



Professional Newsletter

**Save the Date
for the Heart
Gallery Premiere!**

**September 16, 11a.m.-2 p.m.
Emagine Theater, Royal Oak**

Heart Gallery Event Details:

- Free and open to the public
- Red carpet treatment
- Gallery viewing
- Photo ops galore
- Lunch provided
- Chances to talk to adoption professionals and to meet youth in foster care
- A feature film we're sure you'll love
- Registration in July at mare.org

If you can't make it in person, join us live on Facebook, www.facebook.com/MichiganAdoptionResourceExchange



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Meet MARE's new videographer

You could call MARE's new videographer Paul Rains a filmmaker who's turned into a difference-maker.

Rains started with MARE in October 2022. He comes to the position after earning an associate's degree at Henry Ford College and a bachelor's degree in journalism and screen studies at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Although he dabbled in filmmaking after graduating and before joining MARE, the opportunity to do it full-time proved to be a perfect fit for Rains. Working with the youth on the MARE website brightens the day of this videographer with the stormy sounding last name.

"So far," says Rains, "I've met some really inspiring youth."

Why were you interested in joining MARE?

At first it was the filmmaking aspect of the job, but

then I realized that the work I did could make a difference in the lives of the youth on MARE's website.

What draws you to social work?

For me, it's the ability to tell these youths' stories and hopefully land them a home, a forever family. After meeting MARE staff members during my job interview, I could tell how passionate they were about the work they do, and I just felt it was a natural progression for where I wanted to go.

What satisfies you most about your job?

Working with all the people in the office. I love the MARE staff. Plus, I'm in a position of getting to meet all the youth and helping them tell their stories. I really enjoy making the connections with them.

MARE makes website updates to help workers and their supervisors

MARE Data Analyst Jeremiah Balazovich shares some recent improvements made to the website.

Supervisors can now view their staff's dashboards!

Any staff who are assigned to a supervisor can be selected from the "Viewing Dashboard for:" drop-down menu (highlighted in the below screenshot), allowing the supervisor to view that staff's dashboard. This new feature is dependent

on staff selecting their correct supervisor on their Worker Profile page. This page can be accessed via your Worker Dashboard, and then clicking on the "Edit My Profile" button (circled in the screenshot below).

Worker Dashboard

Home Page > For Professionals > Worker Dashboard

The new Reminders section is still under development. Some cases may display an inaccurate registration date or reminder due date. Adoption Workers are not required to take any action for cases unless there is an active "add report" link. MARE thanks you for your patience as we work on this new feature. If you have any questions regarding your case information, please contact the MARE office.

SEARCH FOR CHILDREN

If you see a child on the MARE website that you manage, but does not appear for you to edit in the table below, please click Search for Children above, where you will be able to request access to manage a child, or add a new child if they are new to the system.

Viewing Dashboard For: Me

Reminders

Children's adoption workers can view the Inquiry Outcome Reports submitted by the family's adoption worker, and vice versa.

Adoption workers for children can view the Inquiry Outcome Reports that were submitted by the family's adoption worker by clicking on the

"View Family Worker Report" link associated with that inquiry that was submitted for their child.

| Regarding | Date | Family | Child's Worker | Phone | Email | Status | |
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| | | | | | | Closed | Add/Edit Report View Child Worker Report |

Likewise, the adoption workers for families can view the Inquiry Outcome Reports that were submitted by the children's adoption worker by clicking on the

"View Child Worker Report" link associated with their family's inquiry for that child.

| Regarding | Date | Family | Family's Worker | Phone | Email | Inquiry Status | |
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| | | | | | | Open | Add/Edit Report View Family Worker Report |



What I Want Others To Know About Me

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this form when a youth is being photolisted on the MARE website for recruitment purposes. It should be completed with or by the youth and submitted with the Child Entry Form.

WORKERS: Please note that not all questions need to be answered on this form, and anything the youth would like to share can be added! This is merely a guide to help get the conversation started and to gather information from the youth to be used in the photolisting narrative.

YOUTH NOTE: In your response to the questions on this form, please explain the “why” behind your answer.

MARE is updating the form for youth narratives

MARE is revising its What I Want Others To Know form (also formerly known as All About Me) which youth and/or workers complete for youth narratives.

We’ve eliminated questions such as chores youth do and what makes them laugh, and we’ve added other questions that we hope will supply us with more

strength-based information for narratives.

If you have any questions you’d like added to the form, email them to mark_fisk@judsoncenter.org.

Calendar

May 20

In-Person MARE Meet & Greet
Gaylord
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

June 24

In-Person MARE Meet & Greet
Holland
10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

July 22

In-Person MARE Meet & Greet
Brighton
10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

August 19

In-Person MARE Meet & Greet
Taylor
10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information, contact jessica_thompson@judsoncenter.org or call 734-528-2070.

Take note: Watch for notices of upcoming Meet & Greets on www.mare.org and on Facebook and Twitter.

Tell families about Teen Spotlight

Do you know families who are hoping to adopt? Do they have an approved adoption homestudy?

Then have them join MARE for a virtual event on June 1! They’ll learn about a few of our teens and be able to speak directly to their workers.

If you’d like to register a family for this event, contact margaret_white@judsoncenter.org