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## Family Celebrates True Meaning Of Father's Day

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A local family celebrates the true meaning of Father's Day. A Haslett man has become a father more than a dozen times over. The journey wasn't easy, but was full of rewards. Father's Day, a day that carries a special kind of meaning for Leo Longendyke.

Holly Longendyke, Leo's wife: "He's amazing, he spends time with his kids, he helps them with their school work and projects, he's like the project man."

But Leo isn't your typical dad. He's a cancer survivor, a manager of a successful business and on top of all that he's given more than a dozen kids a home when they needed it.

Leo Longendyke, fostered 15 kids: "We like to help people, and just to see kids get a good home while they're going through a tough time."

Leo and his wife Holly began taking in foster kids back in 2005. Through the years they've fostered a total of 15 kids. Out of those 15, they've adopted three.

Leo Longendyke: "They were in our care for so long they were just part of my family and there was no way I could see them go anywhere else."

Holly Longendyke: "Basically we've grown pretty attached to them and they were like our family, so it was going to be pretty hard to kick them out."

In addition to their three adopted daughters, Leo and Holly have four children of their own, two still living at home. A full house that Leo says he wouldn't trade for anything. Leo Longendyke: "It's not just about you, you're helping a kid try to grow up and be a good person in life."

A good person who can look back and be thankful for one very special father.