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Franklin County Announces Employee of the Month for July

July 30, 2019 – Chambersburg, PA – The Franklin County Commissioners on behalf of the STAR Committee (Special Thanks And Recognition) proudly present the Employee of the Month award to Ms. Katrina Wright.

Ms. Wright has been employed with Franklin County since 2017. She currently serves as a Caseworker II – Intake for Children and Youth Services. The selection for the July 2019 Employee of the Month was determined by the STAR Committee. There were a total of twelve nominations.

The STAR nomination form asks what recent event or occurrence made you select Katrina and the answers stated: "In early March 2019, Katrina woke up like it was a "routine day" of being on-call. The majority of the day was quiet, until 11:30 pm, when a referral came in that needed to be addressed immediately. Katrina and a co-worker immediately responded and spent the next nine hours assuring the safety of a sibling group, in addition to a small child that needed emergency medical treatment. The sibling group was ultimately placed into foster care together.

Working in the child welfare system can be emotionally draining when you see or hear the trauma that a child has gone through. Katrina handled this case with extreme professionalism and caution, especially in light of being awake for so long. Due to the nature of the case, Katrina then had to report to the agency to provide as much information as possible for legal documentation. It should be noted that this weekend was not Katrina's weekend to be on-call; she took a co-worker's weekend as a favor.

Katrina will cover on-call for other caseworkers, when needed. There have been numerous times that the weekends that Katrina covers, are busier and/or have more severe referrals than other weekends, and she handles the cases with poise and professionalism. Katrina has an incredible work ethic and understanding of the child welfare system. She is well respected by her peers, agency administration, and service providers. Frequently, Katrina mentors other caseworkers, will assist them with their cases if needed, and will respond to emergency cases with the on-call caseworker."

Ms. Wright's outstanding characteristics are attributes that have not gone unnoticed by her peers. The nomination form describes her as well-respected, a mentor to other caseworkers, and possessing an incredible work ethic and understanding of the child welfare system.

We are grateful to Ms. Katrina Wright as she exudes a high standard of customer service, excellence, and respect to the employees and residents of Franklin County.

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Above: Commissioner Bob Thomas, Katrina Wright, Commissioner Chairman Dave Keller, and Commissioner Bob Ziobrowski

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