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The Baby Fold Receives Official Proclamation from the State of Illinois

NORMAL, IL, June 27 - THE BABY FOLD has received an official proclamation from the Governor of the State of Illinois, J.B. Pritzker, designating the month of July 2021 as “The Baby Fold’s History of Care on Rt. 66 Month” for its long history of serving children and families throughout central Illinois along the pathway of historic Route 66 in Normal, IL.

The Baby Fold, founded in 1902, has a rich history of social service in central Illinois. From its early years as an orphanage, to witnessing the construction of Route 66 directly bordering its campus in Normal, IL, The Baby Fold continues to meet the needs of children and families in our community, and now stands as a premier multi-service agency serving over 1200 children and families annually.

Dianne Schultz, CEO and President of The Baby Fold states “The Baby Fold’s ability to adapt and change to meet the needs of children and families in our community at any given point in our 119 year history, adds to the richness of social services here in central Illinois.

“Being situated along a national, historical treasure like Route 66 certainly complements the historical significance of our work with children and families. Receiving a proclamation from our Governor, designating the entire month of July to celebrate The Baby Fold’s investment in the lives of others, is especially meaningful for our agency.” Said Aimee Beam, Vice President

The Baby Fold’s programs include adoption support, foster care, special education, autism programs, vocational education, early childhood initiatives, crisis intervention and more.

About The Baby Fold

The Baby Fold has been serving children and families since 1902, currently serving over 1200 individuals every year through a dozen life-critical programs that wrap services around children and families across 28 counties in Central Illinois. For more information, visit www.thebabyfold.org.



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STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Baby Fold is deeply rooted in the history of social service in central Illinois for its healing care and compassion for children and families since its beginning in 1902; and,

WHEREAS, The Baby Fold has evolved into a multi-program social service agency, dedicated to the health and wellness of children and families across 28 counties in central Illinois through programs including adoption support, foster care, special education, early childhood initiatives, autism programs, crisis intervention, and vocational education; and,

WHEREAS, The Baby Fold is a state leader in finding permanent homes for children in foster care; and,

WHEREAS, The Baby Fold continues to expand its programs to meet increasing needs in the community; and,

WHEREAS, The Baby Fold is a recognized leader in the field of child well-being and is called upon to share their expertise across the state and on a national stage; and,

WHEREAS, The Baby Fold's administration and elementary school campuses in Normal, Illinois are cornered by two sections of the original pathway of U.S. Rt. 66;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim July 2021 as **The Baby Fold's History of Care on Rt. 66 Month.***

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this SEVENTEENTH day of JUNE, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-ONE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and THIRD.*



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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR