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# Adoption Network Newsletter

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## Adoption Finalizations

This past fiscal year (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020), Partnership for Strong Families finalized the adoptions of **234 children**. We are ecstatic that so many children achieved permanency and found their forever families! Congratulations to all the new adoptive families from this year!

## Adoption Support Group

Adoption support groups are canceled until further notice. For the time being, please visit the Florida FAPA website at [FloridaFAPA.org](http://FloridaFAPA.org) for more information and for possible virtual conferences in the future.

## 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!

## 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, it's that easy!

## VIRTUAL SUPERHERO 5K

Due to COVID-19, this year's Superhero 5K will be virtual! We are still working out specifics, including the official "race day," so additional information will be forthcoming. With the race being virtual, we hope to have additional participation with racers who aren't local to Gainesville. Stay tuned to future newsletters for more information!

## MEDICAID BENEFITS

During these trying times, Sunshine Healthcare offers additional benefits to families on the Child Welfare plan. These benefits include the \$25 over the counter medications available every month as well as the \$150 yearly Care Grant for therapeutic items not covered by Medicaid (for example, sports registration fees). Additional information can be found on Sunshine's website, <https://www.sunshinehealth.com/members/child-welfare-plan.html>. If needed, please contact Tricia Braitsch via email for additional assistance at [patricia.braitsch@pfsf.org](mailto:patricia.braitsch@pfsf.org). Similar benefits are available to children who are not on the Sunshine Healthcare Medicaid plan; please check your plan for available benefits.

## JUST A REMINDER

- Subsidy benefits are processed on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month, payments are generated after that date.
- Adoption subsidy and Medicaid end when the child turns 18 (unless the child is in the EMAS program), regardless of if they are still in high school.
- Subsidy benefits also end in the unlikely event of the child passing away, or if the adoptive parent(s) pass away. Subsidy benefits are not transferrable to alternate caregivers.

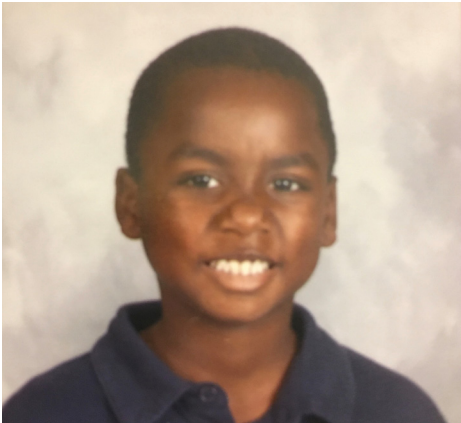
# Adoption Spotlights

## CHRISTIAN - 15 YEARS OLD

Christian is a smart and sweet teen who enjoys staying active outside. Christian likes school and being part of Future Farmers of America. Christian isn't much of a city girl; she likes the slower pace of small towns where she can go boating, fishing, and exploring out in nature. Like any teen, Christian likes to spend her downtime listening to music and hanging out with her friends. She enjoys being around people who she loves and is sensitive and caring towards others. She excels in settings where she can talk out her feelings and problems.

Christian longs for a family who values the connection of family. She wishes to have a family who will accept her for who she is. Christian needs a family who will support contact with her biological siblings.

Please contact Sarah Aikin at [Sarah.Aikin@pfsf.org](mailto:Sarah.Aikin@pfsf.org) or 352-244-1655 for additional information on this youth. Christian's adoption ID is 11164550.



## ALEX - 9 YEARS OLD

Alex is a bright and energetic boy who thrives when given one-on-one time to connect. He enjoys riding bikes, video games and playing football. Alex will do best with a family who is active and attentive. Alex also has multiple biological sibling connections in place that an adoptive family would need to commit to nurturing and supporting. Alex needs a family who can cheer him on in all dimensions of his development. He thrives when he is with people who genuinely care for him and are committed to his success. He is a fun and active boy who will bring so much joy and life to any family lucky enough to care for him.

Please contact Sarah Aikin at [Sarah.Aikin@pfsf.org](mailto:Sarah.Aikin@pfsf.org) or 352-244-1655 for additional information on this youth. Alex's adoption ID is 101904721.

## ROBERT - 12 YEARS OLD

Robert is an energetic boy who enjoys a variety of outdoor activities. He likes using his vivid imagination to play in his outdoor fort and also likes to play in the sand box with his cars and trucks. Robert enjoys running outside, riding his bicycle and listening to music. Robert has a reserved personality and is very loving and affectionate toward his caregivers, as he enjoys lots of hugs. Robert enjoys being the center of attention and prefers the lead role in friendships. Due to his desire to lead, making friends can sometimes be difficult for Robert.

Robert's needs would best be met by an individual or family with no younger children in the home and the ability to offer him safety, stability, structure, boundaries and unconditional love. Robert is in need of a family who is willing and able to give him individualized attention.

Please contact Seanetta Robinson at [Seanetta.Robinson@pfsf.org](mailto:Seanetta.Robinson@pfsf.org) or 386-243-8812 for additional information on this youth. Robert's adoption ID is 101866486.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Dorothy.Mckinzie@pfsf.org).