



Youth Newsletter



Need-to-know news about Grant Me Hope, Meet & Greet

Grant Me Hope was busy in May, filming 11 youth for videos to be aired on news stations across Michigan.

We were in Lansing this time and enjoyed the Fenner Nature Center and the Potter Park Zoo. Look out for your peers' videos as they air in the next few months!

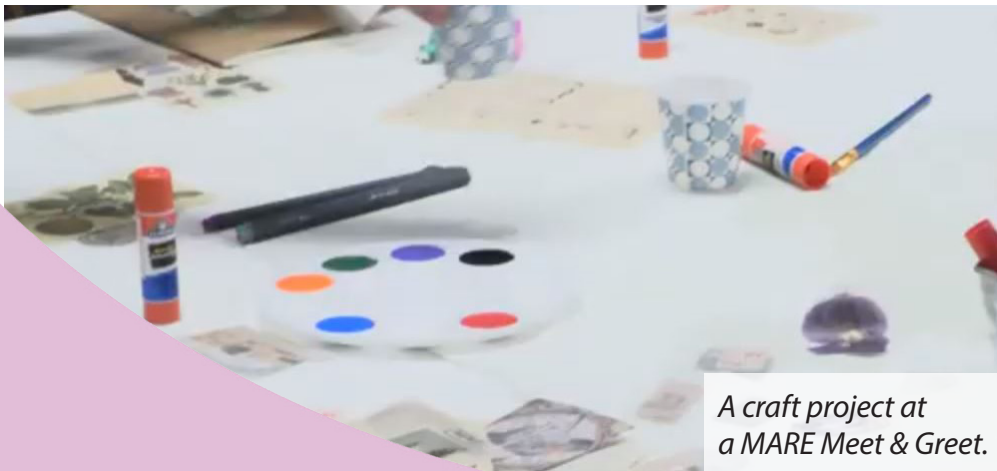
If you are interested in having your own Grant Me Hope video, ask your worker to contact MARE Youth Specialist at Gabrielle_Werkheiser @JudsonCenter.org

Meet & Greet Video

If you are nervous about going to a Meet & Greet, you are not alone!

It is normal to be nervous when you are meeting new people. That is why some of your fellow peers agreed to be interviewed to help make a video to be shared with youth who are going to a Meet & Greet for the first time.

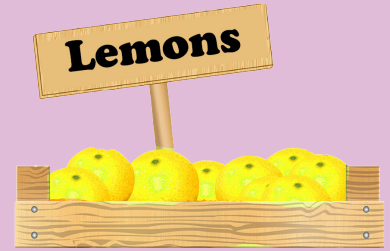
They give advice on how to be yourself, what to expect and remind



A craft project at a MARE Meet & Greet.

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Calendar

**November 12
In-Person MARE
Meet & Greet
Midland**

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

If you want to attend this event, have your worker contact jessica_thompson@judsoncenter.org or 734-528-2070.

you to have fun!

You can see this video on our MARE YouTube page. You can ask your worker or an adult for help. Here are a link and QR code for the video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2baWI3X9Rs



Meet & Greet at Fellinlove Farm

Speaking of Meet & Greets, families and youth met at Fellinlove Farm in Holland. They got to tour the farm and meet a lot of friendly animals! Here are some photos from the event. If you'd like to attend a Meet & Greet, talk to your worker and ask to be registered. We have virtual and in-person events.



Youth not only got to meet families but also farm animals at the Meet & Greet at Fellinlove Farm in Holland.

Secret messages with lemon juice

Materials you'll need:

Half of a lemon

Water

Small bowl

Cotton swabs

Paper

Lamp

Step 1 – Gather your materials

Step 2 – Squeeze lemon juice into a bowl and mix in a few drops of water

Step 3 – Dip your cotton swab

in the mixture and use it as a pencil to write a secret message on the paper. Then, let the paper dry completely.

Step 4 – When you're ready, hold your paper close to the lamp's lightbulb and watch as your secret message begins to appear! You may need to ask an adult for help.

How does this work?

According to the website KiwiCo.com, "Lemon juice is

mostly made of a variety of sugars, acids, and water.

Normally, lemon juice is mostly clear, so when you dilute it even further in water, and paint that mixture onto some paper, you can't see it. However, heating up lemon juice causes some of its sugars to react with oxygen in the air (oxidation), which turns these sugars brown. Your invisible ink might seem like magic, but really, it's all just chemistry."

For more info: www.kiwico.com/diy/stem/quick-easy-experiments/invisible-ink-with-lemon-juice



Glamor, glitz and grub galore at this year's Michigan Heart Gallery Premiere

Save the date for the 2022 Michigan Heart Gallery Grand Opening because you're sure to have fun.

As a preview to the show, we asked MARE Recruitment Specialist Jessica Thompson what you can expect.

What makes this event special?

It's a chance for you to have a day of fun. You get to come to the theater, you get to see a short film, you get free pop and popcorn, and if you're featured in the 2022 Heart Gallery, you get to see yourself on the display. You also might get a chance to interact with adoptive families who are attending.

What are some of the fun things to do at this event?

The theater has some arcade games in the reception area that will be open for free play. You'll see the world premiere of the 2022 Michigan Heart Gallery Grand Opening film, and you'll get the chance to

have your picture taken just like celebrities who attend a premiere movie, complete with a walk on the red carpet.

You'll also receive movie passes to either use the day of the event or come back to the theater another time.

Will there be food other than popcorn?

We will be having pizza, chicken tenders and salad for lunch. The theater has rented us their grill area so that we can dine in comfort there.

How can I attend?

If you're interested in attending the event, you can have your worker pre-register you, but you don't have to be pre-registered. You can arrive the day of the event and enjoy the festivities. You also don't have to be featured in the 2022 Heart Gallery display to attend the event. However, you should let one of your workers know that you want to go.



The big event

What: The 2022 Michigan Heart Gallery Grand Opening

When: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, September 10.

Where: Emagine Theater, Royal Oak.

Cost: Free!

Meet Travis, MARE's new videographer

Travis gets ready for a University of Michigan football game at The Big House.



In many ways, MARE's new videographer, Travis Mason, is a lot like you. He likes playing board games, enjoys listening to music and dreams of visiting a beautiful place.

Travis comes to MARE after starting out working in video production for General Motors. Then he became a freelance videographer filming special events such as weddings. One of his most memorable jobs was as a crew member on the set of the Amazon Prime movie "Coachable."

To get to know him better, we thought it would be fun to ask Travis some of the same questions that he might ask you.

What is your favorite animal?

I've always been fascinated by elephants because they're such big creatures.

What is your favorite game?

I love playing Monopoly. I always get the car, and I feel like I'm a rich real estate mogul buying all this property.

What do you like to do on weekends?

I enjoy spending weekends with my fiancé doing something fun whether it's a festival, community event or road trip.

What kind of music do you like?

I'm a hip-hop guy. My favorite artist would be either Lil Wayne or Kendrick Lamar.

If you could travel anywhere, where would it be?

Croatia because it's so beautiful – I've seen the scenery on TV – and if I ever could go there, I'd do it in a heartbeat.

If you had a superpower, what would it be?

The superpower of healing so no one feels pain, and no one gets sick.

When and how to apply for college

Going to college is a big decision! There are a lot of choices to make such as what to study, where to go and what your schedule will be. Before you get to all of that, you have to apply and get accepted.

Here are some things to remember when applying to college:

- Begin early – it is recommended to start applying by the time you start

your senior year of high school. Most applications are due by January if you'd like to attend in the fall semester.

- Prep work – make a list of colleges you'd like to go to, learn what their application requirements are, take standardized tests, gather letters of recommendation, write essays and visit the campus.

- Check on progress – there may be deadlines for honors programs, scholarships and financial aid, so keep track with a calendar or spreadsheet.

