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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 Krysia Orłowski, a member of ANC’s Board of Directors from Shaker Heights, Ohio, has been nominated by Congresswoman Marcia Fudge for recognition as one of 180 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, over 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.

Krysia Orłowski is both a sibling to two adoptees and an adoptive parent. In 2015, Krysia joined the board of Adoption Network Cleveland, seizing the opportunity to give back to the adoption community. At ANC, Krysia is active on the program committee, which is in the process of implementing a thoughtful expansion of the organization’s program offerings and regional footprint, including how the organization serves adoptive, kinship and foster care families. When asked what work at ANC she is most proud of, Krysia points to the legislative advocacy work done by the organization to make significant systemic change on child welfare issues.

As an advocate for adoption, Krysia is focused on supporting transracial families and is specifically concerned about the gap in support for youth being raised by parents of a different race, and the lack of training and support these parents receive. Krysia is the volunteer parent facilitator of ANC’s Weaving Cultures Transracial Family Group.

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.