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National Family Week is November 19-25

Family Service encourages families to celebrate

Cincinnati, OH—November 8, 2006—Area families have another reason to celebrate over the Thanksgiving holiday: National Family Week will be held November 19 – 25. Family Service encourages local families to spend time together by providing a list of family activities. Families can also think of their own ways to celebrate.

Here are some ideas to celebrate the week:

- Hold a family game or movie night
- Organize a picnic in the living room
- Read or make up a story together
- Visit the library
- Take a walk
- Volunteer together
- Make a craft
- Learn to play a sport or go to a local high school sports game
- Take advantage of free or discounted days or nights at local museums
- Star gaze in the backyard
- Create a scavenger hunt
- Plan a neighborhood dinner

National Family Week was founded in 1968 and is coordinated nationwide by the Alliance for Children and Families. Family Service, which serves children, families and individuals in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, is a member of the Alliance.

About National Family Week

National Family Week embraces the premise that children live better lives when their families are strong, and families are strong when they live in communities that connect them to economic opportunities, social networks and services. The Alliance for Children and Families, a nonprofit membership association representing child- and family-serving organizations in the United States and Canada, has directed National Family Week efforts for more than 30 years. National Family Week is supported by The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

About Family Service

Family Service is a comprehensive social service agency which reaches approximately 20,000 people each year in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. The agency engages children, families and individuals as partners in reaching success and provides mental health counseling; school-based services; sexual abuse, substance abuse and domestic violence treatment; parent and life skills education; services for refugees and immigrants; the Retired Senior Volunteer Program; and *Friends of the Children*, a long-term support and guidance program for children at risk. The agency has locations in downtown Cincinnati, Covington, Eastgate, Florence, Price Hill and Sharonville. For more information, please visit www.servingfamilies.org or call 513-381-6300.