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Adoption Network Cleveland Board of Directors Member to receive Angels in Adoption Award

CLEVELAND (September 24, 2018) – Adoption Network Cleveland (ANC) is pleased to announce Daniel Gisser, a member of ANC’s Board of Directors from Solon, Ohio, has been nominated by Congressman David P. Joyce to be one of the 180 honorees for the congressional *Angels in Adoption™* for 2018.

The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute’s (CCAI) Angels in Adoption® program recognizes individuals, couples and organizations that have made extraordinary contributions on behalf of children in need of families. These heroes hail from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, and represent the wide spectrum of individuals involved in the adoption and foster care process. Since the program’s inception in 1999, more than 2,500 Angels have received this honor. The event will be hosted by the CCAI at a national ceremony held in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018.

As parents of a daughter from Vietnam, Dan and his wife Kathy have been strong advocates for open adoption. They have worked especially hard to ensure their daughter is connected with her birth family through text messages and video calls, as well as a visit to Vietnam. Dan is an active member of the Board of Directors at ANC, including chairing the Program Committee, which is in the process of implementing a thoughtful expansion of the organization’s program offerings and regional footprint.

In addition to giving members of Congress a firsthand look at the foster care and adoption related work taking place throughout the country, the Angels in Adoption® program seeks to draw media attention to raise public awareness about the positive difference adoption makes in the life of a child. The Angels in Adoption® travel to Washington, D.C., later this month to receive their award and participate in three days of events designed to train them

to use their personal experience to affect change on behalf of children in need of homes and to celebrate their hard work and dedication to the issue.

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About Adoption Network Cleveland Adoption Network Cleveland: The Ohio Family Connection™ (ANC) is an innovative non-profit organization founded in 1988 that fulfills unmet needs for adoption information, advocacy, education and support for members of the adoption triad (adoptees, birthparents and adoptive/kinship parents), youth in foster care, foster parents, siblings and related professionals. This highly effective organization serves more than 1,300 individuals and families each year with the help of 17 staff members, 125 active volunteers and more than 700 members and donors. ANC is a member of Greater Cleveland Community Shares.