

# News Release

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## **Sponsors needed for statewide event to thank, support foster families** *Arizona Blue Ribbon Event to be held at Chase Field on Saturday May 11*

PHOENIX – The Arizona Department of Economic Security’s Office of Faith and Community, in partnership with the Arizona Blue Ribbon Coalition, invites Arizona’s community members and community sponsors to support a special event celebrating foster families. All of Arizona’s foster families are invited to participate in a fun-packed family experience and watch the Arizona Diamondbacks take on the Philadelphia Phillies at Chase Field on Saturday, May 11, 2013.

“DES appreciates all that foster families do to provide a safe, loving and nurturing home for Arizona’s most vulnerable children,” said Director Clarence Carter. “We also recognize that foster families take on an additional financial burden when they open their arms and homes for these children. That often means something as simple as going to the ball game isn’t always possible. We want to help show our foster families that Arizona supports and celebrates their commitment to Arizona’s children.”

With the support of the Arizona Diamondbacks, a seat for the game, food and other activities for a child in foster care or one of their family members is only \$10. Anyone interested in sponsoring a child, a sibling group, a family or a group of families is asked to visit [www.ArizonaBlueRibbon.org](http://www.ArizonaBlueRibbon.org). All donations will go to the Arizona Blue Ribbon Coalition to support this event and other efforts to recognize foster families in Arizona. Donations may be tax deductible and may be eligible for an Arizona Tax Credit. Contact Arizona Blue Ribbon for further details.

“Being a foster parent is tough and so when you show up at Chase Field and you sit down in an entire section where everyone is wearing blue to show they are a foster parent and support Arizona’s foster children, you see how you are part of something much bigger,” adds Carter. “This is also a great experience for children in foster care and their families to see Arizona’s support for them.”

As of April 11, 2013, more than 1,200 foster parents and children have signed up to attend the Arizona Blue Ribbon event. All attendees are asked to wear blue in recognition of the Blue Ribbon event.

More information is available at [www.ArizonaBlueRibbon.org](http://www.ArizonaBlueRibbon.org).

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