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OhioGuidestone's Spencer-Trueman to Receive Triad Advocate of the Year Award

BEREA, OHIO, October 21, 2020 – [OhioGuidestone](http://OhioGuidestone.org), one of the largest behavioral health agencies in the state, announced today that the agency's Foster Parent Recruiter/Trainer Supervisor, Holly Spencer-Trueman, will be a recipient of [Adoption Network Cleveland's](http://AdoptionNetworkCleveland.org) Triad Advocate of the Year Award.

"I was entirely stunned to hear that I was being honored in this way," said Spencer-Trueman. **"If anyone asked me exactly what it is I do, I would tell them quite simply: I help create families."**

Each year, Adoption Network Cleveland honors individuals who have influenced the wider community through advocacy and outreach efforts in child welfare, improved the lives of children and teens waiting for adoption, and enhanced the experiences of members of the adoption triad. The Triad Advocate of the Year Award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the adoption field as demonstrated by a specific accomplishment, project, program or milestone.

Spencer-Trueman has spent more than 20 years fighting for children – six years working for OhioGuidestone's foster care program and 15 years in various roles with Adoption Network Cleveland. She joined OhioGuidestone in 2014 and currently manages the training program for potential foster care parents, as well as parental support groups. Spencer-Trueman and her husband are adoptive/foster parents as well.

"Holly is passionate about helping families understand what children have gone through prior to coming into their homes," said Debora Gault, OhioGuidestone Foster Care Director. **"She shares her own personal stories, enabling families to see that if Holly can make a difference, so can they!"**

Spencer-Trueman will be presented with the award on Saturday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m. ET during Adoption Network Cleveland's virtual event, Journeys of Discovery: Navigating the Intersections of Adoption Conference. The awards ceremony will be open to the public, free of charge, and held via [Zoom](https://zoom.us) with the Meeting ID: 410 580 2119 and Passcode: 2020.

In 2019, Janine Boyd, Ohio State Representative and OhioGuidestone's Director of Federal Policy was also a recipient of the Triad Advocate of the Year Award.

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About OhioGuidestone

OhioGuidestone, a leader in the field of behavioral health, has been helping individuals throughout Ohio reset their paths, reclaim their autonomy and restore their purpose for more than 156 years. The nonprofit, Berea-based organization connects individuals with the resources needed to achieve lifelong success, providing community counseling, substance use disorder treatment, early childhood mental health services, workforce development training, foster care services and more. Connect with us on www.ohioguidestone.org, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or by calling 440-260-8303.

About Adoption Network Cleveland

Adoption Network Cleveland: The Ohio Family Connection is an innovative non-profit organization that fulfills otherwise unmet needs for information, advocacy, education, and support for members of the adoption triad (adoptees,

birthparents, and adoptive/kinship/foster parents), youth in foster care, siblings, and related professionals.
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