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Caregiver Spotlight: Luecke

Devereux Community Based Care is proud of its foster parents and plans to give them the spotlight during the next several months, as we roll out our 25 by 25 campaign to recruit and license 25 foster homes by December 25.

This week, the spotlight is on Ann Luecke, president of the St. Lucie County Foster Parent Association. She and her husband, Tim, have been foster parents for six years. Together, they have welcomed 21 foster children into their home.

Why did you become a foster parent? *I thoroughly love being with and taking care of little, tiny kids. When people asked me what I would do if I won the lottery, I always said that I would quit my job and become a foster parent. I looked forward to retiring and volunteering with kids. I enjoy getting down on the floor and playing with them. Their unconditional love makes me happy.*

What is your favorite moment as a foster parent? *At 2 a.m., I was sitting in the dark, in my rocking chair, holding a newborn infant just finishing her feeding. I was singing Silent Night, and she was smiling at me with big beautiful, blue eyes. That was the moment I knew that I was meant for this.*

Tell us a little about yourself – what are your hobbies? *I was born in Aurora, Colorado, as the seventh child in a family of 12 children – six boys and six girls. My father died when I was 6. I admire my mother more than anyone in the world. I am fortunate that she is 96 years old and still with us. I like to write. I enjoy writing a daily journal for our foster children about the events of their week. We share those journals and snapshots with their moms and dads at the weekly visits so they don't miss their children's milestone events.*

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