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FOR EVERY CHILD A PLACE TO CALL HOME

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Did you know about our FREE or very inexpensive clothing for children and teens?

Resource provides free gently-used clothing for younger children (ages 0-12) who are currently in foster care or were in foster care and now live with their adoptive/guardianship family. You must bring proof of your foster/adoptive status (for example, a current Children's Division check stub).

Hours: Wednesdays from 9am-1pm and Saturdays from 10am-1pm.

Location: 1750 S. Brentwood Blvd, Suite 130 (lower level), Brentwood 63144

ReFresh, our fashion forward resale clothing boutique, provides trendy clothing and accessories to youth in foster care at 90% off (adult sizes). Youth living with their adoptive/guardianship family receive 30% off. Verification is required to receive the discount – go to www.foster-adopt.org, and click on “Current Parents” and “ReFresh” for more details.

Hours: Monday-Saturday from 10am-6pm and Sunday from 12-5pm

Location: 1710 S. Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood 63144

Sign Up for Our E-Newsletters

We only send out a print newsletter 2-3 times each year, but we offer fantastic services, programs and free events year-round. To receive ongoing emails, please fill out the contact form at <https://conta.cc/2LiHC15>

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Little Wishes Holiday Program

Deadline Is October 15

It's time to register for the Little Wishes holiday program! Thanks to KSDK 5 On Your Side and thousands of generous donors, children in foster care will receive special holiday gifts. Children are eligible if they live in St. Louis City or the MO counties of St. Louis, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lincoln, Franklin, or Warren and are currently in the foster care system, or were in foster care and now live in one of these counties with their adoptive and guardianship family.

Submitting your wish requests online is preferred! Entering your wishes online helps avoid errors. Please submit your wish requests online if you are able at:

www.foster-adopt.org/wish

Before you log on, make sure that you have your Coalition Caregiver ID, which can be found above your address on the outside of this newsletter. Make sure to provide a safe address for delivery, some shippers leave gifts at the front door if you are not home. The deadline for submission is October 15.

Entering holiday Little Wish requests online is quite easy, but IF you do not have access to the internet, you can (1) fill out the enclosed form and send it back to us, or (2) you can register over the phone on Thursday, October 4 from 9:00am-5:00pm at 314-367-8373. We ask that you only use phone registration if you are unable to enter your kids' holiday wish requests on the Internet.

A couple of things to know:

1. Gifts will be shipped to your home and cannot be shipped to a P.O. Box
2. The name of your **current case manager or adoption/guardianship subsidy worker** must be provided, and WILL be verified. The name of your adoption/guardianship subsidy worker should be on the check stub/direct deposit confirmation you receive monthly.

How many gifts can your child request? Each child who qualifies for the Little Wishes holiday program may choose one **(1) gift from the white sheets of the enclosed catalog.** Children ages eight (8) and older who are CURRENTLY IN FOSTER CARE may also choose one **(1) gift from the blue sheet.**

If the referral form is mailed in and filled out incorrectly or if inappropriate gifts are chosen, we will select age-appropriate gifts for the child.

How many gifts will your child receive? That depends upon how many donors grant the wishes. All efforts will be made to fulfill at least one (1) request per child. One last thing to know: children currently in foster care always receive priority. We will contact you by mail when your children's gifts have been fulfilled. For more information, please call 314-367-8373 or email littlewishes@foster-adopt.org.

Arcade Games, Go-Carts, and a Movie - Parents' Day Out Event

On Saturday, October 20 from 11:00am-3:30pm, we're hosting an event at Incredible Pizza Company and Ronnie's Cinema in South County. This is a Parents' Day Out event; parents drop their kids off and get 4.5 hours of "me" time while our volunteers and staff supervise the kids. Space is limited - children will be selected by lottery to enjoy a pizza buffet, arcade games, go-carts, and a PG movie. Register your foster/adopted/guardianship children - 36 inches or taller and at least 5 years old - to be included in the lottery no later than October 4. Email registration is preferred. To register for the lottery, email the following information to shelley@foster-adopt.org - Parent's name(s), phone number, email address, and first name, gender, and age of each child you would like to register.

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Motion for Kids Holiday Party Registration

Motion for Kids has once again invited us to register a limited number of families to attend their annual holiday party on Saturday, December 15 from 1:00-4:00pm at the Chaifetz Arena. There will be fun activities, snacks, and live entertainment.

Registration phone calls will NOT be accepted until Tuesday, October 9

First come, first served – space is limited and they fill up fast!

Registration will be taken for up to 3 days, starting October 9.

All families with foster/adoptive/guardianship children are eligible to register. Only children living in your household can attend and they will receive a gift (valued around \$25).

To register, you MUST:

- **Be** a foster/adoptive/relative/guardianship family with foster or adoptive children in the home.
- **Call** the Coalition office beginning Tuesday, October 9. First come, first served. Emails, faxes, or voice messages will not be accepted. No calls will be accepted before October 9 or after October 11. Three days only!
- **Attend** the party (picking up gifts later is not an option)
- **Provide** a specific and appropriate gift idea (valued around \$25) for each child when you call. You must be specific about sizes, titles, colors, brands, etc. Specific requests are not guaranteed
 - Gift example 1: "CD – Taylor Swift, Reputation"
 - Gift example 2: "Boys Nike short-sleeve tee shirt, size 10-12"
 - Gift card or cash requests are NOT accepted

Free Senior Pictures for High School Seniors in Foster Care



A few photographers have offered to take senior pictures for high school senior students who are currently in foster care. The photographers will provide a free 60 minute photo shoot in St. Louis and free digital images (on CD or over the internet, depending on photographer preference). Foster parents and case managers of high school seniors in foster care can get contact information for these photographers by filling out the form on our website at www.foster-adopt.org - click on "Current Parents" and "Support Services."

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Magic House and HealthWorks are ALWAYS FREE to Foster Families!



Foster families get free admission to the Magic House and HealthWorks! Kids Museum year-round. Both museums offer hours of enjoyment for youth 11 and under. Foster parents just need to show their foster child's placement letter or their monthly stipend check stub/statement to the cashier.



Stressed, Need Help? Call the Coalition

When a crisis erupts, get help 24/7 with our FREE crisis intervention services for families in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County. Trained staff are available 24/7 to help. Our program, Family Works, is available now for you!

For 24/7 immediate assistance, call 314.367.8373 (800.FOSTER.3).

Meet Arianna



Arianna is a sweet and vivacious child. Her charming personality and bright smile are hard to overlook. Arianna is 10 years old and in the fourth grade. She loves being a “girly-girl” but has no problems with switching it up and dressing down when necessary. Arianna enjoys all types of animals, crafts, Dork Diaries and everything that is the color red. Arianna adores when her caregivers take time to do her hair and her peers refer to her as having

an eccentric and creative sense of style, especially when it involves dressing. Arianna is able to effectively communicate her needs and feelings without much difficulty, but she will need a family that is able to continue to enhance this skill. Arianna also enjoys helping others!

Legally free for adoption, Arianna will need a family that is able to provide a calm and predictable environment for Arianna; in addition, to being experienced and trauma informed. The ideal family being considered would be a two parent home with at least a female parent figure. All families being considered need to be open and willing to allow contact with Arianna’s sister.

For longer profile or more information please contact:

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Meet Jeremesha, Floyd & Jermain



Jeremesha, Floyd, and Jermain are a beautiful sibling group of three who need a family to help them learn about the world around them.

Jeremesha is a happy 6 year old little girl. She is great big sister. As the oldest, Jeremesha is independent. She does a great job getting dressed and especially loves matching her favorite outfits to shoes. She is intelligent and a big help to others. Jeremesha enjoys helping around the house.

Floyd is a sweet 5 year old boy. He loves hugs and holding hands. A curious young boy, he is very eager to learn. Floyd loves blocks and has a great talent for building. He even plans it out ahead of time in his mind and puts his vision into form. When he is done with all that playing, he also takes good care of his toys and picks up after himself.

Jermain is 4 years old. He is loving and enjoys snuggle time most of all. Like his big brother, he also loves to learn. He, too, enjoys playing with blocks. He likes to build them up but mainly to have the fun of knocking them down afterwards. This sweet little guy gets his feelings hurt easily but is good at expressing himself and lets others know when he is upset about something.

An adoptive family is being sought for these three siblings, if you are interested in finding out more about Jeremesha, Floyd, and Jermain, please call Edna Green with the Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition at 1-800-FOSTER3, 314-614-2413, or email ednagreen@foster-adopt.org.

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