



Adoption Network Newsletter

Nov. 2024

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 3RD**

Race starts at 8:30 a.m.
Awards at 9:30 a.m.

10th Annual
PSF
SUPERHERO 5K
NOT ALL SUPERHEROES WEAR CAPES.

WESTSIDE PARK

1001 NW 34th St.
Gainesville, FL 32605



**Join the
Group**

Be sure to join our PSF Facebook group! During the month of November, we do giveaways to our adoptive parents daily as a way to say thank you! This closed group is another way for parents to reach out to us and an easy way to post helpful information or upcoming trainings/activities that you might want to participate in, as well as lend support to one another if needed. To join, please search for **"PSF's Post Adoption Network"** on Facebook.

Foster & Adoptive Parent Association (FAPA)

Did you know there is a Foster and Adoptive Parent Association run by a foster/adoptive parent in the area? The North Florida FAPA is run by Jerrod Pfeffer and offers helpful information on their Facebook page, as well as in-person monthly meetings. If you are interested in joining the group on Facebook search **"North Florida FAPA!"**

Celebrate Adoption National Adoption Month Event

November is National Adoption Month and PSF will be hosting a celebration event to recognize our incredible adoptive families! There will be food, raffle giveaways, and child-friendly party bags provided!

WHEN

Saturday
November 9th
2:00pm - 4:00pm

WHERE

O2B Kids Supercenter
7383 SW 17th Rd.
Gainesville, FL 32607

To RSVP for the celebration event, please email Lora Jamerson at **Lora.Jamerson@pfsf.org** to be added to the list.

10TH ANNUAL SUPERHERO 5K

**PSF'S 10TH ANNUAL SUPERHERO 5K IS SCHEDULED FOR
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE AWAITING
THEIR FOREVER FAMILIES. BE SURE TO CHECK OUT DECEMBER'S NEWSLETTER FOR HOW
MANY PARTICIPANTS WE HAD AND HOW MUCH MONEY WAS RAISED!**

Promoting Adoption Success program with Sunshine Health

If your child has the Sunshine Health Child Welfare Specialty Plan as their Medicaid plan, did you know they offer a program called Promoting Adoption Success? The Promoting Adoption Success program has Adoption Advocates that are available to help with Medicaid questions, benefits and services, and support the family as needed.

They also have a dedicated email to contact adoption advocates, PromotingAdoptionSuccess@SunshineHealth.com.

For more information about the Promoting Adoption Success program, check out:

<https://www.sunshinehealth.com/members/child-welfare-plan/adoptive-families.html>.

Children Looking for their Forever Families:

Jada, 11 years old

Jada is a happy 11-year-old girl known for her sweet and loving demeanor. Despite being nonverbal, she communicates her affection through gestures and enjoys spending quality time with those close to her. Puzzles and pop-its are among her favorite activities. Recently, she has shown a growing interest in using her tablet, as well as expressing herself through singing and dancing. Her affectionate nature is evident in her love for hugs and cuddles, which she generously shares with those around her. Her favorite foods include yogurt, ice cream, french fries, and chicken nuggets. Jada thrives in environments with familiar female caregivers, where she can feel safe and secure. Large crowds and loud noises are not her preference; instead, she finds solace in structured routines and the familiarity of home. A “home-body” at heart, Jada finds joy in spending time in her room, playing with her beloved toys. Her ideal adoptive family would offer a stable and predictable daily routine, providing her with the nurturing environment she thrives in. With her endearing personality and unique charms, Jada is sure to bring warmth and joy to any family fortunate enough to welcome her into their hearts and home.

Jada’s adoption ID is 107470568. For more information on Jada, please contact Ariana Giampietro at Ariana.Giampietro@pfsf.org

Kanaya “KC”, 16 years old

Kanaya “KC” is a sixteen-year-old spunky teenager who is engaging and knows how to express what she wants. She is meticulous about her hair and make-up. KC enjoys singing in the chorus at school and would like to play volleyball. Her favorite colors are purple and all shades of blue. Her favorite subjects are English and Reading. KC likes to listen to rap and country music. She likes dogs, cats, and horses. Some of her favorite foods and fruits include lasagna, mac & cheese, spinach pizza, cherries, grapes, and plums. KC would do well in a home with one other child, preferably older and in a two parent or supportive single parent household. KC will need additional support when navigating the nuances of modern-day social media. KC also wants to maintain contact with other biological relatives.

KC’s Adoption ID is 102823523. For more information on KC, please contact Tina Buie at Tina.Buie@pfsf.org.

Victoria, 16 years old

Victoria is a 16-year-old female who loves Squishmallows. Like any other teen, Victoria enjoys being on her phone and social media. She also enjoys going swimming and being outdoors. Victoria likes learning about different art forms in school, with math being Victoria’s least favorite subject. She expressed that life is easier when she has a daily routine. Victoria enjoys moments of quiet where she can clear her mind and relax. Victoria has a big heart for animals and wants to study to be a veterinarian. Victoria is looking for a forever family who can provide a loving and safe home.

Victoria’s Adoption ID is 1015097011. For more information on Victoria, please contact Shannon Luyando at Shannon.Luyando@pfsf.org.

I have a question, who do I contact?

For post adoption services, tuition waivers, or tax documents:

Tricia Braitsch, Post Adoption Liaison, at (352) 244-1604 or Patricia.Braitsch@pfsf.org.

For Medicaid needs, changes of address (in or out of state), or subsidy payment questions:

Cheryl Williams, Adoption Subsidy and ICAMA Specialist, at (352) 244-1562 or Cheryl.Williams@pfsf.org.