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**It takes a village: In foster care, healthy co-parenting is the key to a healthy child**



A strong and healthy co-parenting relationship greatly benefits the child.

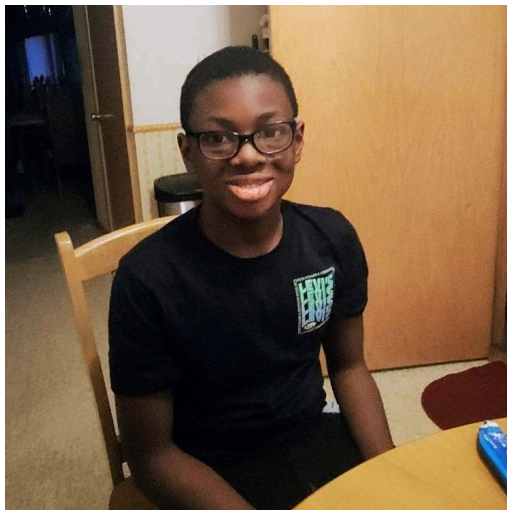
Read the blog post

**We want to hear your story!** Share your fostering story and help us show prospective foster parents what it's like to bring a child into their hearts and homes.

Email Gwen Doyle at [GDoyle@childrenswi.org](mailto:GDoyle@childrenswi.org)

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## Ready for a forever home



### Christopher

Christopher is a 14-year-old who is ever so lovable. Christopher has the superpower of being autistic! Christopher is happiest playing alone in his room, however, he loves going to the movies and community events too. Christopher especially loves his animal figurines, Playdoh, Legos and



### Caley

Caley has such a bubbly and friendly personality. She cares so much about the people in her life (sometimes to a fault) and will go above and beyond to make sure people feel included. She loves animals and helping out with younger kids. Caley is always willing to

his tablet. Christopher is post-TPR and looking for his forever family.

Christopher may not communicate his love and affection like a typical adolescent, but he sure does deserve to receive it. Christopher would benefit most from a structured household with direct communication— because he is autistic, he does not pick up on social cues or non-verbal suggestions. Christopher would benefit from being in a home with 1-2 caregivers who will use prompts, guidance, and positive reinforcement. Christopher is currently enrolled and working with the long-term waiver program, so he will have ongoing support from a case worker even after adoption. Christopher's current caregivers are able and willing to be a forever support to him and his forever family.

If you are interested in learning more about Christopher, please contact Jillian Pino at (414) 340-1837 or email her at JPino@childrenswi.org

help out around the house. Caley is hilarious.

Caley would like a family with younger children to whom she can be a "big sister." She has been placed with younger children and has done well. She would like a family who is accepting of her and does not try to change her. She wants a family who can give her adequate attention but understands that she is a teenager and wants some alone time as well. Caley is post-TPR and can be placed anywhere in Wisconsin. She would also do fine being placed with pets.

If you are interested in learning more about Caley, please contact Bailey Kindschy at (414) 882-9748 or email her at Bkindschy@childrenswi.org

## Resources and activities

### Community events

**Full Moon Period Party for Pre-Teens, March 14, 5 - 6:30 pm**

Cudahy Family Library (3500 Library Dr. Cudahy, WI 53110)

For youth (grades five and up) who have periods—plus their parents/guardians! Come to the Cudahy Family Library for our free, fun, and educational Full Moon Period Party for Preteens. Food, refreshments and giveaways!

**Note: Registration required**

[More information >](#)

**Take it Outside Day-Biking, March 15, 10 am - 2 pm**

Washington Park (1859 N. 40th St., Milwaukee, WI 53208)

(For everyone) Join us at Washington Park Urban Ecology Center for an opportunity to learn the basics of biking. Stations will include: trail etiquette trivia, a guided ride along the park's path and a learn to ride station.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

[More information >](#)

**Milwaukee's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 15, 12-3 pm**

Thousands of spectators will line the streets to see the 100+ Parade units in celebration of Milwaukee's rich Irish heritage. The Milwaukee St. Patrick's Day Parade features Irish dance performances, live music, decorative floats, Irish wolfhounds and much more. Check the website for the full parade route!

[More information >](#)

**BRAVE Kids & Families Grief Wellness Workshop, March 16, 2-5 pm**

Bereaved Together (181 W. Marquette Ave, Oak Creek, WI 53154)

Join us for a special family workshop designed to support grieving children and their families who have experienced the death of a sibling/child or parent.

**Note: Registration required**

[More information >](#)

## Fostering Community





## Fostering Community Resource Fair

Join us Saturday, March 22nd 9 am - 12pm  
at **Elmbrook Church in Brookfield.**

We will have many local resources on hand to support you in your foster/adoption journey.

We will also have a local hair stylist for hands-on help & education.

For those looking to get certified as foster parents, we will have licensing agencies there as well to answer your questions and help get you started.

Please reach out to [natalie@fostering-community.com](mailto:natalie@fostering-community.com) if you have questions.

For more events [click here.](#)

## February and March anniversaries

**Thank you for your commitment and support to the children and families in our community!**



**1 year**

- Rebecca Borkovec
- Susie Brown
- Jill Draeger
- Ruth Garcia
- Latonia Gordon
- Tawanna Hull
- Kaley an Blake Marrari
- Julia Richard and Annie Carrell
- Guadalupe Salinas
- Elizabeth Sgroi-Sowder and Christopher Sowder
- Dominecka Smallwood
- Shelly Tice
- Tunisian and Corey Black
- Layaloni Jacobs
- Brad and Lexi Nortman
- Chantal and Charles Sherer
- Tracy Sikora
- Jamie and Russ Stetler
- Melissa and Jerry Urbaniak

**2 years**

- Daniel an Mikayla Baumann
- Starla Hudson

**5 years**

- Donna Ivory
- Heather and Anthony Kehr
- Stephen and Cassandra Quist
- Rachel and Jason Rehn
- Lawana Berry and William Isabell
- Audrey Daniels
- Hope and Benjamin Orvold

**6 years**

- David and Alexandra Crissy

**7 years**

- Vincent Gaar and Melanie Gilmore-Gaar
- Katherine and Matthew Scherbarth

**8 years**

- Nicholas and Emilee Robenhorst
- Benjamin Sajdakand Paula Miller
- Samantha Davis
- Celeste and Benjamin Huseman
- Patrice McKinley

**9 years**

- Kenneth and Sarah Kneser

Laura and Jacob Leigh

Sarrah McHugh

Tracie Osafo

**13 years**

Anthony and Catherine Esson

**3 years**

Joseph and Kimberly Barrows

Michael and Pamela Carroll

Derek and Rebecca Jacobson

Destinee Johnson

Karen Schiller

Lindsey Danae and Deron Owens

Megan and Madeline Minster

**15 years**

Theresa Lewis

**20 years**

Jernine Lewis and Dwayne Howard

**26 years**

Brenda and Craig Carter

**4 years**

Janelle and James Dauer

Regina Dokes

Lindsey and Jacob Kaye

Katherine and Matthew Piotter

Jennifer and Magdalena Wyngaard

Leah and Paul Hoehnen

Cynthia Wright

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