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News conference to address Foster Care Awareness Month, needs in Milwaukee County

Alderman Cavalier Johnson and Alderman Michael J. Murphy will host a news conference **THIS MORNING** at City Hall (200 E. Wells St.) to address Foster Care Awareness Month and the unique foster care needs that exist in Milwaukee County.

The news conference will be held in the third floor **Vel R. Phillips Ante Chamber at 10:30 a.m. TODAY - Friday, May 10.** Other participants will include a local foster care family and officials from **Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.**

Alderman Johnson said May is Foster Care Awareness Month and it is vital to raise the level of attention to foster care needs in the community. "At any given time, there are 2,000 children in foster care in Milwaukee County, and it's an issue that can affect all parts of our community and so we are seeking engagement about it in all parts of our community," he said.

Alderman Murphy said it is critical to attract new foster care parents to address the need across the county. "There are 75-100 children entering the foster care system in Milwaukee County each month, and the need exists for loving, committed adults of any race, ethnicity, gender, religion, and sexual orientation to apply to be foster parents," he said, adding that foster parents can be home owners OR renters.