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About the Heart Gallery

The Heart Gallery concept was founded by the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department in 2001 as a unique way to help children in foster care who are waiting for adoptive families step from the shadows into the light. Stirring portraits, which reveal the children's amazing spirits and individuality, have helped many children find permanent, loving homes through adoption.

Adoption Exchange

Established in 1983, The Adoption Exchange has been making the connection between adoptive families and children with special needs. The Adoption Exchange recruits families for our country's most vulnerable children who currently wait in the foster care system. For twenty-seven years, the organization has helped find families for more than 5,500 children and offered hope for a better life to some of our nation's most at risk youth.

www.adoptex.org

The Missouri Children's Division Heart Gallery Project

The Missouri Children's Division's first adoption Heart Gallery was in 2006. Over 180 Missouri children featured in the Missouri Gallery have been placed with their forever families.

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/>

The 2011 Missouri Heart Gallery will be presented in an electronic format as well as appearances throughout the state. The media format will include a video/DVD as well as the use of the online Missouri Heart Gallery versus only a traveling Heart Gallery as in previous years. Sites where the gallery will appear in local communities will be listed on the Heart Gallery website listed below.

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The Missouri Adoption Activities Website

To view children available for adoption and adoption events happening throughout the state.

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/adopt/activity/index.htm>

Contact Your Local Children's Division Office

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/offices.htm>

Missouri Heart Gallery Facebook Fan Page

Events involving the 2011 Missouri Heart Gallery

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/Missouri-Heart-Gallery/166056128270?sk=info>

Adoption Overview

Adoptive families provide permanent, safe and stable homes for children. Adoption is the permanent, legal transfer of parental rights and responsibilities from a child's birth parents to the adoptive parents.

Many of the children who wait to be adopted from child welfare programs have reached the age of five or older, are children of color, are part of a sibling group, have special needs, and have lived in multiple out-of-home placements.

Foster Care Overview

Foster parents provide temporary care for children whose families are not able to care for them. Foster parents provide a safe and supportive home in which a child's emotional, physical, and social needs are met. Foster parents offer general guidance for growth and development to a child and their family, while supporting their relationships with kin and others who are important to the child. Throughout a child's stay, the foster parents will be expected to be an active member of a team that consists of children's service workers, the child and their family, the court and community members. The goal of this team is to meet the needs of the family in order to safely return the child home whenever possible.

To be a Foster or Adoptive parent you must:

- ◆ Be at least 21 years of age;
- ◆ Complete a child abuse/neglect check and criminal record check including fingerprints;
- ◆ Be in good health, both physically and mentally;
- ◆ Have a stable income;
- ◆ Be willing to participate in and complete a free training and assessment process;
- ◆ Be part of a professional team willing to voice perspectives and concerns; and
- ◆ Be willing to partner with the child's family.

You can:

- ◆ Be with or without children;
- ◆ Be single or married; and
- ◆ Own or rent a home, apartment, condo, or other residence that meets the licensing standards.



Portrait by Scott Chapin

Training Overview

The first step toward becoming a resource parent is the agency's assessment and training program. All resource parents are required to successfully complete our STARS training program. Adoptive parents continue with additional training. The STARS program introduces prospective resource families to the rewards and challenges involved in caring for Missouri's most vulnerable children.

The STARS program is important for even the most experienced parents; because fostering and adopting is very different from parenting a biological child. Resource parents need to support the relationship of the child with his/her birth family and help the child manage feelings about being in foster care or the possibility of being adopted.

STARS is a pre-service training program that strives to prepare you to:

- ◆ protect and nurture foster and adoptive children;
- ◆ meet the children's developmental needs and address developmental delays;
- ◆ support relationships between children and their families;
- ◆ connect children with safe, nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime; and
- ◆ actively participate in a professional team.

STARS also includes an in-home assessment consisting of at least four visits to your home by the Family Development Specialist.

The specialist will discuss information with you about our agency and the children in our care as well as talk with you about your family. He or she will also look at your home environment for compliance with licensing requirements. Part of the assessment process is to help you make important decisions about whether or not fostering or adopting a child is right for you and your family.

Additional training is required for prospective adoptive families. These classes offer families the tools and information that they need to:

- ◆ Understand how adoptive families are different;
- ◆ Anticipate the effects of separation, loss, and grief in adoption;
- ◆ Understand the need to maintain optimal connection with those who matter to the child;
- ◆ Understand attachment and its importance in adoption; anticipate challenges;
- ◆ Identify strategies for managing challenges as an adoptive family; and
- ◆ Explore the lifelong commitment to a child that adoption requires.

Training sessions provide the opportunity to have questions answered, build relationships with other parents and agency staff, and to determine whether your family has the ability and desire to meet the children's needs.

Foster Care and Adoption Frequently Asked Questions

What is foster care? Foster care is a temporary placement for children without parental care due to abuse or neglect. Foster families provide a safe and nurturing home while the parents receive supportive services to regain custody of their children.

What is adoption? Adoption is the permanent option for children who have been in foster care. Children are legally free for adoption only after the court has terminated the parental rights of the birth parents.

Who are the children in State care, in foster care or awaiting adoption? Children in state care range in age from 0 to 21 and frequently are part of a sibling group that must remain together. More than half are of minority descent. Some of these children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities ranging from mild to severe. Children enter foster care due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. All have endured the trauma of being separated from their families. Just as each child is an individual, the challenges vary in meeting their needs, but they all need patience, understanding and unconditional love.

Do I have to be married? You do not have to be married. Foster and adoptive parents are married couples, single, or divorced.

Do I have to own my own home? Foster and adoptive parents do not have to own a home; in fact, many foster or adoptive parents rent their place of residence. Foster and adoptive parents must be able to maintain their residence.

What are the costs of becoming a foster or adoptive parent? There is little to no cost involved in becoming a foster or adoptive parent. The home assessment and training is provided by the state free of charge. The majority of adoption expenses are covered by the State.

Do I have a choice in which children are placed in my home? Together with a representative of the Children's Division, a child preference and parenting assessment is completed during the initial licensure of the home. Your individual parenting skills and the capacity of your home will be matched with the information you provide in regard to child preferences. This allows the agency to identify when you, as a parent, are most likely to meet the unique needs of a child in the state's care. The assessment process is ongoing and part of the continuing licensure process. It is crucial that homes be identified that will best meet the parenting needs of children in care. Even if your home is identified as suitable for a specific child, foster and adoptive parents have the option to decline the placement.

What type of support services are provided after a child is placed in my home? Foster parents receive a monthly maintenance payment to help cover the costs of caring for their foster children. Medicaid is provided by the state for the child's medical, psychological and dental needs. Foster parents and adoptive parents, who are employed or enrolled in school full time, may be able to receive childcare services. Visitation plans for children and their families are also part of the supportive services offered to families in order to maintain relationships and preserve those essential connections that are so important to a child's development and the process of reunification.

What are the age requirements to become a foster or adoptive parent? The minimum age is 21. There is no maximum age limit.

What are the training requirements for becoming foster or adoptive parents? STARS (Specialized Training, Assessment, Resources, Support and Skills), a twenty-seven hour pre-service training, is required of both foster and adoptive parents. Professional foster parents are required to complete 30 hours of in-service training during their two year licensure period. In two-parent homes, both parents must complete the required number of training hours. An additional twelve hours of training is required for individuals or couples wishing to adopt.

Do I have to foster before I can adopt? No, you do not have to become a foster parent before you become an adoptive parent.



Portrait by Denny Medley



Portrait by Mike Tsai

Curston B.

Curston is a very sweet and caring 12-year-old boy who is respectful and willing to help those around him. You can always find **Curston** playing basketball or football outside. **Curston** loves animals especially dogs and hamsters! **Curston** is looking for a loving and nurturing family who will help him grow into the amazing individual that we know he will be!

Madison B.

Madison is a cherub-faced young lady with a bright smile and positive attitude. Sixteen-year-old **Madison** enjoys softball, singing and playing clarinet in her school band. She is in need of a home that will provide love, structure and consistency where she can thrive.

Portrait by Sonya Colliver



Portrait by Ed Vaughn

Alexis B.

Alexis is a beautiful, charming, energetic young lady of 8. She likes to talk and ride her bicycle. Her baby dolls are her favorite toy and she wants to be a 4th grade teacher when she grows up. She's a country girl at heart and loves Taylor Swift. **Alexis** is looking for a dedicated, committed family who can give her the attention she deserves.

James I.

James, age 11, is an eager learner who excels at computers and loves video games. He has an excellent memory and does well in school. **James** loves to ride bikes, build things, and go to Sunday school. **James** is looking forward to having a family who will love him. He understands that he needs a strong mother and father who can provide consistency and structure.

Portrait by Stephanie Lagow



Darryon M.

Darryon, age 12, has a warm personality and is shy around unfamiliar people. **Darryon** loves sports, including football and other outdoor activities. **Darryon** enjoys going out to the movies and hanging out with friends. **Darryon** would do well in a home where there is love, structure, guidance and someone to get him involved in activities outside the home.

Portrait by Kelly Dunford



Portrait by Lisa Nordmann

Jasmine and Johnetta M.

Jasmine, age 15, is a musical girl who loves spending her time listening to her favorite tracks. An enthusiast of history, she is focusing on learning to drive and getting her first job this summer. **Johnetta** is a playful, 13 year old who is inquisitive, outgoing, and does not know a stranger. Her favorite subjects are math and science. These two sisters would love a forever family.

Nashay C.

When asked to describe herself, **Nashay** states "I'm nice, funny, and goofy!" This vibrant 13-year-old young lady has a great sense of style and loves fashion, especially Ed Hardy. In her free time she likes to shop at the mall, watch movies, and play basketball. **Nashay** is excited about being adopted!

Portrait by Jessica Lamb-Rosa



Portrait by Holly Tanaka/Sarah Patton

William S.

William, 11, is ready to move into a loving home and find a forever family. He is a delightful young man who would do best in a home where there are few, if any, other children. The ideal forever home for **William** would be willing to assist him in maintaining contact with his siblings.



Portrait by Joyce Bohm

Timothy "Alex" W.

Alex, 10, is a highly imaginative, creative, and articulate young man who enjoys drawing and coloring as well as building things. **Alex** would benefit from a home that provides structure and individual attention.

Napoleon "Nate" B.

Napoleon "Nate", 15, is a young man who likes to smile and has a good sense of humor. He can be very respectful and enjoys the company of adults. He likes to ride his skateboard and play video games during his free time. **Nate** is looking for a family to call his own that will provide him with unconditional love and support.

Portrait by Scott Hastings



Portrait by Denny Medley

Michael H.

Michael is one amazing young man! Although he is quiet and shy, he enjoys interacting with peers. Playing sports, being outdoors, and running track are his favorite activities. **Michael**, age 16, finds school to be a delight, his most-loved subject is arts and crafts.

Sara J.

At age 14, **Sara** has the look of a regal model with beautiful features and a captivating smile. **Sara** is very articulate and intelligent and has huge potential in the field of academics. **Sara's** perfect day would be to go shopping and to spend time at a spa getting her hair and nails done. **Sara** enjoys music and likes to sing. She is competitive and enjoys swimming, soccer, and tennis. Sara would like to be able to remain in contact with her sister when she joins her forever family.

Portrait by Jeane Vogel



Jauan W., Mariah and Sheldon C.

This sibling group of three will capture your attention! **Sheldon**, age 13, is the oldest and quite the charmer. He is a great conversationalist and minds his manners. He is academically gifted, although an introvert by nature. **Jauan** is an active 11 year old and the middle child. He is outgoing and compassionate. He enjoys playing video games and going on outings with friends. He has shown that he can be a leader among his friends. **Mariah** is the youngest at 7-years-old and the only girl. She loves getting all the attention that she can! She is very energetic and loves to beat up on her brothers. All three siblings are ready to be a part of a loving and active forever family.



Portrait by Lisa Nordmann



Portrait by Heather Robbins

Antario and Deandre W.

Are you ready to dance? **Antario**, age 6, and **Deandre**, age 4, love to dance and will happily perform their moves. These brothers have a close, loving bond. **Antario** is an active child who loves to run, explore anything scientific, and to go camping. **Deandre** has been described as a "snuggler." He is very affectionate and loves to play with transformers and read books. The boys are shy at first, but will quickly warm to new people and become very talkative. An active, energetic family would be an ideal fit for these siblings.

Martwan G. and Robbie B.

Two times the fun! Meet **Martwan**, 7, and **Robbie**, 3, who have a very close sibling bond. Older brother, Martwan, is talkative, attentive and has a great imagination. He likes riding bikes, playing football and basketball. He also likes to play on the computer. Looking up to her big brother, is Robbie, and whatever Martwan says, Robbie will agree with! Robbie likes to play with her dolls and does well with other children around her.



Portrait by Lynn Paszkiewicz



Portrait by Joyce Eveler

Johnathan B.

Meet **Johnathan**, an active, creative and sweet boy who has many 'favorites'. At age 11, he loves going to school - his favorite subject is math, being creative and building with Kinex and Legos. He enjoys sports, his favorites being basketball and baseball. Another favorite activity is playing with remote control cars and Hot Wheels. **Johnathan** is quiet and well-mannered, he is a concrete and visual learner and always eager to please.

Cierra S.

Cierra is a beautiful, charismatic, intelligent 18-year-old. She likes fashion and enjoys expressing herself through clothing and hairstyle. **Cierra** would like to attend college after she graduates from high school. **Cierra** would like a family to help support her and love her unconditionally.

Portrait by Jen Fields



Portrait by Ed Vaughn

Rebecca F.

Rebecca is a beautiful girl with light brown hair, blue eyes and a love of reading. Her favorites are Twilight, Harry Potter and Love Inspired Series. She also likes to skate and draw. Seventeen-year-old **Rebecca** has a strong bond with her older sister and younger brother and maintains contact with her paternal grandparents. **Rebecca** is looking for a family where she is the only child or the oldest child and who can provide her with love security and support.

Matthew W.

Matthew is a very caring ten-year-old who loves to play sports and ride bikes. He has the ability to do well in school and wants to be a fireman or police officer when he grows up. **Matthew** is looking for a forever family that would assist him in having future contact with his siblings.

Portrait by Scott Hastings



Angela S.

Do you need a partner for karaoke? If so, **Angela**, age 13, may be your girl. She loves to sing and dance. **Angela** will also happily amuse herself by drawing or riding her bike. **Angela** would benefit from parents who could provide assistance with academics and who would provide the one-on-one attention she so deserves. **Angela** would reward her parents with a contagious smile that lights up her face.

Portrait by Wendy Craighead



Portrait by Joyce Darnell

Charlie H.

Charlie is a fun loving, intelligent 15-year-old with an easy-going attitude. He enjoys being around people and telling stories. Parents who have the time and patience to devote to him will reap great rewards.

Gabrielle C.

Gabrielle, age 13, is an excellent student who has aspirations of becoming a veterinarian. She would like to work in a “small animal practice” with an emphasis on dogs. **Gabrielle** hopes to rescue and own many dogs throughout her lifetime. **Gabrielle** likes to read, use the computer, and spend time with her many friends, siblings, and cousins. Family is important to **Gabrielle**, continued contact with her siblings would be necessary.

Portrait by Robyn Osten



Portrait by Sheryl Watkins

Juan Z.

Juan, age 18, is a pleasant young man with a free and happy spirit who is talkative and not afraid to express his thoughts or opinions. He enjoys watching movies, listening to music and has a growing interest in Anime. **Juan** does well in school and gets along well with teachers, adults and peers.



Portrait by Denny Medley

Viyolla M.

Thirteen-year-old **Viyolla** is a friendly and talkative young lady with ancestry linked to Sudan. She enjoys singing and watching TV. **Viyolla** is looking for a loving and nurturing family who will help her maintain contact with her three siblings

Ayrielle E.

Ayrielle, age 15, is, in every way, an average teenaged girl. She loves to “hang-out” with her friends. She enjoys going to the movies or to the mall shopping. **Ayrielle** likes school and does well, but admittedly is not particularly fond of Algebra. **Ayrielle** would like to become a cosmetologist. She seems to have real talent in this area. She is very stylish. **Ayrielle** is great with younger children and would like to be someone’s big sister.

Portrait by Michelle Huesgen



Portrait by Christina Morrow

Alex F.

Active **Alex**, 11, enjoys basketball and football. He enjoys participating in school activities and hanging out with his friends. He is quick to jump in and help out anyone in need. **Alex** has many goals in life and takes pride in accomplishing these goals. He would like to be adopted by a caring and loving family who will support his future goals.

Timothy M.

Twelve-year-old **Timothy** is a vigorous young boy who takes pleasure in interacting with others. He loves to play outside and really enjoys playing catch. **Timothy** responds well to structure and consistency and would benefit most from a patient two-parent forever family willing to assist with his physical disabilities.

Portrait by Scott Hastings



Airiel B., Jasmine V., and Lisa S.

Airiel, Jasmine, and **Lisa** are a fun, beautiful, and friendly set of sisters ready to steal your heart! **Jasmine**, age 15, is the oldest of the group and very much the big sister! She enjoys talking on the phone and hanging out with her friends. **Lisa**, 11, is the energetic and bubbly middle sister. She loves to make people laugh and butterflies. **Airiel**, 4, is the adorable and cuddly little sister. She loves everything pink and playing with dolls.

Portrait by Jennifer Mullinax



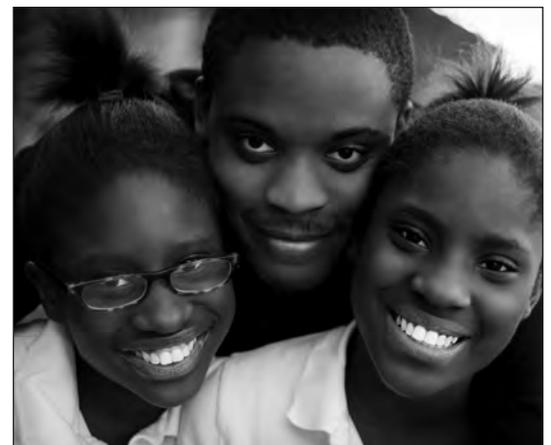
Portrait by Jerald Schlomer

Isiah and Jeremiah B. and Lucanda "Evette" E.

Lucanda "Evette" age 13, **Isaiah**, age 11, and **Jeremiah**, age 9 are a dynamic sibling group who very much want to be adopted together. **Evette** is an extremely comical young lady who loves to make people laugh by making funny faces or being silly. **Isaiah** enjoys spending time with his siblings who have special needs, reading books, playing basketball, skateboarding, and drawing. **Jeremiah** likes to ride his bike and sing songs by Lady Gaga and iCarly. This sibling group is in need of a forever family who has love, patience, and commitment for this trio.

Davon, Donesha, and Donsha M.

Davon, 18, is a handsome and polite young man. He has big dark brown eyes and a beautiful smile! He enjoys video games, sports and playing with action figures. **Donsha** is an outgoing 15-year-old with dark brown eyes and dark brown hair and a beautiful smile. She is full of energy and is very outgoing. She enjoys playing with toys and her younger sister. **Donesha** is also a beautiful 13-year-old girl who favors her older sister. She is talkative, outgoing and friendly. This sibling group is very attached to one another and wish to be placed in an adoptive home together.



Portrait by Staley Wessel



Portrait by Denny Medley

Alecia B.

Meet **Alecia**! She is a 13-year-old who likes hanging out with her friends and going to the mall. She likes to sing and dance, act, and play soccer. **Alecia** is looking for a home that will provide her with love and support.

Brandon H.

Brandon, 5, is a wonderful little boy with a smile that lights up the room. He loves the little things in life like running outside, doing jumping jacks, and playing board games. He enjoys hearing and telling stories. **Brandon** is a smart, sweet child who is looking for a stable and loving forever family.



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Portrait by Joyce Eveler

Ja'Kyia H.

Ja'Kyia is an adorable 5-year-old girl who is learning to play board games and loves being the winner! **Ja'kyia** also enjoys playing educational games and is learning her letters and numbers. She loves to play outside, ride her bike, play with her dolls and 'My Little Pony' toys. **Ja'Kyia** would make a wonderful addition to a family.

Moses B.

Moses is a well-mannered bright young man who has a drive to succeed in life. He does very well in school and has strong peer relationships. He excels in Math and English and is well behaved and respectful to his teachers. **Moses**, 17, attends church regularly and enjoys playing video games, wrestling, working out, reading books, playing chess, and listening to music. **Moses** will do well in a one or two parent family, with or without other children but wants a family who will allow him to continue contact with his siblings.



Portrait by Denny Medley

Violet F.

Violet, 17, is a beautiful young lady who has a sweetness and spirit about her. If you spend time with **Violet** you will fall in love! She is known for being extremely talkative, very creative, and has a vivid imagination. **Violet's** hopes and dreams of one day being a part of a forever family.

Portrait by Joyce Bohm



Portrait by Lisa Chambers

Thomeisha B.

Thomeisha, 13, likes to keep busy and for fun she likes to go to the movies, swim, ride her bike and go to Six Flags. **Thomeisha** has a beautiful smile and loves to laugh and talk. She is inquisitive, imaginative and loves affection. The ideal family for **Thomeisha** would be able to give her clear expectations, boundaries and lots of stability. Do you have an ear to lend and a heart to open to **Thomeisha**?

Alex M.

Look out Michael Phelps! **Alex**, 5, is an energetic little boy who loves to swim. Catch him if you can! He enjoys being outdoors and spending time with animals. He will serenade you with his beautiful singing. **Alex** is looking for a forever family who enjoys being as active as he does.

Portrait by Darbi Hebrank



Portrait by LeAnne Price

Michael S.

If you enjoy trains, trucks, cars, and wagons **Michael**, age 10 is the guy for you! **Michael** enjoys all things outdoors such as riding his bike and gardening. He also uses his free time playing racing video games on the X-box. He is very affectionate and loves to give hugs. **Michael** is looking for a family who can provide him with structure, unconditional love, and stability.



Portrait by Denny Medley

Andre M.

Andre has thick black hair, big brown eyes, and dimples that show off his bright, infectious smile. This 11-year-old has a lot of energy and loves to play outside. He excels in sports, especially football. **Andre** strives to be independent, and is very skilled at putting together puzzles. **Andre's** ideal home will understand that he needs a lifetime commitment. His forever family will need to be knowledgeable and supportive of his special needs.

Kathryn and Michael M.

This likeable duo is ready for a home to call their own. **Kathryn**, 18 is a very polite, sincere, and affectionate young lady who loves to listen to music and enjoys writing. **Kathryn** also states she likes to cook, spending time being outdoors, swimming, and babysitting. **Michael**, 17 is a very respectful, polite and easy going young man who has lots of friends because he is fun and outgoing. **Kathryn** and **Michael** would love to be in a home where there is a strong sense of commitment to family members.

Portrait by Kathy Steen



Portrait by Bill Bateman

Stormy S.

According to her teachers **Stormy**, age 15, is meticulous about her school work, is very neat and likes to turn it in just right. In her free time, she enjoys riding horses, watching Disney movies and spending time outside with her family. Her favorite foods are hamburgers, pizza and fried chicken. **Stormy** is looking for a family who can give her structure, consistency as well as love and attention.

Darius M.

Darius is a handsome 12-year-old boy with big brown eyes. This energetic young man is active and loves sports, especially basketball. **Darius** has a sweet smile and can be a little shy, but after playing a few games, he will open up. Keeping contact with his siblings is very important to **Darius** and he hopes to find a family that will help him keep that contact.

Portrait by Leigh Miller



Blake, Katelyn and Ryan S.

Triple the fun! These three want to be a member of your family. **Blake**, 11, is an easy going young man who enjoys hunting, fishing, basketball, and baseball. When **Blake** grows up, he wants to be a policeman or a truck driver. He enjoys eating hot dogs and steak. **Katelyn** is a spunky 8-year-old who enjoys swimming and going to the park. Her favorite color is red and she loves to eat pizza. She likes to help around the house. **Ryan** is a happy 4-year-old who enjoys playing with his siblings and other children. He loves to play with his toy motorcycles and trucks. These three are looking for a home committed to keeping them together.



Portrait by Lynn Jones



Portrait by Shelly Kraemer

Dennis, Junior and Laura S.

Dennis is an adorable 10-year-old with a smile that never stops. He enjoys sports and spending time with his siblings. **Laura** is a beautiful, energetic 12 year old. She loves clothes, shoes, make-up and music. **Junior**, age 13, is a handsome young man who enjoys sports and would like to play football in college. All three children have a great sense of humor and wish to remain together when adopted. This sibling group would love a family to call their own.

Christina, Jockqyay, and Lee P.

Jockqyay is a handsome 6-year-old boy with a friendly personality and an infectious giggle. **Jockqyay** is energetic and loves to play basketball. **Christina** is a four year old girl who is full of spunk and loves to give hugs as well as dressing up and having her hair done. **Lee**, age 3, is a very happy preschooler. He loves to eat and is above average in height and weight. **Jockquay** is protective of his younger siblings. These children have a strong sibling bond and would do best in a family willing to adopt all three children.



Portrait by Darbi Hebrank



Portrait by Heather Morrow

Demaje E.

Demaje is an adorable nine-year-old boy. He loves music and art and learning new things. Demaje can be shy when you first meet him but quickly opens up. Demaje would love to have a forever family.

Gabrielle P. and Shamar L.

Sisters **Gabrielle**, age 8, and **Shamar**, age 4, are ready to learn everything they can about this world. They are bright and full of life. **Gabby** is artistic. She draws with much detail and enjoys all types of craft projects. **Shamar** loves music. She memorizes songs easily and appears to have an untapped talent for music. **Shamar** can play by ear what she hears others playing on the piano. **Gabby** and **Shamar** are sisters to Anyaii and Serenity. They would like to maintain contact with their siblings.

Portrait by Debbie Kertz



Portrait by Lauri Baker

Kenneth H.

Kenneth, is a charming, handsome 17-year old young man who has a calming personality and enjoys sports and watching wrestling on TV or playing video games. **Kenneth** would love to have a mom and/or dad to call his own who can show him motivation and encouragement.

Natalie N.

Natalie is a beautiful 18-year-old with long brown wavy hair. **Natalie** enjoys anything that has to do with performing arts. She is a very talented poetry and short story writer and has won awards! Her other interests include music, photography, and participating in her church youth group. **Natalie** will need a family that understands the bond she has with her siblings and will allow her to maintain this contact.

Portrait by Jennifer Mullinax



Justin W.

Justin, age 16, is a well rounded youth. Enjoying a wide range of activities from sports and drawing to playing basketball and riding his bike, he is always willing to show off his talent. **Justin** is in need of a loving family that will provide a structured environment with clear rules and boundaries and will allow him to maintain contact with his siblings.

Portrait by Mark Braswell



Portrait by Kristi Foster

Anautica M.

Tall and slender **Anautica** loves to dance! This spunky 15-year-old also loves pets, Disney movies, and playing games on the computer. **Anautica** is in need of a forever family who will provide her with stability and unconditional love. **Anautica's** ideal family would be supportive of her needs and open to maintaining contact with her three siblings.

Phillip J.

Phillip, age 14, is polite, friendly, and social. He loves school and a favorite class is art because he enjoys drawing and all art activities. He likes being outside and especially enjoys riding his bike and spending time with animals of all kinds—a snake or a puppy are equally enthralling to him. **Phillip** is a picky eater who, above all else, loves sweets which must be monitored. **Phillip** would love to have a forever family to call his own who will leave room for his biological family with whom he would like to maintain contact.

Portrait by Robyn Osten



Portrait by Scott Hastings

Samantha W.

Samantha has a good sense of humor and an artistic flair! She likes to write poetry as well as do arts and crafts. She has natural athletic ability and enjoys playing sports. Like other kids her age, this 16-year-old girl loves hanging out with her friends and listening to music. She tends to be shy when first meeting someone but shows her warm personality once she gets to know them. **Samantha** would love to have a forever family who is active and wants to experience the rest of life's milestones with her.



Portrait by David Summerlin

Travis "TJ" F.

Travis "TJ" is ready to hit the great outdoors with his forever family! Fifteen-year-old **TJ** likes animals, both domestic and exotic, and enjoys engaging in outdoor activities such as camping, fishing, and swimming. In addition to loving the outdoors, **TJ** also enjoys playing video games.

Jon R.

Jon has a passion for playing football and video games. He loves cars and would love to find a family who would teach him how to drive. **Jon** is a 16-year-old Haitian and has been in the United States since he was 10-years-old. He has a laid-back personality thriving on individual attention. He enjoys being outside and hanging out with friends. **Jon** is ready and can't wait to be adopted by a patient, loving and committed forever family.

Portrait by Lisa Nordmann



Portrait by Pat Patterson

Amy Jo R.

Amy Jo is a friendly 16-year-old with a positive attitude who loves listening to music and going out to eat. She enjoys getting her picture taken and playing with baby dolls. **Amy Jo** is polite, friendly, and cooperative and gets along well with others. **Amy Jo** is in need of a forever family that will provide her with love and structure. She would thrive in a two-parent home where she is the only child.

Gwen W.

Gwen is a resilient 17-year-old who has a charming infectious smile. She shows great promise as a leader and enjoys photography as a hobby. **Gwen** would like to have a family that understands her losses and will provide a home for her to grow and be supported. **Gwen** has several siblings she desires to keep in contact with.

Portrait by Darbi Hebrank



Alicia, Miguel, Samantha, Veronica, and Viviana B.

Introducing the fabulous five! **Alicia**, is a fashionable, shy 9-year-old who likes to accessorize with necklaces and earrings. She enjoys participating in a variety of activities including track at school. **Miguel** is an adorable 4-year-old boy with beautiful brown eyes and short curly brown hair. He enjoys one-on-one attention and likes to cuddle. **Miguel's** twin sister, **Samantha**, 4, is very outgoing and likes to play with other children. She is quick to catch on to anything new. **Veronica**, 5, enjoys being the center of attention. She wants to be a famous singer when she grows up. She enjoys playing with animals and participating in church activities. She likes school and learns very quickly. **Viviana**, 11, is the oldest of the bunch and is often described “the leader”. She is outgoing and social. She likes to stay active in school activities. The children share a close bond and they are looking for a caring family who will allow them to stay together.

Portrait by Kathy Steen



Portrait by Mike Tsai

Destini, Diamond and Michael T.

Michael is a handsome 15-year-old who has a quiet disposition and sweet smile. **Michael** is actively involved in the local boys' choir, which has really helped him blossom and come out of his shell. **Diamond** is a beautiful 13-year-old girl who loves to play teacher! **Destini** is a sweet 10-year-old girl who is always laughing! **Diamond** and **Destini** love to have their hair done and also do others hair. **Diamond** and **Destini** are both spunky girls who love to be in charge. **Michael**, **Diamond**, and **Destini** need a family that understands the bond they have with their siblings and will allow them to maintain contact.

Ardazaya, Lathe and Mekhi W.

If you would like to have energy and excitement in your home, this dynamic trio are the children for you. **Mekhi**, age 11, is handsome and polite. He is adored by all who know him. **Mekhi's** current passion is riding bikes with his pals. He would like to play in a football league some day. **Lathe**, age 8, is in the Cub Scouts. He enjoys scouting and would like to continue in that program. **Lathe** is artistic and will happily pass time drawing with his preferred tool: the pencil. **Ardazaya**, age 7, loves school. She is happy and proud that she can “finally” read and write. **Ardazaya** wants to do whatever her brothers do. She is energetic and loves all forms of play. **Ardazaya** can be happy inside doing puzzles or equally content outside climbing on playground equipment. This trio needs a family to reunite them under one roof.

Portrait by Lisa Nordmann





Portrait by Kathy Steen

Deshawn S.

Need an extra hand? Well come and meet **Deshawn** a 15-year-old young lady who loves to help out. She describes herself as "a fun girl who likes to listen to music." She likes to play board games and play outside. Her favorite season is summer because she can go swimming. **Deshawn** is looking for a home that will provide her the love and attention necessary to help her through her teenage years.

Jason J.

Fourteen-year-old **Jason** has an infectious smile that compliments his caring personality. He is an intelligent, responsible young man who enjoys playing sports, especially basketball. **Jason** is a very sweet child who wants to find a forever family to love him.

Portrait by Staley Wessel



Kirstie and William K.

Kirstie, 9 is an adorable, young lady who loves to wear dresses, dance and play outside. She enjoys all kinds of food especially strawberries and mac-n-cheese. **William**, 12, is a lively young boy who enjoys a good time with his family and friends playing "Pokeman", Xbox 360 and outside on the trampoline. The family for these children will need to be patient, committed, and show unconditional love. **Kirstie** and **William** share a strong bond and want to find a home together.



Portrait by Jennifer Moss

Phylicia H.

Phylicia is a fun-loving energetic girl who enjoys spending time with her sisters and friends. **Phylicia**, age 16, is athletic, loves sports and enjoys running track. She is creative, has a wonderful sense of humor and is a very good student. **Phylicia** is looking for a loving family who would understand her losses and support her continued relationship with her adopted siblings.

Portrait by Bill Wynn



James R.

James is a cheerful young man who enjoys playing video games. He is a tall seventeen-year-old with reddish brown hair. An energetic, devoted two-parent family would suit **James** perfectly.

Portrait by Scott Hastings



Portrait by Michael Moore

Meet **Alex!** He is a 12-year-old friendly, but shy, pre-teen who likes to fish, swim, play soccer, and guitar. He likes anything battery operated and moves. He loves to play with action figures. He enjoys building things and taking them apart. **Alex** is an anxious little guy who would do well with a family who can provide him with a lot of patience, understanding, and nurturance. **Alex** would like to be able to remain in contact with his younger brother who is placed separately.

Alex G.

Bethanny K.

Need a shopping partner? **Bethanny**, 14, is ready to shop! Her favorite color is pink and she loves to sing and dance to Taylor Swift. **Bethanny** likes to help out around the house and spend time with the farm animals. She likes to make crafts and attend church. **Bethanny** is looking for a nurturing and patient adoptive home who will love her unconditionally.

Portrait by Jerald Schlomer



Portrait by Denny Medley

Brad and Zach A.

Do you want to challenge us to a video game? **Brad**, 15, and **Zack**, 17, love to play video games and to be active. Both young men are currently involved with ROTC. **Brad** wants to be a police officer or baseball player when he gets older. **Zack** likes pizza and **Brad** likes chicken, ice cream, and cake. **Zack** enjoys spending time with his friends and is very protective of his siblings.



Portrait by Tracy Routh

Jacob B.

Jacob, age 16 is an extraordinary young man with an abundance of curiosity and energy. Despite his challenges, he enjoys and can be busy for hours listening to music. **Jacob** needs a stable home and family who will provide him with an abundance of attention, patience, and love.

Kerie C.

If wrestling is what your interested in most then this is your guy! **Kerie**, 12, is energetic and likes to be active! He likes to spend time with his friends, play video games, and ride his bike. He does well in school and enjoys learning and is described as polite and well mannered. **Kerie** is looking for a loving family to call his own.

Portrait by Kelly Dunford



Portrait by Ed Vaughn

Patrick F.

This handsome and humorous young man is **Patrick**, age 14, whose favorite activities are reading, video games, relaxing, and playing or watching football. He also very much enjoys cooking, baking and building model cars. **Patrick** would like a two parent family with maybe an older brother or two and maybe sisters.

Ashley C.

Ashley is a beautiful 14-year-old girl who loves to smile and giggle. **Ashley** loves “girly” things, such as shopping and getting her hair and nails done. **Ashley** loves animals especially dogs. **Ashley** is an avid reader and sometimes gets in trouble for reading during class instead of paying attention! **Ashley** is looking for a loving and nurturing family who will allow her to maintain contact with her siblings.

Portrait by Jennifer Mullinax



Amber, Jonathan and Jordan M.

Three's not a crowd with this sibling group! **Amber**, 12, is a sweet girl with a pretty smile who likes to have fun. She enjoys basketball, soccer, ballet, and swimming. **Jonathan**, 15, is a curious young man who is smart, caring, and selfless. He enjoys skateboarding and playing video games. **Jordan**, 9, has a smile that will melt your heart. He enjoys riding his bike and skateboarding. He is a good rap artist who can provide hours of entertainment. This trio is looking for a home where they can stay together.



Portrait by Denny Medley



Portrait by Mark Braswell

Cedrick B. and Jay'Ron W.

Cedrick and **Jay'Ron** are brothers who are in need of a family. **Cedrick** is 10 months old and enjoys tummy time. He is a happy bubbly baby who loves interaction. **Jay'Ron**, 15, enjoys playing sports, including basketball and football. He is polite and willing to do what is asked of him. Both boys would thrive in a family with structure, consistency and stability.

Angela, Ashley and Rodney B.

Rodney is a helpful, easygoing 12-year-old who loves to clean and do chores around the house! **Rodney's** favorite activities include riding his bike, playing with his sisters and his matchbox cars. **Rodney** has some severe academic and speech delays. **Rodney** is not deaf, but is currently learning sign language to help him communicate better with those around him. **Angela** is a sweet 10-year-old girl who is shy and slow to open up. **Angela's** favorite activities include playing "class," riding her bike, gymnastics, and swimming. **Angela** enjoys attending school though she has academic delays. **Ashley** is a fiery little red-headed 7-year-old who is very cute and friendly! **Ashley's** favorite activities include playing with her siblings, riding her bike, and participating in gymnastics. **Rodney, Angela, and Ashley** need a family who has experience with children with special needs.



Portrait by Jennifer Mullinax



Portrait by Darbi Henbrank

Andrew B.

Andrew is a friendly 16-year-old who loves Harry Potter and Pokemon. This active young man loves to ride his bike and go fishing. He also enjoys being helpful around the house and working with his hands. **Andrew** is a good student and particularly enjoys math. **Andrew's** ideal forever family would be open to him maintaining contact with his older siblings who are not in foster care.

Christopher C.

Christopher is a fun-loving 12-year-old who enjoys being creative through paper crafts. He is an avid rock climber and enjoys computers. **Christopher** would very much like a forever family

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Portrait by Laurie Nowling



Portrait by Paul McMillan

Emily P.

Emily, 12 is a beautiful affectionate young lady, who loves animals and shows great commitment in caring for them. **Emily** especially loves cats and birds but loves to care for any animal. **Emily** is a creative child who shows talent in her art projects and her attention to detail is evident. **Emily** is a girly girl and enjoys all things pink and purple.

Andrew S.

Andrew is a quiet 17-year-old who loves to play video and computer games. **Andrew** is also an animal lover, and particularly enjoys dogs. **Andrew** is looking for a forever family with other children that he can spend time with.



Portrait by Mike Tsai

Kortnee U.

This beautiful young lady with big brown eyes makes friends easily and gets along well with peers and adults. **Kortnee**, 15 is personable, yet vulnerable and aspires one day to be a marine biologist. She loves to participate in church related activities, play the violin, and sing in the choir. **Kortnee** will thrive in a patient, calm, and nurturing family who will encourage continued contact with her siblings.

Portrait by Laurie Baker



Portrait by Jim Diaz

Loren B.

Loren, 12, is an outgoing young lady who loves to draw and color. In the summer she loves to play softball and swim. Her favorite food is peanut butter. **Loren** wants to find a stable, forever home and family.

Elijah C.

Elijah, 9, has a contagious laugh that will make you want to join in. He loves to swim and it is hard to get him out of the pool! **Elijah** loves Star Wars and makes his own paper light sabers to play with. He is very creative and can easily entertain himself.

Portrait by Randy Pauley



Portrait by Jennifer Schmoeger

Daniel T.

Helpful and full of energy are just two ways that **Daniel**, age 14, describes himself. **Daniel** takes pleasure in outdoor activities such as fishing, hiking and sports. He is very creative and enjoys building toys or other items. The best part of **Daniel's** school day is computer time. **Daniel** loves pets and other animals. He would do best in a home with children the same age or no other children. **Daniel** is looking for a forever family that will continue to allow contact with his sibling.



Portrait by Tamara Campbell

Angel M.

Angel, age 13, is a social teen who is energetic and would love to have the opportunity to experience all life has to offer. She looks forward to new experiences and challenges. **Angel** has a passion for animals of all kinds and enjoys outdoor activities. She would benefit from a energetic, athletic family. **Angel** would like to remain in contact with her siblings.

Jermaine J.

Jermaine, 8, is a friendly, young boy who will light up a room with his smile. He has big, beautiful, brown eyes. He enjoys swimming, bowling, and playing on the computer but most of all would like to belong to a nurturing family he can call his own.

Portrait by Sheryl Watkins



Portrait by Melissa Pfannenstiel

Tyler A.

Nineteen-year-old **Tyler** is a very likeable young man who is easily engaged and is eager to learn new things. He enjoys watching movies and playing video games. **Tyler** is looking for a forever family that is stable and nurturing.

Lacey U.

Do you like shopping? Manicures? Pedicures? **Lacey**, 17, is a girly girl who likes all of these things along with putting on make-up and getting her hair done. She is a strong, self-determined young woman who would like a loving, committed family that will provide her with structure and positive reinforcement.

Portrait by Ed Vaughn



Anyaii and Serenity P.

Sisters **Anyaii**, age 10, and **Serenity**, age 8, love to sing and dance. They are natural born performers. Both are bright, eager learners who do well with academics. **Anyaii** has a playful sense of humor, but can be a little shy when meeting strangers. **Serenity** has superb reading skills and appears to have an untapped gift for languages. She is picking up Spanish with little or no formal instruction. **Anyaii** and **Serenity** are sisters to **Gabrielle** and **Shamar**, and would like to maintain contact with their siblings.

Portrait by Debbie Kertz



Devon and Riley L.

Do you enjoy the outdoors? If so, you will love this active duo! **Devon**, 14, is a sweet teenager who loves participating in outdoor activities like walking, fishing, camping, and swimming. He also likes reading, playing video games, and watching movies. **Riley** is a happy 5-year-old child who loves to play and cuddle. He especially loves Spiderman and riding his bike. **Devon** and **Riley** are loving children who are looking for a place to call home.

Portrait by Gretchen Miekley



Jamahl and Janae N.

That's Right! Your seeing twins, age 10 **Janae** is physically active and loves to ride bikes and play outdoor games. **Janae** is always happy, has good manners and loves to read. **Jamahl** is a cheerful, well-mannered young man. He is very talkative and one of his favorite subjects is food. He loves to do anything outside, including riding his bike, swimming, and playing basketball.

Portrait by Kelly Dunsford





Portrait by Stephanie Lagow

Homer "Willie" S.

If you're a family that loves the outdoors than **Homer "Willie"** is the kid for you! **Willie** is a 14-year-old who loves to camp, fish, rollerblade, and go bowling. He has big soulful brown eyes and an infectious grin. He is in need of a patient, structured home where he is the youngest or only child. Willie wants and needs someone to love him unconditionally.

Arron H.

Are you adventurous? **Arron** is a lovable 12-year-old with an adventurous spirit who needs a family who can keep up with him. He is very creative and enjoys playing with his cars and toy figurines. He enjoys collecting boxcar toys and eating peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. **Arron** shares a close relationship with his two sisters and it is important to him that his forever family allow him to maintain this bond.

Portrait by Christina Lundeen



Portrait by Heather Morrow

Candace W.

Candace is a very bright energetic 17-year-old with sparkling eyes and a winning smile. **Candace** enjoys spending time with friends, listening to music, singing and reading. She is also a hard worker and is making good grades in school. **Candace** is looking for a family who will provide her with a loving home to support her as she grows up.

Anthony S.

Anthony, is an energetic 13-year-old who is playful and loves to draw pictures. He is a friendly, funny youth whose spirited behavior will liven up the forever family who will commit to loving him for a lifetime.

Portrait by Lisa Chambers



Charles T.

Charles is an energetic 14-year-old boy with a captivating smile and infectious laugh. **Charles** loves learning new things and also enjoys drawing. **Charles** usually exhibits a pleasant and happy disposition. He would love to have a family to call his own.

Portrait by Jen Fields



Portrait by Scott Chapin

Kala S.

Kala, age 15, is a beautiful young lady with lovely smile who enjoys being actively involved in Girl Scouts and taking dance classes. **Kala's** ideal forever home will have a mother, brother and lots of sisters. **Kala** gets along well with others and is known to be very hard working and respectful.

Josh B.

Eleven-year-old, **Josh** is friendly, energetic and has a great smile! **Josh** can be shy when you first meet him, but once he knows you he will open up and become more talkative about his love of sports. **Josh** will do best in a structured environment with no other children or with one or two older children in the home.

Portrait by Leigh Miller



Portrait by Jennifer Mannion

Deja F.

Deja is an adorable 11- year-old who is pleasant, polite and thrives on individual attention. She enjoys coloring, reading, swimming and going on vacations. Continued contact with her big brother is important to **Deja**. **Deja** would very much like a family to call her own.



Portrait by Pat Patterson

April W.

April, age 15, is a typical teen who has varied interests. She enjoys doing crafts, reading, swimming, and cooking. **April** likes the socialization of school. She is a student who is a hard worker and who tries her best, but would benefit from parental guidance and assistance with academics. **April** has biological family with whom she would like to maintain contact.

Colby R.

Colby is a friendly 13-year-old with a big bright smile. He enjoys playing his Game Cube, reading Science Fiction, and putting together model cars. **Colby** is also a great artist and enjoys being outside, tossing around the football, playing basketball and riding his bicycle. He also is consistently on the honor roll at school. **Colby** would thrive in a loving family who could provide consistency for him.

Portrait by Jack McBee



Portrait by Lisa Chambers

Dennis V.

Meet **Dennis!** He's awesome! At age 13, is a very active young man with a love of sports, with his favorite being baseball. He also enjoys playing pool, video games, and doing art projects. When asked what he wants people to know about him, **Dennis** says he wants people to know that he is nice, caring, loving, athletic, and competitive. **Dennis** is a sweet young man who has had a lot of disappointments in his life. He is looking for an active family to call his own, who will allow him to maintain his relationship with his siblings.

Farhiya M.

Fifteen-year-old **Farhiya** is a fun loving girl. She enjoys going shopping, hanging out with friends and being a typical teenager. She enjoys listening to music of all kinds. **Farhiya** is a big help to her foster mother and has begun to learn how to cook.

Portrait by Lynn Paszkiewicz



Alexis H. and Kylessa J.

Alexis, 4, and **Kylessa**, 5 are a dynamic duo who will make a great addition in a forever family. **Alexis** is outgoing and loves to play. She likes to giggle and have fun. **Kylessa** is bubbly and energetic. She loves to talk and play. She likes to jump rope and watch the Disney channel.



Portrait by Michelle Huesgen



Portrait by Heather Morrow

Bridget and Sheila A.

Bridget and **Sheila** are a dynamic sister duo who would like a family who would love and accept them. **Bridget** is 17 years old and is a generous spirit who enjoys fashion, skating and going to the movies. **Sheila** is 15 years old. She is sports-minded and likes soccer, cheerleading, dancing, running, roller-blading and biking. **Bridget** and **Sheila** would also like to keep in touch with other siblings who have been adopted. They would do well in a loving family who can offer a lot of structure.

Jhynarrien and Khysum W.

Jhynarrien, age 8 and **Khysum**, age 6 are both inquisitive and have a genuine thirst for knowledge. **Jhynarrien** enjoys sports, especially baseball and football, he was able to play on a baseball and football team in the past and does well with team sports. **Khysum** enjoys interacting with kids his own age and playing video games. **Khysum** is also affectionate and helpful with children who are younger.



Portrait by Leigh Miller



Portrait by Jennifer Mullinax

Jeremy B.

Fourteen-year-old **Jeremy** has mystifying brown eyes and a expressive personality. His favorite colors are green and red but his favorite holiday is not Christmas , it is Halloween. You guessed it - he loves the trick-or-treat candy! **Jeremy's** honesty is endearing and he would make a wonderful addition to any family.

Jason G.

Jason is a very inquisitive eleven-year-old who is described as being polite, well-mannered and eager to please. **Jason** enjoys video games, his favorite thing to do is to play his Nintendo DS and when he isn't doing that, you might find him on his Wii. **Jason** is looking for a forever family that will allow him to maintain contact with his brother.

Portrait by Jeane Vogel



Portrait by Cathy Hartman

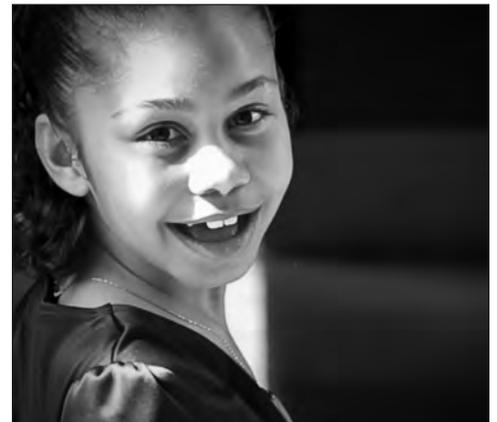
Dejwaun A.

Sweet, friendly, and funny are three words that could be used to describe **Dejwaun**, 13. He enjoys artwork and coloring. His favorite subject in school is science and he wants to be a firefighter when he grows up. This very loveable young man is looking for a home of his own. He has siblings with whom he would like to maintain a relationship after adoption. He is looking for an understanding family to help him through his transition.

Makinzee R.

Makinzee is an adorable, rambunctious, seven-year-old girl who is friendly and warms up to people easily with her charming personality. She is a real "girly girl" who enjoys playing dress up, polishing her nails, putting on make-up, and playing with her dolls. **Makinzee** also enjoys singing, swimming, and completing word searches.

Portrait by Sheryl Watkins



Emily C.

Outgoing and talkative are just two of **Emily's** great qualities. At age 16, **Emily** is a social butterfly who is sensitive and caring. She is in the 9th grade and enjoys being in high school, reading and writing poems. In her free time, **Emily** enjoys listening to music, talking on the phone, and spending time with her friends.

Portrait by Julie Noack



Portrait by Joyce Darnell

Austin K.

Austin is a bubbly little 8-year-old with an infectious smile. He loves Spider-man and going to McDonald's. He is full of energy and loves to sing country music. **Austin** enjoys living life to the fullest and he wants to share this life with his forever family.

Donte M.

Meet **Donte!** He's an energetic 17-year-old looking for devoted parents to support him in his every need. **Donte** is friendly and has an infectious smile. He has lots of energy and is always on the go. He likes to watch wrestling, and go bowling. **Donte** wants a forever family that will nurture, protect, and love him and give him the structure and support he needs to be successful in life.

Portrait by Tracy Routh



Portrait by Tracey Rapp

Darrell P.

Making other people laugh is only one enjoyment that **Darrell**, age 12, gets out of life. He is very creative when it comes to his artistic ability. **Darrell** loves to listen to music, play games and watch movies. **Darrell** is filled with energy which is why sports or other physical activities to keep this boy busy are a great idea! **Darrell** is looking for a forever family that would assist him in continuing contact with his siblings.



Portrait by Denny Medley

Hanna M.

Hanna, 6 is a captivating, blonde hair, blue eyed little girl who loves to be hugged and sit on your lap. **Hanna** likes to help cook and really loves Mayonnaise! **Hanna** is a sweet girl who needs lots of love and a committed family to care for her special needs.

LaQuayvess N.

LaQuayvess is a tall, lean, courteous 15-year-old who has an engaging smile and enjoys spending time with friends and socializing. He prides himself on being a good friend. **LaQuayvess** is athletic and enjoys playing basketball, baseball and swimming. **LaQuayvess** wants to be adopted and have a forever family.

Portrait by Scott Chapin



Portrait by Kathy Steen

Connor D.

Energetic and outgoing, **Connor**, is a charming 12-year-old boy eagerly waiting for his forever family. **Connor** enjoys outside activities including camping and riding bikes. Named the "perfect student" by his teachers, **Connor** finishes his work timely and frequently asks for extra! **Connor** has a very good appetite with his favorite meal of the day being breakfast and his favorite food...French toast!

Deontrae R.

Deontrae is a handsome 12-year-old who would make a great addition to any family. **Deontrae** enjoys sports, especially football. He also loves school and makes good grades. His favorite subject is art. **Deontrae** would do best in a family where he is the youngest or only child.

Portrait by Michelle Huesgen



Azah D., Daniel and Joshua B., Nakel and Nicco J.



Portrait by Robyn Osten

There is a lot of love in this “fearsome five some.” **Daniel**, age 14, is the oldest of the siblings. He values his role as “big brother” and can often be observed giving advice to his siblings. **Daniel** likes sports of all kinds and would like to play football on a league. **Joshua**, age 12, is the “peacekeeper” of his family. He doesn’t like to see any of his siblings upset. **Joshua** is very competitive in play and always wants to be on the winning team. He loves basketball and being with his many neighborhood friends. **Azah**, age 9, is the only girl in this sibling group. She dreams of and longs for a sister close to her age! **Azah** is quiet and reserved, but holds her own where her brothers are concerned. She takes karate lessons and enjoys the sport. **Nakel**, age 8, may be a budding mechanic. He likes anything within the motor vehicle realm, but especially has an interest in motorcycles. **Nakel** says that he wants to be a “cop” when he grows up—perhaps a motorcycle cop? **Nicco**, age 7, is the youngest of this bunch. He is loved and

protected by the entire family. **Nicco** likes doing crafts and will obsessively play video games. He likes outdoor play and eating at McDonalds. This sibling group of five would like to live together once again. They miss having daily contact with one another.

Anfernee and Craig J., Donzell and Versie H.

There is always more love with four! This close-knit sibling group is looking for a forever family to call their own. **Donzell**, 18, is introspective and expressive. He is active with ROTC and wants to join the Marines when he graduates. **Craig**, 17, may appear shy and quiet, but when he is with his siblings, this young man lights up. He loves to play football and basketball and has a great sense of humor. **Anfernee**, 16, aspires to be a lawyer, and loves to watch the Pittsburgh Steelers. The youngest member of the group is **Versie**, 13. She is very considerate and loves to spend time with her brothers. **Versie** is a very bright young girl, and is currently in an advanced placement school for math and science.



Portrait by Sheryl Watkins



Portrait by Denny Medley

Devinera S.

Devinera is a sweet 13-year-old who loves Disney princesses and watching the Disney channel. She likes to eat junk food and play outside. **Devinera** is looking for a loving, supportive home that will provide her with the medical attention that she needs. **Devinera** needs a forever family that is willing to commit to her medical needs and the numerous medical appointments that she requires.

Luzerit L.

Luzerit is a very bright 20-year old who is currently attending college and loving it! He is very involved in his local youth advisory board who speaks to individuals about improvements that need to be made in the foster care system. **Luzerit** needs a family who will encourage him in all that he does and that understands the bond he has with his younger siblings and will allow him to maintain this contact.

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Portrait by Staley Wessel

Jeremiah W.

Jeremiah, age 16, is a gregarious and affectionate young man. He takes pleasure in playing games and spending time with family. **Jeremiah** would be a wonderful addition to a home that can offer him stability and consistency and allow him to maintain contact with his four siblings.

Kianna B.

Meet Miss **Kianna**! She is a 16-year-old inquisitive and comical young teen looking for a patient and loving family that is committed to her and her needs. She loves listening to music and going shopping as well as helping out around the house and spending time outdoors. **Kianna** is close to her older brother and would like to remain in contact with him.

Portrait by Dana Fontaine



Laurenzo J.

If you enjoy the Harry Potter book series then you will want to meet sixteen-year-old **Laurenzo**. He is a vibrant, intelligent young man who loves to read, especially Harry Potter books. **Laurenzo** is very eager to find somewhere to belong and is looking for a family to love him.

Portrait by Lynn Jones



Portrait by Jerald Schlomer

Nolana B.

Nolana is a resilient, charming 12-year-old young lady who enjoys being active outdoors including riding her bike and scooter, walking, and playing sports. She is receiving positive reports in school and makes A's and B's. **Nolana** would benefit greatly from having a positive role model in her life and would be a great addition to a forever family.

Lamont M. and Martez F.

Lamont, age 8 is a sociable, energetic young man who enjoys playing football and video games. **Martez**, age 11 does very well in school with his favorite subjects being math and reading. These two brothers have a strong bond and are looking for a family who will show them a lot of love!

Portrait by Julie Noack



Portrait by Jennifer Moss

Darrion P.

Tigers and Zebras are two of this 9-year-old's favorite animals. **Darrion** also takes interest in basketball, football and Batman! He is quiet and enjoys playing by himself most of the time. He also likes to play Simon Says (he especially likes being Simon). **Darrion** can be very sweet, but requires a lot of one on one attention. **Darrion** would like to be in a home with two parents. He has no preference to other children being in the home, but states that he would like to live somewhere with a dog and a "dad."



Portrait by Randy Pauley

Elejah M.

Elejah, 9, has a smile that will light up a room! She is energetic and loves to entertain people. She loves to sing and read, and enjoys making pottery. She enjoys school and likes to spend time with her friends. **Elejah** loves to write and draw and loves to share her artwork with others.

Lewis D.

Three things that **Lewis**, age 10, likes about himself are that he is a good person, smart, and a good big brother. He likes to ride his bike and play the Play station. Some of his favorite foods to eat are Pizza, cookies, macaroni and cheese, chicken salad, and T.V. dinners. **Lewis** is a wonderful young man who is looking for a forever family that is patient, consistent and most of all loving.

Portrait by Michelle Huesgen



Portrait by Paul McMillan

Trevon J.

Trevon, 12, is a handsome, spirited, dark-haired boy who enjoys sports, playing outdoors, and video games. His favorite sports are basketball and football and he hopes to play on a team soon. **Trevon** would excel with a forever family that could provide him with a consistent, structured home for him to grow up in.

Patrick C.

Patrick, 11, is an energetic young man who is loving and desires a family who will love him. He would benefit from a strong father figure in his life. **Patrick** is artistic and enjoys arts and crafts. He would like to be able to play baseball and football when he moves to his new family.

Portrait by BUNDINI WATKINS



Chante' and Destiny M.

Destiny, age 10, and **Chante'**, age 7, are sisters who share a close and loving bond. **Destiny** likes to be outside where one of her favorite activities is jumping rope. **Destiny** values "honesty," showing respect, and "doing good." **Chante'** enjoys all forms of active play. She loves going to the neighborhood park for a romp on the playground. **Chante'** has quite an imagination and will easily immerse herself in creative play. The girls would like to remain in contact with their older siblings.

Portrait by Robyn Osten



Derek S. and Taryn O.

Derek is an active 16-year-old who enjoys outdoor activities, playing baseball, riding his bike and skateboarding. **Derek** would like to be a mechanic or a truck driver when he grows up. **Taryn** is a beautiful 14-year-old who enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking and swimming. She also enjoys school and always looks forward to the next day. **Taryn** and **Derek** are very attached and would very much like to be adopted together.

Portrait by Mike Hilburn



Taomarion B. and Tierra F.

Taomarion, age 4, is a sweet and mild mannered boy. **Taomarion** enjoys school and playing with cars. His favorite toys are Pixar Cars and he says that 'Lightning McQueen' is his favorite. **Taomarion** loves to play outside and has a good imagination. **Tierra**, age 14, has a beautiful smile and laughs often. **Tierra** enjoys sports, dancing and drawing. She reports she likes to draw animals, cartoons and sometimes people. **Tierra** would enjoy the opportunity to participate in team sports such as volleyball and basketball when she moves to her forever family.

Portrait by Mark Braswell





Portrait by Scott Chapin

Preston L.

Preston is an engaging, highly personable seventeen-year-old who prides himself on being able to get along with anyone. His favorite activities are soccer, weight-lifting and skateboarding, but he is also a very good singer and participates in a performance based choir at his high school. **Preston** is looking for a family to nurture and encourage his active lifestyle and would relish the opportunity to be employed in the neighborhood.

Ar'Mondre D.

Ar'Mondre, is a good looking, shy, young teen who can cook for you! At age 13, he is shy and protective at first, but becomes conversational once he gets to know you. He enjoys cooking. He is artistic and creative and loves to eat at McDonald's.

Portrait by Laurie Nowling



Portrait by Kerry Kelling

Keanna H.

Keanna is a bright, exuberant 13-year-old young lady who enjoys playing games like volleyball with other children in addition to singing and dancing. She does very well in school. **Keanna** would like a home with other children so she would have playmates and will thrive with individual attention from a committed family.

Felix O.

Felix, 12 will captivate your heart with his imagination and creativity. **Felix** likes playing outside, riding his bike, and playing with dogs. **Felix** does well in school and enjoys reading and math. He wants to be a teacher or a video game programmer when he gets older. **Felix** is looking for a one or two parent family that will make a lifelong commitment to him and allow him to continue to be close and spend time with his sibling.

Portrait by Lynn Paszkiewicz



Hakeem M.

Say hello to **Hakeem**! He is a great kid who would love to spend his next birthday with a family to call his own. **Hakeem**, 16, is a friendly, fun loving, youth who is very athletic. He loves the Cardinals and enjoys attending baseball games. He also loves wrestling, video games, and board games. He is especially good at Memory and will give you a run for your money.

Portrait by Dana Fontaine



Portrait by Sarah Carmody

Knokeia D.

Knokeia is a cute and spunky 10-year-old with lots of energy. She enjoys sports such as basketball and softball, but is also a "girly girl" who enjoys playing with dolls and dressing up. **Knokeia** also spends her time watching Hannah Montana and most shows on Nickelodeon. She is talkative, polite, and easy to get along with. **Knokeia's** wish is to have adoptive parents who will allow her to maintain a relationship with her siblings.

Tonnie C.

Seventeen-year-old **Tonnie** loves the country and outdoor living. He excels in school and has a great sense of humor. **Tonnie** is looking for a loving environment where he can continue to grow in all aspects of his life.

Portrait by Christina Morrow



Portrait by Lisa Nordmann

Shmor S.

Shmor, age 12, can be shy when you first meet him, but very quickly his personality shines through. He loves to laugh, play video games, loves all animals and hopes to have a dog some day. He enjoys the social aspect of school but is discovering school as a place of learning. He loves walking, hiking, bike riding and all sports. He interacts well with other children and hopes to have siblings in his forever family, which should be a stable, loving home where he can feel the security of being part of a family.



Portrait by Heather Robbins

Shaneice A.

Shaneice is a caring and respectful sixteen year old young lady, with bright eyes and a smile that lights up the room. She enjoys art, drama, singing and dancing to her favorite songs. She enjoys school, especially English and gets along with all her teachers. She can be shy in new situations, but adapts quickly and is soon the center of attention making everyone around her laugh. **Shaneice** is looking for a caring, patient and committed home.

Marshawn D.

8-year-old **Marshawn** is full of energy and ready to play games and outside sports. He needs a new family to share his interests and give him that one on one time he needs. A family that can provide structure and consistency would fit best with **Marshawn**.

Portrait by Christy Foster



Portrait by Staley Wessel

Dakota "Cody" W.

Dakota "Cody," age 19, is an outgoing young man with a harmonious personality. **Cody** enjoys getting out of the house and keeping busy. Basketball and video games are just a couple of **Cody's** interests. Determined and anxious, **Cody** is ready to meet his forever family.

Harold G.

Twelve-year-old **Harold** loves to rock out to loud music with a good beat! He is easily entertained by physical play, and is happiest when he is able to be down on the floor or lounging in his bed. **Harold** doesn't like to be confined for long periods of time whether in his stroller chair or in his therapeutic stander. **Harold's** forever family will need to be knowledgeable (or willing to learn) about **Harold's** special needs, be able to advocate for him and be willing to "jam" to really loud music.

Portrait by Mark Stephens



Shawn C.

Shawn is a polite, soft spoken high school junior who enjoys all sports and loves playing frisbee golf. He has spent time on a farm, is very good around animals and loves to fish. He also collects baseball cards and has an extensive collection. Eighteen-year-old **Shawn** is looking for a loving family committed to supporting and parenting **Shawn**.

Portrait by Jennifer Mullinax



Portrait by Lisa Landrum

Octavia B.

Octavia, 12 is a charming beautiful young lady who enjoys reading and reads above her grade level. She attends church regularly and is involved in several different activities with the church. **Octavia** likes to laugh which makes others laugh. **Octavia** would do well in a home where there is structure, guidance, and lots of love. She would like to remain in contact with her siblings with whom she shares a close bond.

John H.

Active and athletic, **John**, age 10, enjoys sports and telling stories. **John** does well in school and says that math is his favorite subject. **John** likes action and adventure movies and prefers hanging out with older kids. He would thrive in a home as the only child.

Portrait by Staley Wessel



Portrait by Jim Diaz

D'Andre M.

Handsome and affectionate, this 11-year-old young man, **D'Andre**, is full of energy and eagerly waiting to be a part of a family. Some of **D'Andre's** favorite activities include playing video games and playing with his toy Transformers. Making significant strides in the past few years, **D'Andre** would fit best in a family that provides structure and consistency.



Portrait by Kathy Steen

Kristina P.

Kristina is a bright and joyful five-year-old female. She is very affectionate and loves to go shopping. She is all girl with her love of Disney princesses and playing dress up.

Jonathan E.

Jonathan, age 13, is active and likes to be busy. **Jonathan** loves Mexican food, chicken fingers and his favorite food hamburgers. **Jonathan** is in the 7th grade and would like to be a Police Officer when he grows up. **Jonathan** loves to swim and spent the majority of his time over the summer at the pool.

Portrait by Lynn Paszkiewicz



Portrait by Jennifer Mannion

David F.

David is an active and engaging 12- year-old. He enjoys participating in sports and going to Six Flags. Contact with his younger sister Deja is important as they are bonded. **David** would love to find a forever family.

Myesha C.

Myesha, 15, is a personable enthusiastic young lady who enjoys listening to music and singing. She is adventurous and not afraid to try new things. **Myesha** dreams of having a forever family who will be supportive and encouraging and will allow her to maintain contact with her siblings.

Portrait by Kathy Steen



Michael B.

Michael is a soft-spoken, sensitive, 13-year-old, whose height and demeanor make him appear older than he is. He is very shy and somewhat withdrawn around unfamiliar people, including other children. **Michael** enjoys playing video games, football, riding his scooter and watching sports and cartoons on television. He loves trying new things, although you would not expect that with his quiet presence. **Michael** needs a patient, understanding parent that will help him outwardly express all of the gifts that he has to offer.

Portrait by Debbie Kertz



Portrait by Tracy Routh

Tamira A.

Tamira, age 15, has beautiful eyes and a signature smile! **Tamira** is active, athletic and enjoys sports, especially basketball. She tends to observe her situation, but once comfortable her fun sense of humor comes out. She enjoys participating in church activities, especially in praise dance. **Tamira** is independent, but also has a strong desire to belong, and will blossom in a home with a family who will consistently meet her needs and provide her with a loving structured environment.

Mason H.

Mason is a handsome 16-year-old who has an infectious smile. One of seven children in his biological family, he would like to remain in contact with his siblings. **Mason** enjoys skateboarding and would live off cookies alone if it were possible. He plans to join the military after high school and is currently active in ROTC at his school. **Mason** is outgoing and enjoys social events and sports, he is good with younger children and would enjoy being a big brother!

Portrait by Paul McMillan



Portrait by Mark Stephens

Lilly M.

Ten-year-old **Lilly** is captivating and cuddly. She is learning new things all the time and delights to hear her name repeated to her over and over again. **Lilly** loves attention, there is nothing better to her than having someone fuss over her. **Lilly** is waiting for a forever family who understands how to care for children with special needs.



Portrait by Jennifer Mullinax

Davion R.

Davion is an easy going 17 year old with a great smile. **Davion** has several interests in the entrepreneurial field. Do you have room in your life to provide a home to give **Davion** a family?

Jerren H.

Get ready to laugh! Sixteen-year-old **Jerren** enjoys telling jokes and making others laugh. **Jerren** loves being outside, watching TV, or being on his way to McDonalds for a Big Mac, large fries and a large Dr. Pepper - his favorites.

Portrait by Ashley Turner



Portrait by Suzy Gorman

LaJuan K.

LaJuan is a charming and engaging 9-year-old young man who likes playing outside and going out to eat. **LaJuan** loves to listen to music and sing. **LaJuan** works very hard to succeed in his life and would like a committed family who has pets and other children in the home.

Marquita G.

Marquita is a beautiful 15-year-old who is usually quiet, but opens up as she warms up to others. She enjoys spending time with her younger siblings and going to the library to keep up with her love of reading and music. **Marquita** enjoys getting her hair styled and takes pride in her appearance. She desires a loving family who is patient and willing to give her the help and attention she deserves.

Portrait by Lisa Chambers



De'Andre M.

De'Andre is a very likeable 17-year-old who thrives on one on one attention. He enjoys boxing, football and basketball and riding his bike. **De'Andre** would love a family to call his own and would also love to have a pet.

Portrait by Kristi Foster



Portrait by Jennifer Mullinax

Markiah is a handsome 18-year-old who loves music and movies! He is very thoughtful and respects those around him. **Markiah** loves to learn and his favorite subject is history. He is very inquisitive and likes to ask lots of questions. He spends time reading history books and keeping up with the newspaper. **Markiah** needs a family committed to him and who will provide him with the opportunities he needs to learn and grow

Markiah H.

Donta D.

Donta is a 9-year-old cutie who loves playing with action figures and board games. He is energetic and enjoys playing outdoors. **Donta** is looking for patient caregivers who will provide him the love and support he needs. **Donta** wants a family who will allow him to maintain contact with his siblings.

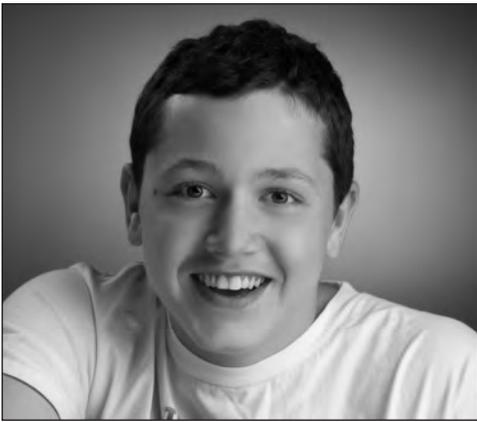
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Portrait by Kelly Dunsford

Emily, age 13, enjoys bowling, swimming, playing cards, and shopping—with a special passion for shoe shopping. She also enjoys assisting with meals—planning, cooking, and especially eating. She is not a picky eater. **Emily** has been described as “friendly and honest.” She would like a forever family to call her own.”

Emily S.



Portrait by Mark Stephens

Donald J.

This energetic young teen is looking for a permanent home to call his own. **Donald**, 13, is affectionate and loves attention. **Donald** has a great sense of humor, but can also melt your heart in a moment's notice. He enjoys playing outside and hanging out with friends. **Donald** is looking for a two parent family with older children who can provide him the consistency and support that he craves.

Matthew B.

Matthew, 19, is a handsome teenage boy with a warm and engaging smile and a great sense of humor who is soft spoken, kind and considerate. He enjoys music, reading books, watching movies, art and playing his Game Boy as well as swim class and working hard in school and working out to improve his physical fitness. **Matthew's** favorite food is hot chips and his favorite color is white. The best family for **Matthew** would be one that is affectionate, builds his self esteem and would allow him to stay in contact with his uncle and brother.

Portrait by Christina Lundeen



Portrait by LeAnne Price

Kalista B.

Kalista is a bright and creative 9-year-old who loves to color, paint and draw pictures. She has a love of animals, especially Savannah Cats and would love to have pets of her own someday. **Kalista** would love a home with a Mom and Dad and dreams of living on a farm with lots of different animals.

Nathanial S.

Nathan, 12, is an energetic, athletic young man with an engaging smile. He likes to do many things in his spare time such as YMCA soccer, Little League, riding bikes and skateboards, collecting action figures, and learning about snakes and spiders. **Nathan** is looking for a loving home to call his own that will provide stability for him.

Portrait by Holly Tanaka/Sarah Patton



Jada L.

Jada, 6 is a beautiful, bright eyed little girl with an outgoing spirit. **Jada** is spunky, outspoken, and loves to talk. **Jada** likes to fix her baby doll's hair and has often stated when she grows up she wants to be a beautician. **Jada** is in need of a forever family that will show her lots of love and attention.

Portrait by Julie Heppie



Portrait by Randy Pauley

Tarrell is a cute 7-year-old boy who loves adventures! He enjoys going camping, exploring, and swimming as well as riding his bike and playing video games. His favorite foods are hamburgers, pizza and tacos.

Tarrell S.

Michael B.

Michael, age 16, is a bright and sociable young man who loves movies, especially action-adventure. **Michael** also is intrigued in figuring out how things work and doesn't mind getting his hands dirty since he dreams of being a mechanic one day. **Michael** loves music and his favorite time of the year is Christmas.

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