



WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

100,000+ CHILDREN

Over 100,000 children in the United States are currently waiting for their forever families.

Pray with us for those in Delaware and Pennsylvania, as well as children abroad.

Consider if the Lord is calling you to be their family.



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**November
National Adoption Month**





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INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN

There are **20 million children** waiting in countries like China, Korea, Bulgaria, Colombia, Ecuador, Thailand, and the Philippines. Most children have special needs, are older (2+), or are part of a sibling group.



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NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

There's never really a perfect time to foster or adopt; just a lot of opportunities to say 'yes' despite the many reasons we may have to say 'no.'

Perhaps for you, the thing you need to be most aware of is the capacity of God to use you in ways you never thought possible - if you would simply be willing to say 'yes.'

-Jason Johnson

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WAYS TO ACKNOWLEDGE

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

- **Pray** with us for children waiting to be adopted.
- Find a way to **get involved** in caring for orphans.
- Attend an **Orphan Care 101** or schedule one for your church
- **Pray & consider** if the Lord is calling you to adopt or foster
- **Support organizations** that responsibly facilitate and/or prevent the need for adoption
- **Spread awareness** on social media
- **Read a book** together that promotes the value of adoption
- Listen to the **voices of the adoption triad**: birth parents, adoptive parents, and adoptees

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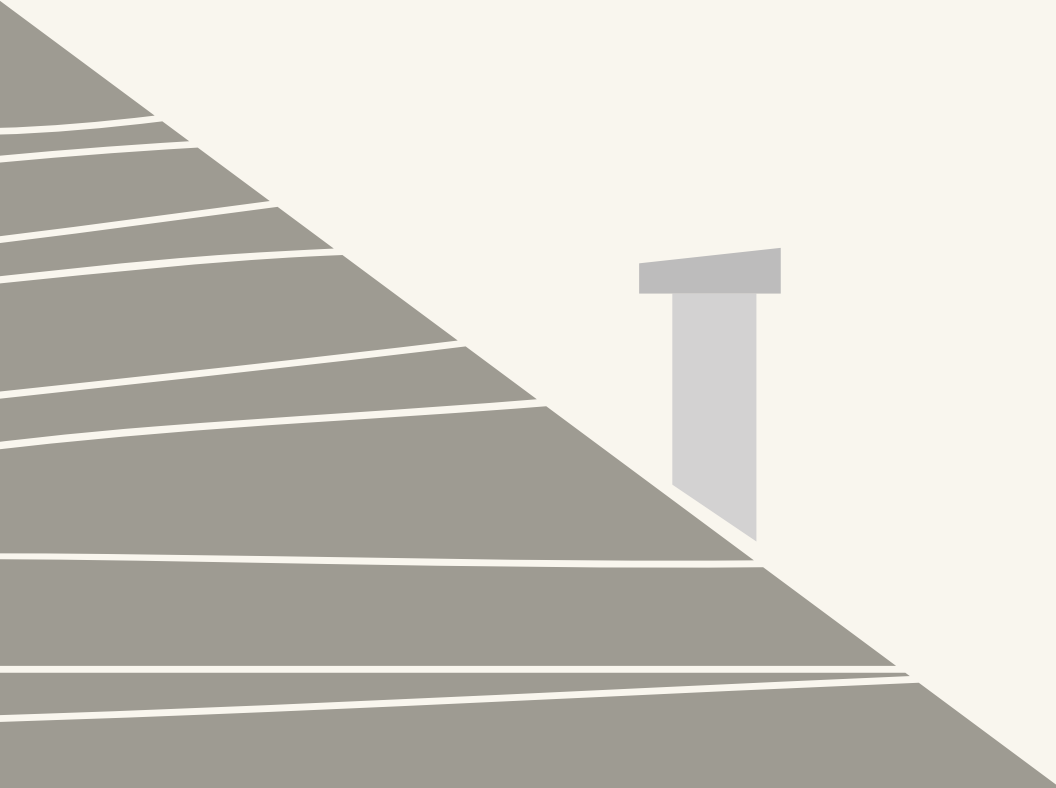
RESOURCES TO CHECK OUT FOR

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- **Foster/Adoptive Parent voices:** Jason Johnson Blog, Honestly Adoption, Show Hope, Foster the Family
- **Adoptee voices:** Therapy Redeemed, Brandi Ebersole, Tori Hope Petersen, Annika Marek-Barta
- **First Parent voices:** The Adoption Connection, Leah Outten
- **Family Preservation:** Sunday Breakfast Mission, Door of Hope, Covenant Mercies, Compassion International, Forgotten Voices
- **Adoption Agencies:** A Better Chance for our Children, Children's Choice, Children & Families First, Bethany Christian Services, Madison Adoption Assoc., Open Arms Adoption, etc.

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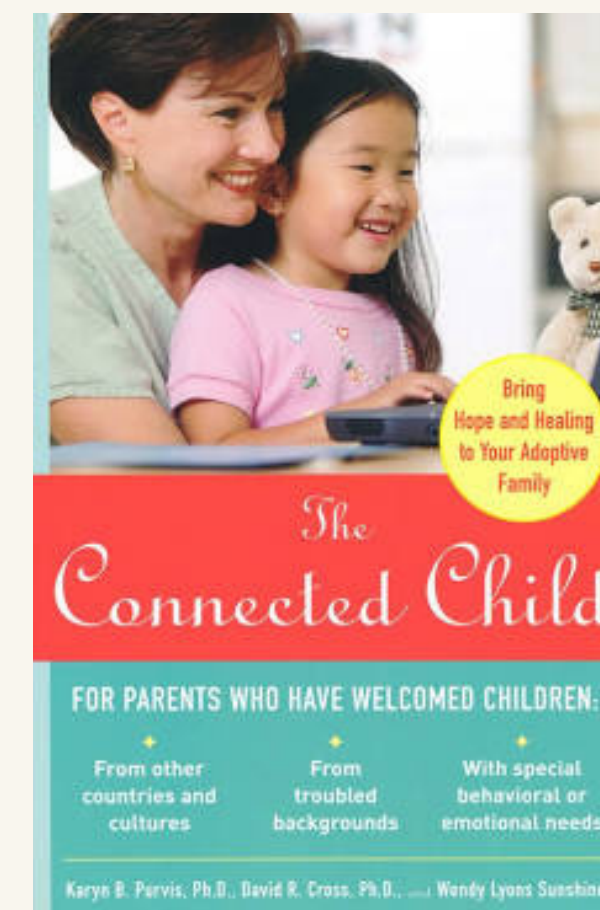
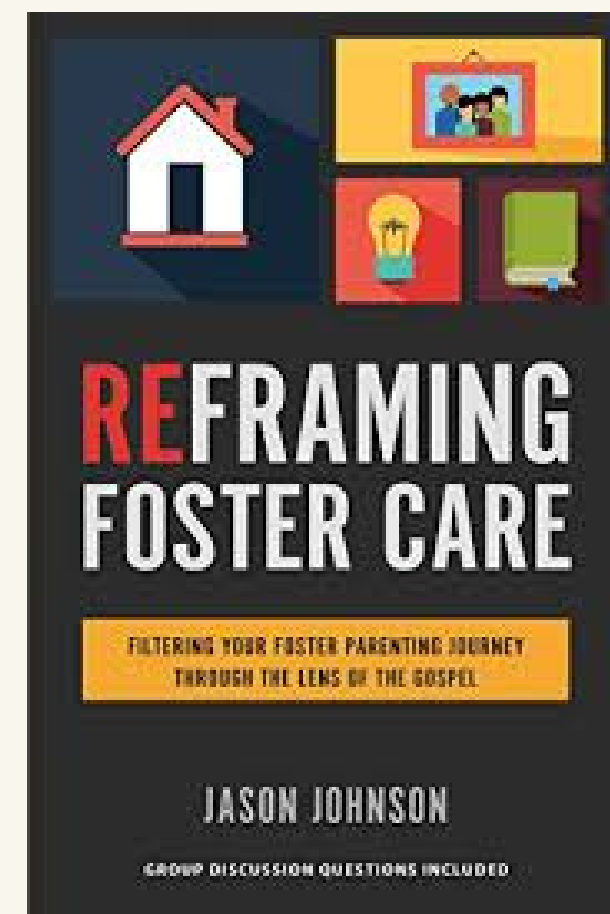
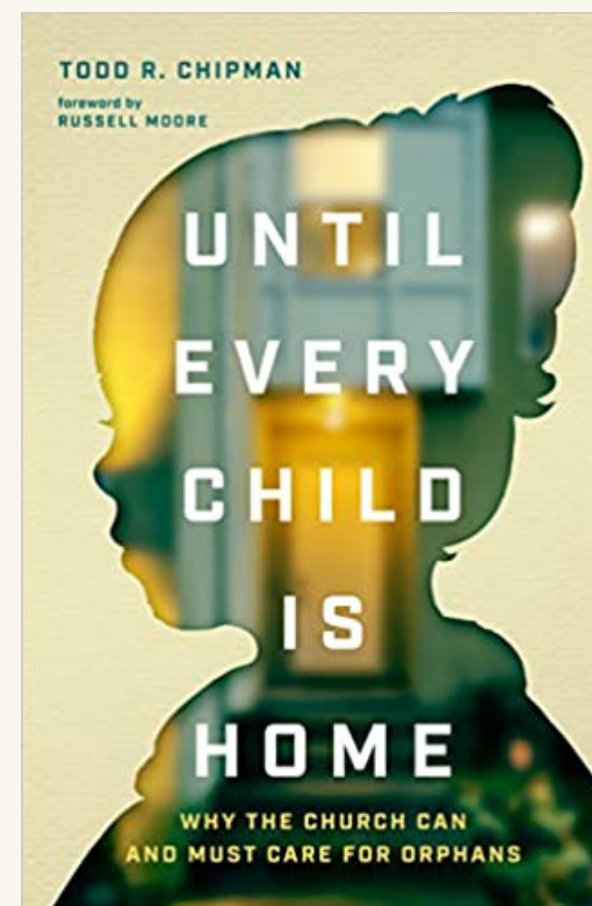
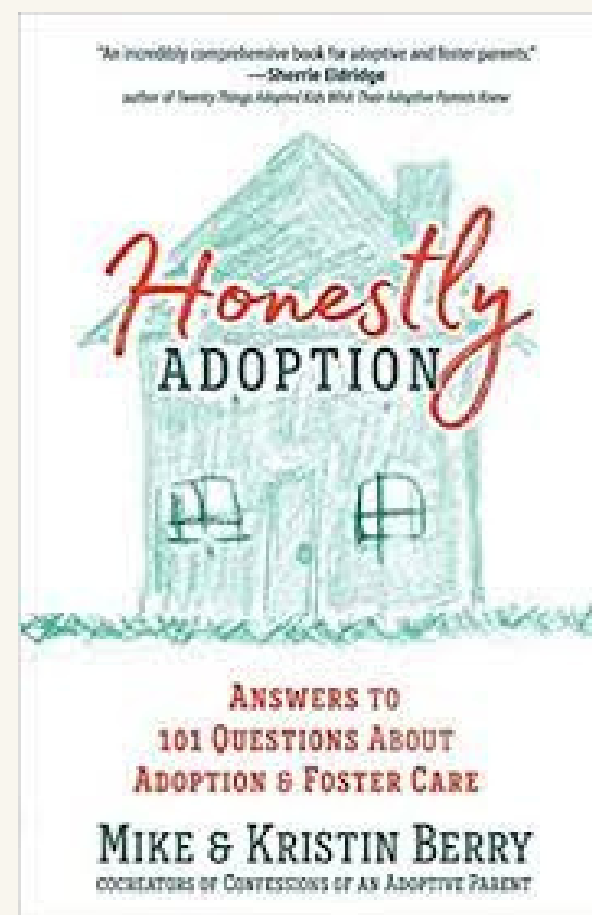


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MID-ATLANTIC
ORPHAN CARE
COALITION



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PRAY

- For permanent and stable families to step forward to adopt youth
- For older children and children with special needs to receive families
- That children can keep a healthy relationship with siblings and other relatives where appropriate
- For help with educational needs during tough times and transitions
- That mental health needs can be addressed and cared for
- That children and families can forge strong bonds and an open and loving relationship

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH



GET INVOLVED

- Consider if the Lord is calling you to foster or adopt
- Start a book study with a group around the topic of orphan care
- Sponsor a child through a reputable organization
- Support an organization that is working towards family preservation
- Care for a foster/adoptive family: take them a meal, mow their lawn, babysit. Let them know you are there to serve.
- Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Help an adoptive family raise funds for their adoption

WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

CHAHEEM, 15

Chaheem describes himself as fun, loving, and having a great sense of humor. Chaheem is very friendly and has a warm heart. Chaheem is very caring and compassionate and very in-tune with others and their feelings. He enjoys having engaging conversations with adults. Chaheem loves to laugh and he loves to make others laugh. Chaheem enjoys making funny jokes and he likes for people to joke around with him. Chaheem favorite activity is building with Legos or anything involving arts and crafts. Chaheem likes to use his hands and creativity to engage in activities that allow him to expand upon his creativity and skill-set.



WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

ANDREW, 11

Andrew likes to play outside, visit the petting zoo, go out to eat, and swim. Recently, he climbed a 7 ft. rope course to be able to zip line back to the bottom!

Andrew thrives when he has encouragement and support, and he has proven to all around him that he is not afraid to work at something and to do his best. He also enjoys individual time by working on word searches and mazes and building with Legos. Andrew is polite and caring in his interactions with others. Andrew is successful in school and does best in a structured, consistent environment. Extremely kind and caring, he truly loves to make others happy!

WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

DANIEL, 11

Daniel is energetic, imaginative and adventurous. He is already thinking about his future and envisions becoming a jet fighter pilot when he grows up. In the meantime, he keeps busy playing tag and testing his skill at video games. He becomes very engaged with playing with others. Daniel would like to be adopted by a young family that will have the energy to play with him and have fun with him. He would like to go to amusement parks with them. Hopefully, there would be other children in the family that he could play with.



WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

SHUANE, 8

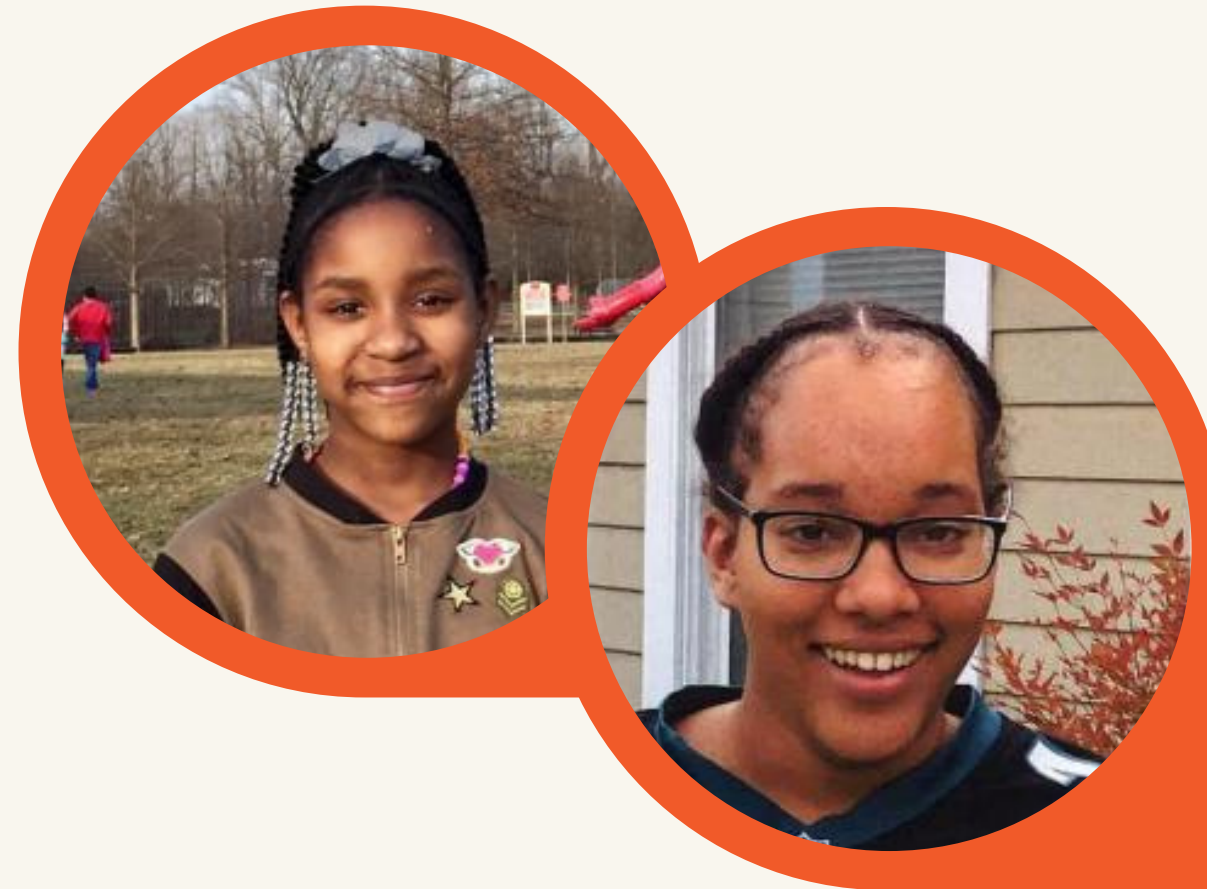
Shaune is a happy, sweet, and affectionate child. Shaune enjoys playing with dolls, gymnastics, and playing on her tablet. Shaune can seem shy and reserved when she first meets someone but is silly and talkative once she becomes more comfortable. Shaune says that when she grows up, she would like to be a teacher because she likes learning and wants to help others learn as well. Shaune would love to have a family with a mom, dad, and pets. Shaune would like to have siblings or access to other children regularly. Shaune would like to join an adoptive family that is African American.

WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

MICAH, 11

Micah is incredibly sweet and friendly. Micah has a very outgoing personality and is not shy. Micah likes to be active and engaged in activities that she enjoys. Her favorite things to do during her free time are coloring, reading or playing with electronics. Also, Micah likes swimming, running, and playing outdoors. Micah is very technology-savvy and can operate most electronics without help. She is a pro at navigating phones! Her favorite subject is technology. Micah is interested in learning how objects operate through the use of technology.

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TATIANNA, 16

Tatianna is a fun, loving, and genuine youth that loves to travel and have fun. Tatianna will appear shy at first but once she warms up with one-on-one attention she will show her funny personality. Tatianna is very driven for her age. Although she is a young teenager, Tatianna aspires to be a photographer when she grows up. Tatianna has a keen eye and loves taking photos. Her dream is to attend college and study photography. Tatianna is very artistic and in her free time, she likes to do arts and crafts such as origami and crochet. Tatianna would like to be a part of a loving family that loves to travel and will enjoy spending quality time with her.

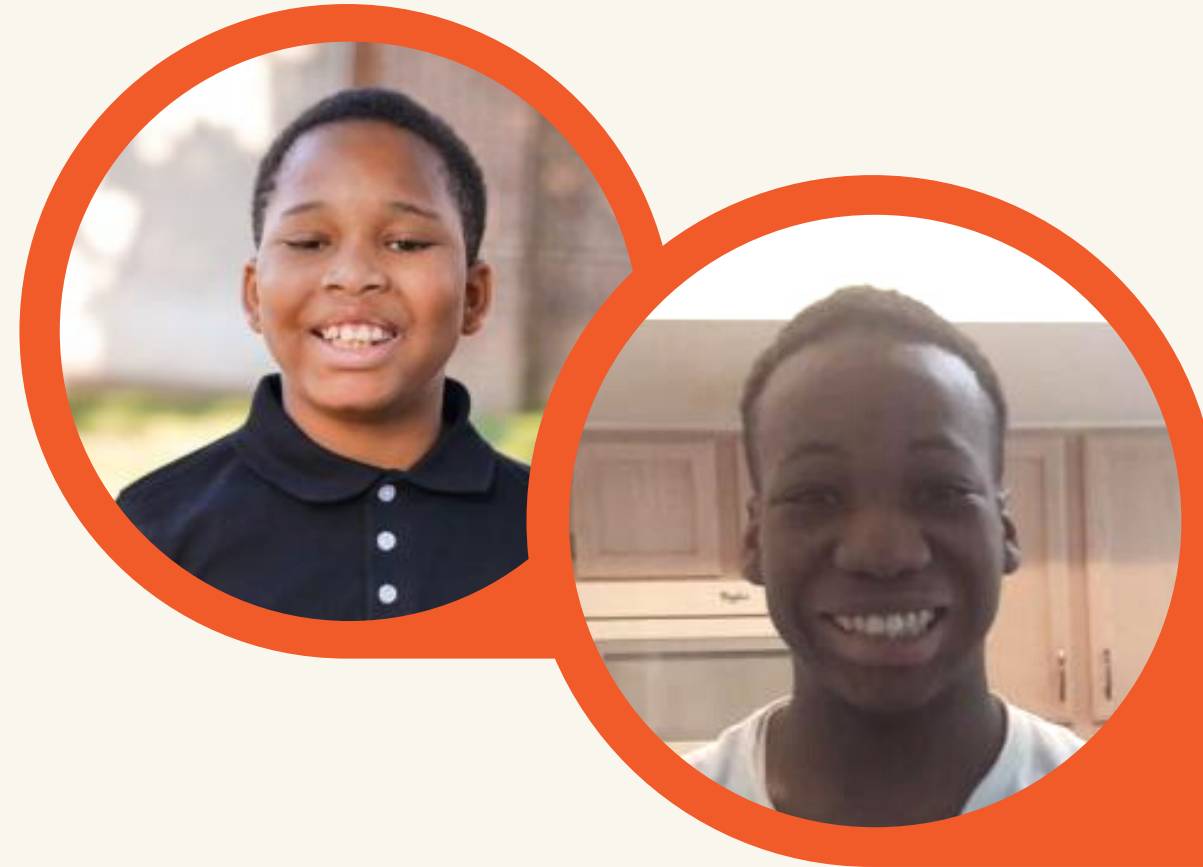
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KEVIN, 12

Kevin is a sweet, quiet, and friendly boy in need of a loving and nurturing family. He loves basketball and playing outside. Kevin is always thinking of others. He asks if adults need help and shows respect towards them. Kevin is very close to his brother and sisters and thinks about them often. He is thoughtful and deserving of a wonderful family.

His hobbies consist of playing basketball and playing on his tablet. When Kevin grows up, he wants to be in the NBA and he is the happiest when he is in school.

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COREY, 17

Corey is kind, boisterous, and a whole lot of fun! He likes to play soccer, go to the YMCA, and play video games. Corey was born deaf and is fluent in ASL, and he describes himself as "smart, funny, and happy." Very flexible and easy-going, he likes to go with the flow and enjoy the day; he has a wide smile that fills the room. He is very meticulous so he takes his time and uses great care to complete not only his art but his school assignments as well. His favorite classes include math, English, science, and history. Corey hopes to attend mainstream vo-tech programs when the opportunity resumes post-pandemic.

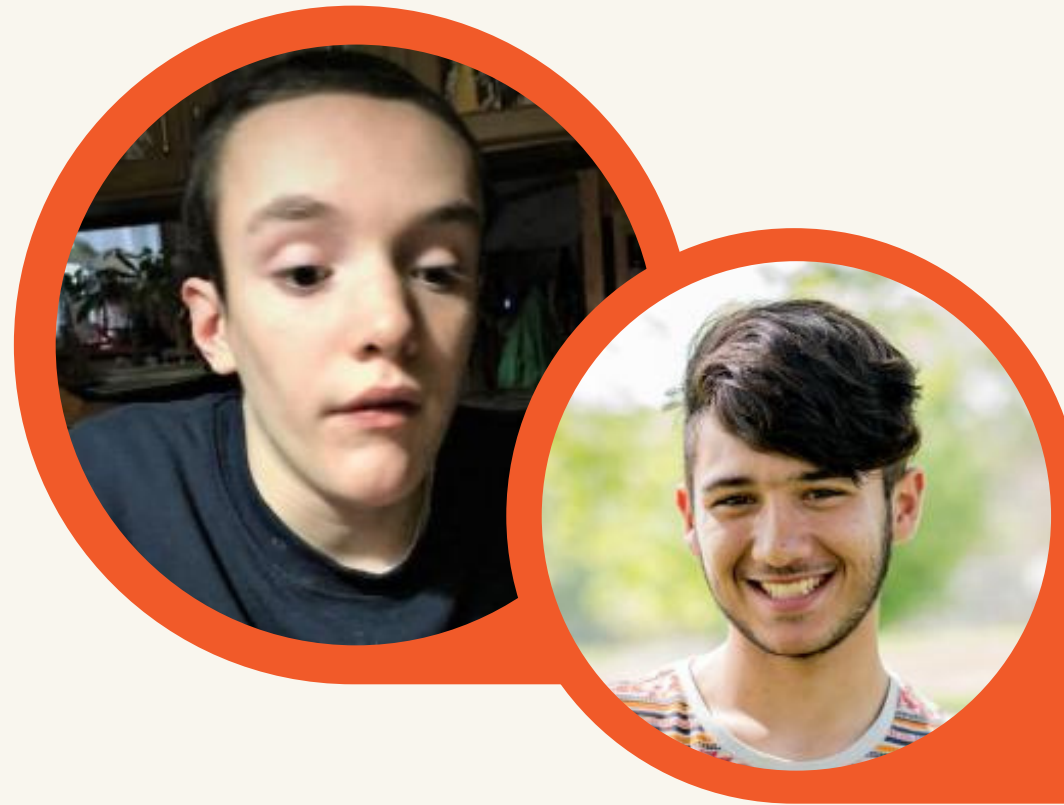
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NICHOLAS, 16

Nicholas is a compassionate and sweet child. Nicholas loves to hear things that will make him laugh or smile. He enjoys the company of those with whom he is most familiar.

Nicholas is happiest when he is spending time with familiar people and in an atmosphere that makes him feel comfortable. Nicholas loves going for walks or spending time outside. He enjoys playing in the water. Nicholas would like to join a family that is patient, compassionate and will encourage and support his growth.

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JOSEPH, 18

Joseph is described by all who meet him as extremely friendly. He is very social and likes to be around other people. He gets along very well with peers and adults. Joseph LOVES sports! Basketball, football and soccer are his favorites, but he would watch or play any sport.

Joseph plays on his school's basketball and football teams. He is an active young man and likes to be outside and busy. While he has his favorite activities, he'd be willing to try anything new, especially if you do it with him. School is a real strength for Joseph. He enjoys going to school, and like everywhere else he goes, the students and teachers like having him there!

WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

AMIRA 11, KHAMONI 9, ZOHEY 6, & KILEY 3

Kiley is a fun, loving, bright, and ambitious three-year-old who loves snacks and plays with her dolls. Zoey is described as a sweet and bubbly young child full of laughter and smiles. Amira loves girly things such as mermaids, playing with dolls, and dancing. Khamoni describes herself as outgoing and wants to be a doctor when she grows up.

Kiley and her sisters, Zoey, Amira and Khamoni, are seeking a home together.

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QUAMIR, 14

Quamir is gentle, polite and very well-mannered youth. Quamir is very sweet, loving and very helpful. Quamir is always willing to extend his help to adults if needed. Quamir enjoys spending time with his friends. When Quamir is not spending time with friends he enjoys playing football, basketball, swimming, playing cards, video games, and journaling. Quamir hopes is to join a loving family that will support his admirations and dreams.

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ROBERT, 14

Robert enjoys playing sports, particularly basketball. He likes to play games - some of his favorites are Uno and Phase 10. Robert also enjoys telling jokes, coloring, doing puzzles and (when he is given the chance to do so) reading quietly. He is a charming and social youngster. Before he is willing to open up to someone, he needs to get to know them and get comfortable. He appears to be adored by most of the adults in his life. He will need an caring family who will be committed to helping him reach his potential.

WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

MICHAEL, 17

Michael is a loving, very friendly and kind youth. Michael is described as outspoken and very resilient. Michael's hobbies include cooking and reading novels. Michael loves experimenting with new foods and has dreams of becoming a chef. When Michael has spare time he likes to watch cooking shows or funny movies. Michael has opened up about adoption and wants to find a permanent family that will love him unconditionally.

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SELENA, 13

Very friendly, Selena is known for her great sense of humor. Art is very important to her and she envisions being an artist when she grows up. She participates in a variety of artistic pursuits including painting, coloring, and drawing. It's no surprise that art is one of her favorite classes in school. She also likes science. In her spare time, Selena enjoys watching television and swimming.

Selena dreams of having a permanent family with "people who love me," she says. She would like an active family, either two--parent or a single mom, and other children in the home. Selena loves dogs and hopes the family would have some pets.

WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

AZIR, 17

Azir describes himself as energetic, charismatic, fun, loving and helpful. Azir is a fanatic about basketball and when he grows up his dream is to play in the NBA or overseas. If he cannot play basketball he would like to try becoming a sports agent. His fallback is to have a job working with electronics at Best Buy or another company that sells electronics. When Azir is not playing basketball his other hobbies include playing football or sports video games. Azir wishes for a family that is loving, caring, committed to helping him achieve his dreams and aspirations and who enjoy sports just as much as he does.

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BREONA, 15

Breona is an energetic, bright, caring girl whose wish is to join a forever family. Breona is a social butterfly that enjoys talking on the phone with friends. When she is not talking on the phone with friends she likes watching television, swimming or going to the mall. Breona has a nurturing spirit and cares a lot about others. When she grows up she would like to be a nurse because she wants to help people when they are sick. Breona is very active and finds pleasure in cheerleading and making up new cheers. Breona likes school and her favorite subjects are Math and Science. Breona hopes to join a family that will love all of her characteristics and encourages her close relationship with her siblings.

WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

AMBERLYNN, 16

Amber is a kind and friendly youth who displays uniqueness through art, a favorite hobby. Amber also loves to help care for animals and is especially interested in insects and reptiles.

Amber loves animals so much that studying to become a veterinarian is the main goal.

Amber would like to join a family that will encourage big dreams, will support the quest to become veterinarian and who make Amber feel safe, understood, loved, and accepted.

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WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

ROBERT, 13

Robert is an engaging youth that enjoys who loves Ninja Turtles and Spiderman! He even has action figures of these characters that are his favorite toys; he can play with them for hours. Robert enjoys exploring the outdoors by going for rides in the car and buying items at the local Dollar Store. He is very social and enjoys interacting with people. A natural comedian, Robert likes to joke around with others and likes for others to joke around with him for a good laugh!

WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

AMAREA, 14

Amarea is a sassy, out-going, fun-loving youth that can light up a room with her contagious smile and charm. Amarea is a dancer and her favorite form of dance is African dance. In addition to dancing, Amarea is a true girly-girl at heart and loves getting her hair and nails done. In her free time, she enjoys interacting with her peers and exploring new foods from other cultures. When Amarea grows up she aspires to be an anthropologist.

Amarea excels well in school and her favorite subject is math. Amarea would like to join a family that is gentle, does not mind spending quality time with her, has no other children in the home, and parents that are open to her Christianity.



WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

MICHAEL, 16

Michael is a funny and kind child. He is soft-spoken and quiet when first meeting somebody but his personality and sense of humor shine through once comfortable. Michael is active and loves to play outside with his friends. Swimming is one of his favorite activities. He enjoys playing most sports and his favorites are football and basketball. He enjoys playing video games and watching superhero movies. Michael has been described as an enthusiastic and hard-working student.

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JAMES, 17

James is a total sweetheart! Brilliantly quick, enthusiastically creative, and totally funny, James lights up any room that he enters. He is kind, helpful, and thoughtful. He combines his creativity and curiosity into his favorite pastime: gaming and game design! In fact, he currently designs his own games on his tablet! He also writes his own comics and creates detailed characters with complex personas. He is observant and quiet when first meeting you, but his smile blooms with laughter after just a little bit of conversation about games and Pokemon.

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DAYNAJA, 18

Daynaja is a sweet, thoughtful, responsible, reliable, and creative girl who is talented in many areas of life. She is an aspiring cosmetologist—she loves learning about hair styling, nail art and makeup. She loves to help her friends feel beautiful and often offers to do their hair and nails for fun. She loves school—art is her favorite subject as she is very creative and loves to craft. Her favorite colors are pink and purple, but she loves to use many colors and also glitter when doing artwork! Her favorite season is summer, which truly reflects her sunny disposition and warm kindness.

WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

KAMIRA, 12

Kamira is an energetic, sweet, fun, loving and easy-going child whose personality is described as being able to demand the attention of the room. Kamira loves to get her nails and hair done and she loves going shopping at the mall. Kamira is a little fashionista that enjoys dressing up. Kamira is an excellent dancer and she is currently enrolled in dance lessons. Kamira's proudest achievement is being selected as the young helper in school. Kamira likes working with younger children and can be quite helpful and nurturing. Kamira would like to find a forever family. She is interested in joining a family with a mom or mom and dad. Her biggest admiration is to join a family that she can call her own.



WAITING FOR A FAMILY:

VICKY, 13

Vicky is a very shy, endearing, and polite 13- year-old girl who was born in Haiti. She continues to have sporadic contact with a relative there. Vicky likes to draw, roller skate and cook. She attends local public schools but has an Individualized Education Plan and needs academic supports due to developmental delays. Vicky would like to be a nurse when she grows up. She has experienced multiple losses from a young age, particularly due to multiple caregivers making promises and then changing their minds. Vicky will need a steadfastly committed family that can help her process layers of grief and loss and move forward from the resulting fears and behavior.