

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
MEDIA ALERT – October 1, 2007**

**Sons of Italy Host Pasta Night to Benefit Foster Children in Merrimack Valley  
Funds Raised will Support Needs of 500 Local Foster Children**

**When:** Friday, November 2, 2007, 5:30 - 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Sons of Italy, Marston Street Lawrence, MA  
**Cost:** Adult: \$10.00, Children under 5: \$5.00  
**Register:** Contact Larry Giordano, (978) 683-2220

The Sons of Italy, Lodge 902, will be sponsoring a pasta dinner for the local Foster Kids in the Merrimack Valley, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of foster children in the area. The needs of foster children range from clothing, education, to support for aging out of foster care, and other transitional issues. This fundraiser's proceeds will go towards supporting the various programs of the organization, including the annual Christmas party, mentoring, scholarships, and more.

Tickets are on sale now. For more information, please contact Larry Giordano, Vice President for the Sons of Italy Lawrence Lodge 902 at (978) 683-2220.

Make checks payable to: Sons of Italy, Lawrence Lodge 902

Mail-in your registration fee and/or tax-deductible contributions to:

Larry Giordano  
76 Bonanno Court  
Methuen, MA 01844

**About Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley**

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of foster children in the Merrimack Valley, including Lawrence, Methuen, Andover, and North Andover. With more than 500 foster children in our local area, they need role models who can make a difference in their lives. Through the efforts of the organization, our goal is to bring a positive influence into the lives of these children and support them as they grow. We offer a range of programs for local foster children of all ages. We work closely with the Department of Social Services (DSS) to make sure our programs are complementary and needed, and do not overlap with state and federally funded programs. For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.fosterkidsmv.org>