



## **STRONGER FAMILIES, BRIGHTER FUTURES**

### **Celebrating a Social Work Pioneer**

**As we close out National Social Work Month, we're shining the spotlight on an international pioneer with local roots, Dr. Joe Crumbley.**

Dr. Crumbley is a global expert in kinship care. Kinship care is a caregiving arrangement in which children are raised by relatives or close family friends when their biological parents cannot care for them. Dr. Joe leads trainings and advises on child welfare across the globe: from China to New Zealand to Canada to right here in Philadelphia. At Turning Points, we have had the immense privilege of having him as part of our story.

Dr. Crumbley provided the kinship training for our Foster Care Team, and his knowledge and heart blew our staff away. Emily LaBree, the Associate Director of Foster Care, has worked closely with Dr. Crumbley for many years,

*"I first met Dr. Joe in 2013 when he was leading case reviews for the Family Empowerment Services program at Turning Points.*

*I was impressed with his warmth, his genuine curiosity, and his ability to explain the 'why' behind behavior with ease and accuracy. Dr. Joe can explain the heartbreak, the triumph and the shifting family dynamics that occur in kinship care better than anyone I've ever heard."*



*Pictured: Dr. Crumbley and Foster Care Team after a training*

**Dr. Crumbley exemplifies and shares the compassion, dedication, and nuance that takes social work to the next level.** There's a reason he is considered a global expert in kinship

care! His career is vast and impressive but the feedback from our staff is he's like the wise grandfather we all wish we had.

We are grateful to have Dr. Crumbley in our corner to champion families and strengthen kinship communities near and far.

And, we are grateful to have you, our donors and supporters, in our corner too!

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