

Finding Forever

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**A MARE
NEWSLETTER
FOR YOUTH
AWAITING
ADOPTION**

*Quarter 2
2025*

SO HIGH SCHOOL IS ALMOST OVER...

What's next?



*Think you
can't go to
college?
Think again!*

COLLEGE/AFTER HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

If you are in high school and want to continue education when you graduate, now is a great time to start planning. You may not know, but many colleges and universities have programs to support students with experience in foster care. There is also a financial aid, scholarships, and other supports for students.

SOME WAYS YOU CAN START PLANNING FOR COLLEGE:

- Figure out what interests you and what you would like your career to be. This may change a few times and that's okay!
- You can then start looking at colleges that offer programs of study in the areas you are interested in.
- Make a list of schools that interest you. You can even schedule campus tours to visit the campus and get a feel for what being a student there is like.
- Decide what schools you want to apply to and find out when their admission application deadlines are.
- Send in your applications and wait for a determination letter

Need a little more help? Check out this resource!
Fostering Success Michigan
(<https://fosteringsuccessmichigan.com/>) offers tips
and tools for college, managing finances, life skills,
and more.

HEY *there!*

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

MARE staff had the opportunity to chat virtually with some MARE youth at our recent Youth Advisory Board. We talked about different materials that MARE creates... including this newsletter. The youth who participated gave us some excellent ideas and feedback on how we can do better. We thought one idea was really clever: feature one of the families that we work with for youth to see. Guess what? We listened and you can see our first family feature on page 4.

HEART GALLERY 2025

MARE is hard at work planning this year's Heart Gallery. It may seem early since the big Heart Gallery premiere isn't until September, but a lot of behind-the-scenes planning goes on to bring this event together! If you are signed up to have your photo featured in this year's Heart Gallery, your worker will be scheduling a date for your photos soon.



If you need anything before your photoshoot (e.g. a haircut, a new shirt), be sure to ask your worker soon so that can be arranged. If you aren't sure if you will have a photo in the gallery but want to do so, ask your worker. MARE may still be able to get a volunteer photographer to take photos of you!

MARE FAMILY FEATURE

Introducing Andrea and John

Looking for a laid-back, fun-loving, and outdoorsy family? You've got to meet Andrea and John!

Q: So, who are Andrea and John?

They're an adventurous, family-first couple living in a quiet rural area with tons of space to run, explore, and just soak up the great outdoors.

Q: What do they like to do for fun?

Andrea and John are all about quality time and making memories. Camping? Definitely. Strolling through old car shows? Absolutely. Cozying up for movie night or flipping through a good book? Count them in! They love the Fast & Furious movies (they're big into cars), Survivor (for the wild adventures), and mystery books like the Stephanie Plum series.

Q: Any dream travel destinations?

If they could go anywhere, they'd pick Hawaii—because who wouldn't love sunshine, beaches, and that easygoing island vibe?



Q: If they had a superpower, what would it be?

Flying, for sure! They'd love to see the world from the sky and experience new places. And if time travel were an option, they'd hop back to the past to learn more about their family history.

Q: Who else is in the household?

Alongside Andrea and John is Blizzard, their sweet terrier mix, and their adult daughter who still lives at home.

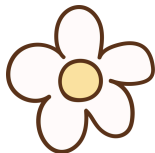
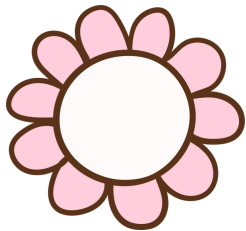
Q: What makes this family special?

They're warm, welcoming, and excited to grow their family. They believe in open hearts, simple joys, and sharing everyday moments together.

If you think this sounds like a fun family, have your worker look for Andrea and John on the MARE directory.

SPRING TIME WORDSEARCH

Search for the words hidden in the puzzle



V	S	S	A	S	P	R	O	U	T	S	S
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FROGS

BUTTERFLY

FLOWERS

BIRDS

LADYBUG

BLOOMING

RAINBOW

BEEES

SPROUTS

SUNSHINE

BLOSSOM

RAIN

SEND IN
YOUR
ARTWORK!

ARTWORK *Spotlight*



Jesse is a budding artist with a heart full of creativity and a deep desire to share it with a loving family. His artistic talents are not just hobbies but a means of expressing his vibrant inner world. Jesse is very proud of his art and loves to show it off. He is even working with MARE to create an In-Depth Profile about it! He looks forward to bringing joy, imagination, and a unique perspective to the world through his artistic creations.

Jesse C09983

Spring Time Wordsearch

Answer Key



FROGS	BUTTERFLY	FLOWERS	BIRDS
LADYBUG	BLOOMING	RAINBOW	BEES
SPROUTS	SUNSHINE	BLOSSOM	RAIN

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Events



**MEET & GREET
DETROIT**

May 17th

Registration will be available on
www.mare.org



**MEET & GREET
HOLLAND**

June 21st

Registration will be available on
www.mare.org

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