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To learn about foster care adoption and view photolistings and videos of waiting children, visit our website at www.mare.org.



Get In The Game And Add **SIZZLE** To Your Summer

What's better than free food and fantastic fun while playing games with other kids? Answer: The chance to have a party with prospective adoptive parents at the same time.

The Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange hosts Meet & Greets throughout the year with many happening during the summer. These events occur on select Saturdays and offer you a chance to mingle with prospective adoptive parents while having fun at the same time.

Activities include a variety of races and games. So to get you in the mood, we're offering some mind-bending word puzzles here. The answers are common expressions.

For instance, what common expressions do the two puzzles at the right suggest?



Hint: Think "world" instead of "Earth."



TRASH

Hint: A common chore, especially for kids.

You'll find more hints and the answers to all of the puzzles on Page 3.

For information about upcoming Meet & Greets, see the Calendar of Events on Page 4.

Number 1

MAN



Number 2

PROMISE

Number 3

TRAVEL
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Number 6



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KEEGAN



“I like to play video games, draw, sometimes write poems.”

“There are a lot of (musical) genres that I like listening to ... ‘Radioactive,’ ‘Viva La Vida’ by Coldplay ... ‘Uptown Funk.’”

‘Thunderstorms’

*“I’m listening to the thunder
Sitting in my room
I can’t help but wonder
If it will be over soon*

*Looking out my window
Not a soul in sight
My brother’s playing Nintendo
Out goes the lights*



*We see the lighting flash
Then the thunder rolls
Next comes the crash
Then our clock tolls*

*The storm starts to pass
On comes the power
We start to see grass
Then the first flower*

*We go outside
The air smells so sweet
The whole family goes for a hay ride
While the birds tweet*

Keegan’s Superhero



“He has a button like Ant-Man on his hand that he presses ... and when he jumps, he jumps like 15 feet high.”

The red carpet at the 2016 Michigan Heart Gallery Grand Opening in April turned out to be magic



"Life is a box of chocolates, Forrest."



"I'll be back."



"Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore."



"May the force be with you."



"If you build it, he will come."

*Pictured clockwise from top left, Lakenyei (C06085), Adoptive Parent Ken, Parris (C08529), Andrew (C08794) and Marvin (C05587)
Photos by MARE Communications Specialist Hannah Dunne*

Financial aid to attend Ferris State

Ferris State University offers a scholarship called the Ferris Youth Initiative.

Who qualifies? Low-income foster care youth who attend FSU as undergraduates. This scholarship is available to current and new students.

How much and what does it cover? Recipients get up to \$4,000 per year for costs at Ferris State including tuition, fees, housing and books and supplies. The FYI program is limited to 20 students, so apply early.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must:

- Be accepted for admission to Ferris.
- Be 24 years old or younger by January

Look for more aid programs by individual colleges in future Youth Newsletters

1 of the year they will enroll for classes.

- Provide documentation verifying foster care status.
- Qualify for the Educational Training Voucher or Refugee Educational Voucher.
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- Demonstrate unmet need, as determined by the application above.
- Be enrolled and attending classes on the Big Rapids campus.
- Reside in University Housing for the first two years in the FYI program.

For more information, contact Krissy Workman at 231-591-2034.

Puzzle Hints

1. Boat Or Ship.
2. Hurt Feelings.
3. Go Abroad.
4. Golf.
5. ____ With ____.
6. Rarely happens.

Puzzle Answers

1. Man Overboard.
 2. Broken Promise.
 3. Travel Overseas.
 4. Hole In One.
 5. Green With Envy.
 6. Once In A Blue Moon.
- Two examples:
Sitting On Top Of The World.
Take Out The Trash.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORY

July 16, 2016
MARE Meet & Greet
 Warren
 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

August 6, 2016
MARE Meet & Greet
 Midland, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

September 24, 2016
MARE Meet & Greet
 Grand Rapids
 11 a.m.-2 p.m.



For more information regarding these events please contact Jennifer Brooks, MARE Youth Specialist: jennifer_brooks@judsoncenter.org

Fostering Success Michigan is seeking student stories to be highlighted on their website!

We are currently seeking students who are interested in being featured on our website. We have all heard the statistics and know about the obstacles students face. This is an opportunity for students and professionals alike to read the success stories and learn about what supports helped youth succeed. The stories will be used as a way to highlight students and their



achievements.

If you know of any youth or alumni of care between the ages of 18 and 24 who are currently enrolled in high school or college, we would love to hear from them.

Contact Fostering Success Michigan Student Researcher, Brittney Grant, at fostering-info@wmich.edu to have the interview questions sent directly to your inbox.

We look forward to featuring youth and alumni stories from across the state!

YOUTH RESOURCES



FosterClub - FosterClub is a national network for young people in foster care and young foster care alumni. The site includes blogs from current foster youth, success stories from youth who have come out of the foster system as well as celebrities who faced foster care. It also provides a listing by state of contact information for professionals and hotlines. (www.fosterclub.com 503-717-1552)



Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative - MYOI is a partnership between the Michigan Department of Human Services, the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, the Oakland/Livingston Human Services Agency, and many other local community partners. MYOI's goal is to ensure that young people in foster care have successful outcomes in housing, education, employment, community engagement and health. (www.michigan.gov/fyit/0,1607,7-240-44524-162619--,00.html)



Foster Youth in Transition - An organization that is geared towards youth who are aging out of foster care. It's a comprehensive, youth-oriented site with information, advice, interactive features and a useful glossary of foster care terms. This is a website with information on a variety of issues important to current and former foster youth. The site provides links on how to develop supports, find services, get answers to important questions and just keep you posted on what's new. (www.michigan.gov/fyit 517-373-9219)