



# Adoption Network Newsletter

Oct. 2024

**SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 3RD**

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



**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 (and recent 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!"**

## **10th Annual Superhero 5K**

Partnership for Strong Families will hold our 10th annual Superhero 5K event at Westside Park in Gainesville on Sunday, November 3rd with the race starting at 8:30am. The Superhero 5K is a family friendly event that invites superheroes of all ages and experience levels to dress as their favorite superhero and race to the finish.

Funds raised from this event will go toward finding forever families for children awaiting their permanent homes.

### **Registration Information:**

- Ages 5 & under: FREE.
- Ages 6-15: \$5.00 per child.
- Ages 16+: \$20.00 per participant (includes T-shirt).
- Registration for children who are in licensed foster care through PSF is FREE with a registered Partner Family.
- Anyone participating in the race who has been adopted is eligible for a FREE race shirt!

To register foster children or to receive their free shirt, please contact Tricia Braitsch at [Patricia.Braitsch@pfsf.org](mailto:Patricia.Braitsch@pfsf.org)

Register for the Superhero 5K at [runsignup.com/Race/FL/Gainesville/psfsuperhero5k](https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Gainesville/psfsuperhero5k), we hope to see you there!

WHEN:

Saturday, November  
9th, 2024  
2:00pm-4:00pm



**Come Celebrate  
National Adoption Month  
with PSF!**

WHERE:

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

# Sunshine Health Reminder

Now is the time to get your child's flu shot. Young children have a higher risk of health problems from the flu. Children should get their first flu shot starting at age six months. For more information about flu shots, check out

<https://www.sunshinehealth.com/members/child-welfare-plan/benefits-services/flu-shots.html>.

## Children Looking for their Forever Families:

### Avan, 11 years old

Avan is a very intelligent and insightful child; to know Avan is to love Avan. He has a tough exterior but a sweet heart. You'll have to be able to keep up with Avan's quick wit and funny sense of humor. He loves teaching others new games and can spend hours outside exploring. Maintaining sibling communication is important to Avan. He would thrive in a structured environment where expectations are clear, but he would also benefit from a loving maternal figure in his life. Avan has been through so much in his young life and would benefit from a family that has the guidance and patience to work through big feelings as he processes his past.

Avan's Adoption ID is #103347392. For more information on Avan, please contact Cecelia Buckley at [Cecelia.Buckley@pfsf.org](mailto:Cecelia.Buckley@pfsf.org).

### Bentley, 13 years old

Bentley is a friendly child with a great sense of humor. He can talk for hours about Greek mythology, comics, and generally any story where the good guy defeats the bad guy. You can look forward to receiving cool drawings from Bentley. He is looking for an active family that will take him on his first adventure to a water park. A patient and understanding family where Bentley is the youngest child would be best for him. It is important that any prospective family understand the importance of maintaining appropriate biological ties for Bentley.

Bentley's Adoption ID is #103347391. For more information about Bentley, please contact Cecelia Buckley at [Cecelia.Buckley@pfsf.org](mailto:Cecelia.Buckley@pfsf.org).

### Ja'Cirah, 11 years old and Amaziyah, 9 years old

Ja' Cirah is an 11-year-old, African American child who is a very insightful, kind, and athletic young lady. She's got a competitive spirit and is always up for a new challenge; but prefers a more low-key adventure versus crowded spaces/places. She is currently interested in gymnastics and running track. Ja' Cirah is a wonderful big sister and does well teaching her younger sister new skills, but she may need gentle reminder to just enjoy being a kid herself. She is learning new hairstyles and practicing these. She would benefit from a family that encourages her interests and provides patience and guidance. Ja' Cirah would prefer an African American family and would do best in a home with older children.

Amaziyah is a 9-year-old, African American female child who is described as a "firecracker" and is strong willed. She is a total sweetheart and will stick by your side through thick and thin. She enjoys coloring, crafts, and anything art related. Amaziyah will proudly tell you that the bows in her hair were styled herself! She looks to her big sister for guidance and loves to copy the new gymnastic skills from her. Amaziyah is open to a family of any background.

Ja'Cirah and her sister, Amaziyah are looking for their forever family who can provide patience and guidance as they build trust in their new home.

Ja'Cirah's Adoption ID is #104992829 and Amaziyah's Adoption ID is #104992830. Their sibling Group Adoption ID is #92232. For more information on Ja'Cirah and Amaziyah, please contact Cecelia Buckley at [Cecelia.Buckley@pfsf.org](mailto:Cecelia.Buckley@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](mailto: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](mailto:Cheryl.Williams@pfsf.org).