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Adoption Network Newsletter

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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.

Just a Reminder

The Florida Adoption Reunion Registry was established to reconnect people who have been affected by adoption, including adopted children looking for their biological relatives. For more information on the registry, please visit their website at <http://www.adoptflorida.com/Reunion-Registry.htm>.

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!

7TH ANNUAL SUPERHERO 5K

As November is National Adoption Month, Partnership for Strong Families will hold our 7th 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 7th, 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. Register at PSFSUPERHERO5K.ORG



SUNSHINE HEALTH AND WELLCARE MERGER

Centene, the parent company of Sunshine Healthcare, and WellCare/Staywell Health Plan will be bringing their health plans together to better serve the members, providers, partners and communities. Centene's acquisition of WellCare's Medicaid products, which includes Staywell Health Plan, will be complete October 1, 2021. This means that children who are on the Staywell Health Plan will now be under Sunshine Health, and will be eligible for all benefits under Sunshine Health. For any Medicaid questions and needs, including questions regarding the merger, please contact Dorothy McKinzie at Dorothy.Mckinzie@pfsf.org or 352-244-1580.

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH GIVEAWAYS

Another way we will be celebrating National Adoption Month this year is by planning for some awesome giveaways for our adoptive parents! These giveaways will be done through our Facebook Group, so make sure you join us. You can search for "PSF's Post Adoption Network on Facebook," it's that easy!

2ND ANNUAL ADOPTION SUPERSTARS DRIVE THRU

CALLING ALL ADOPTION FANS! PSF will be holding a drive-thru event in honor of National Adoption Month and to celebrate this year's Adoption Superstars! On November 19th at 4pm, PSF's adoptive families of 2021 will be invited to drive down the red carpet to the applause of their adoring fans. We would love nothing more than for you, our post-adoptive families, to come and cheer for your successors. If your family is interested in joining the celebration, please email Kim.Johnson@pfsf.org for more information and to RSVP.

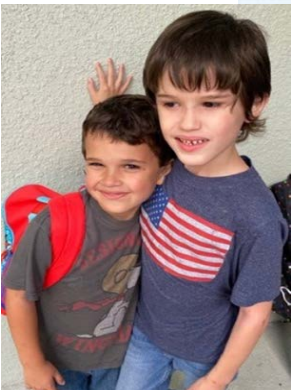
Adoption Spotlights:



ANTHONY, 16 YEARS OLD

Anthony is a remarkable child that loves listening to music, loves listening to the piano and enjoys playing in water. He does not know how to swim but enjoys playing in his bath water. He loves the outdoors, which he can't get enough of. His favorite things to do are play outside on the playground and play with his toys. He is a very sweet child that loves family and friends once he gets comfortable with them. Anthony would benefit from a family with a background in sign language and a family that can be dedicated to working with Anthony on his developmental and educational needs. Anthony would benefit from a family that can provide lifelong support and stability to a special child..

For more information on this youth, please contact Cassie Bennett at Cassie.Bennett@pfsf.org.



GRANT, 8 YEARS OLD, AND ROSS, 6 YEARS OLD

Grant and Ross are an adorable and loving sibling group. Grant is the eldest of the two siblings. He has a timid personality, but is very sweet and affectionate towards his caregivers. He enjoys listening to music and loves to play on his electronics. Ross is a social butterfly. He is very smart and intuitive with a creative mind. Ross likes dancing and is interested in basketball. Although Grant is older, Ross is like the "older little brother" and likes to help look after Grant. Ross loves his brother very much. Grant and Ross would thrive in a family that is patient, committed to meeting their individual needs, and is willing and able to provide a loving, structured, and stable home for them. They are two very sweet boys who will bring a lot of joy and love to a family!

For more information on Grant and Ross, please contact Vanessa Glomo at Vanessa.Glomo@pfsf.org or 352-240-5791.



JAVAUN, 17 YEARS OLD

Javaun is a teen who is optimistic about his future and strongly desires a forever family. He is active and enjoys a variety of outdoor sports especially basketball. He also enjoys music and playing the drums. Javaun has an easygoing personality and is described as funny and playful by friends.

Javaun desires to be adopted by a traditional and active family who he will be able to share new experiences and his life with. Javaun would benefit from a family with a positive male figure who can be a helpful role model for him. He would do well in a family that can offer him stability, guidance, and unconditional love as he transitions into the journey of adulthood.

For more information on Javaun, please contact Seanetta Robinson at Seanetta.Robinson@pfsf.org or 386.243.8812.

I've got 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.

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