



BENEFITTING LOCAL ADOPTIVE YOUTH!

PSF SUPERHERO 5K
NOT ALL SUPERHEROES WEAR CAPES.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
Registration @ 7 AM
Race @ 8:30 AM

WESTSIDE PARK
1001 NW 34th Street,
Gainesville, FL 32605

REGISTER AT WWW.PFSF.ORG

Join our Facebook Group

Connect with parents, share helpful information, learn about upcoming events, and support each other. Just search "PSF's Post Adoption Network" on Facebook!

Just a Reminder

Once an adopted child turns 18, unless they were adopted at ages 16 or 17 and are in the EMAS program, the adoption subsidy and adoption Medicaid end.

Adoption Support Group

At this time, all support groups continue to be offered virtually.

For more information on the support groups and the Foster/Adoptive Parent Association, please email Christy Conner, FAPA president at alachuacountyfapa@gmail.com or join the FAPAs by searching for the Alachua County FAPA and Columbia County FAPA on Facebook.

8TH ANNUAL SUPERHERO 5K

As November is National Adoption Month, Partnership for Strong Families will hold our 8th annual Superhero 5K event at Westside Park in Gainesville! 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. The 5K will be held on Sunday, November 6th, with the race starting at 8:30 am! Children 5 and under are FREE, children ages 6 to 15 are \$5 per child (children's T-shirts are available for an additional \$5), ages 16 and up is \$20 per participant, which includes a race shirt.

Registration for children who are in licensed foster care through PSF is FREE with a registered Partner Family. Also, anyone participating in the race who has been adopted is eligible for a FREE race shirt! Please contact Tricia Braitsch at patricia.braitsch@pfsf.org to register foster children or for their free shirt.

Register for the Superhero 5K at runsignup.com/Race/FL/Gainesville/psfsuperhero5k and check our PSF website, pfsf.org, for more information on other National Adoption Month events!

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH MARDI GRAS

This year, PSF will be celebrating our adoptive families of 2022 with a unique Mardi Gras parade and celebration! Please join us to cheer on our newest forever families, and if you happen to be one of our honorees (having an adoption finalized in 2022), we invite you to come be PART OF THE PARADE! Please contact Kim.Johnson@pfsf.org to register by 10/30/22. All guests are asked to arrive at the PSF Headquarters Office in Gainesville by 5pm on Friday, November 18th for the event which will run from 5-7 p.m. If you've joined us before, you know to be prepared for a party, and this time it'll be New Orleans Style!

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH GIVEAWAYS

National Adoption Month is in November and like years past, we are planning giveaways for our awesome adoptive parents! These giveaways will be done through our Facebook group, so make sure you join! To join the group, please search for PSF's Post Adoption Network on Facebook.

SUNSHINE HEALTH OTC MEDICATION BENEFIT AND OTHER REMINDERS

- Ordering through the Envolve App for the Over The Counter medication benefit through Sunshine Health is no longer available to Child Welfare Specialty Plan members. However, ordering OTC items is still available over the phone by calling Sunshine Health's OTC Vendor AcariaHealth at 1-866-577-9010, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- As a reminder, the Emergency Department of the hospital should be utilized for emergencies, not routine healthcare. Whenever able, please schedule appointments, including yearly Well Child Visits, with your child's pediatrician.

Adoption Spotlights:



JA'VEONTAI, 16 YEARS OLD

Sixteen year old Ja'Veontai wants to be a part of a family that enjoys sports and is loving and stable. Ja'Veontai enjoys all sports but has a passion for basketball. He enjoys going to school and hanging out with his friends. In his leisure time, he enjoys playing basketball, fishing, hunting, and hanging out. He aspires to become a D1 athlete in basketball. Many people around Ja'Veontai have described him as respectful and pleasant. Is your family ready to shoot hoops with this amazing young man?

If you are interested in adopting Ja'Veontai, please contact Shannon Luyando at Shannon.luyando@pfsf.org or call 386-984-7468 for additional information. Ja'Veontai's adoption ID is 11760773.



MYKAL, 10 YEARS OLD

Mykal is described as always happy and a very friendly, affectionate child. Mykal gets along well with other children. Mykal enjoys playing on his tablet, watching cartoons such as Paw Patrol, and playing outside in the backyard with balls and on the swing set. Mykal would thrive in a family who is willing to assist him with his developmental and educational needs and able to be a lifelong support for his future.

If you are interested in adopting Mykal, please contact Kim Johnson at kim.johnson@pfsf.org or call 352-244-1555 for additional information. Mykal's adoption ID is 102323876.



DAKOTA, 15 YEARS OLD

Dakota is a friendly and funny teen who has an outgoing personality. He enjoys riding his bike, watching action movies and funny videos on YouTube, and playing video games in his free time. He also enjoys a variety of music, and he especially loves the song "Eye of the Tiger." Dakota is a special teen who has a lot of joy and laughter to offer a committed and loving forever family. His needs would be best met by an individual or family who will give him love and structure, while understanding his educational and therapeutic needs.

If you are interested in adopting Dakota, please contact Kim Johnson at kim.johnson@pfsf.org or call 352-244-1555 for additional information. Dakota's adoption ID is 107096551.

I have a question, who do I contact?

Post adoption services, tuition waivers, or tax documents? Tricia Braitsch, Post Adoption Liaison, at 352-244-1604 or Patricia.Braitsch@pfsf.org.

Medicaid needs, changes of address (in or out of state), or subsidy payment questions? Laura Waxman, Adoption Subsidy and ICAMA Specialist, at 352-244-1580 or Laura.Waxman@pfsf.org.