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FREE ENTRY TO WILDLIFE PARK FOR FOSTER CARERS AND KIDS

The NT Government is granting free access to the Territory Wildlife Park for Foster Carers and their children this weekend to help celebrate Foster Carers Day in the NT.

More than 150 foster carers and children will visit the park on Sunday – a thank you from the NT Government for the invaluable role carers play in the out of home care system.

In Alice Springs, the day will be celebrated at the Desert Park.

“Carers are volunteers who extend their time, energy, patience and commitment to children and young people unable to live at home,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Many carers open their homes, often at short notice, to provide safety and stability for children in need of care. Carers can care for children for a few days, weeks, months or sometimes years.”

Ms Lawrie said the number of registered Carers across the NT is around 230, but many more Carers are required.

The '**Foster Care : you can do that!**' recruitment campaign launched in November last year is the first whole of Territory campaign designed to attract new people to become Foster Carers,” she said.

“People interested in learning more about foster care are urged to go to the website www.nt.gov.au/fostercare or call 1800 814 599.”

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