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Charity begins at home

CASEY now has the highest number of children in need of foster care of any council in Melbourne's southern region, a Victorian children's charity has found.

And the need is growing in Cardinia.

OzChild CEO Tony Pitman said Casey and Cardinia foster carers were urgently needed — largely because of rapid population growth.

"There is a real challenge to find carers in these areas. When (family numbers) grow pressures increase," Mr Pitman said.

An OzChild report last year found Casey had 105 children in need of foster care.

Mr Pitman said most people did not realise the magnitude of the problem.

Pakenham mother, Lisa Fothergill and her husband Ian have been foster parents for almost three years. They have cared for nine children and have three boys of their own.

Mrs Fothergill said it was a rewarding experience.

"Our kids find it just as exciting as Ian and I do. Having another child in the house is great. At times it is hard to foster a child who feels unsettled, but I think sometimes my own kids are harder to tame," she said.

Berwick couple Glenda and Paul Quinn echoed Mrs Fothergill's comments.

Both work full-time but have fostered children for 20 years.

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Lisa Fothergill with sons James, 9, Wilson, 8, and Harrison, 7.

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