, and birth family; adoptive, kinship, and foster families; youth in foster care and foster alumni; and related professionals. More recently, the organization has expanded its services to use its expertise in adoption search, reunion with birth family, and peer support networks to assist those who have been donor-conceived or have misattributed parentage. Adoption Network Cleveland is a member of Greater Cleveland Community Shares. The organization can be found online at www.adoptionnetwork.org or on social media at @AdoptionNetCle.

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