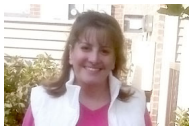
Salt Lake City - AdoptUsKids announced Kimberly Anderson, Division of Child and Family Services as the December 2008 winner of the Caseworker of the Month award. This award is part of a national initiative celebrating caseworkers for their dedication to children and families nationwide. Greg and Karen Daniel, adoptive parents nominated Kimberly Anderson for her strong advocacy and persistence with their adoption process.



Thousands of foster, adoptive and kinship families across the United States rely on caseworkers to connect them to services, offer support and guidance, and ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of children in the foster care system. The Daniel family stated, "Anderson's willingness to go far beyond her job description has made this adoptive experience go so smoothly and has renewed our hope in the entire process." AdoptUsKids" Project Director, Kathy Ledesma said, "The personal interest Anderson demonstrated in helping the Daniel family to achieve their dreams of adoption is exemplary."

Nearly 300,000 children in the United States enter the foster care system each year. While half of these children return to their parents, approximately 130,000 children remain in foster care awaiting a permanent family. After being nominated, Anderson said, "The Daniel family has given the boys a chance for a forever family, and there are not enough words of gratitude that can be expressed for this miracle."

Excerpts from the nomination can be found along with December's award announcement at www.adoptuskids.org
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