



Youth Newsletter



Matthew (C010200) and Madicen (C09753) were among the youth celebrated during this annual event. Turn to the next page for more photos from The Great Decorate.

The City of Birmingham gives back

For three years the City of Birmingham has been having a Christmas tree decorating contest to raise money for teens in foster care. Businesses throughout the city decorate a Christmas tree that visitors can vote on by donating money. All of the money raised in this event is given to sponsored teens who are transitioning out of foster care when they turn 18.

Some of your MARE peers came out to see the displays and to enjoy pizza. A few were even interviewed for the local news!



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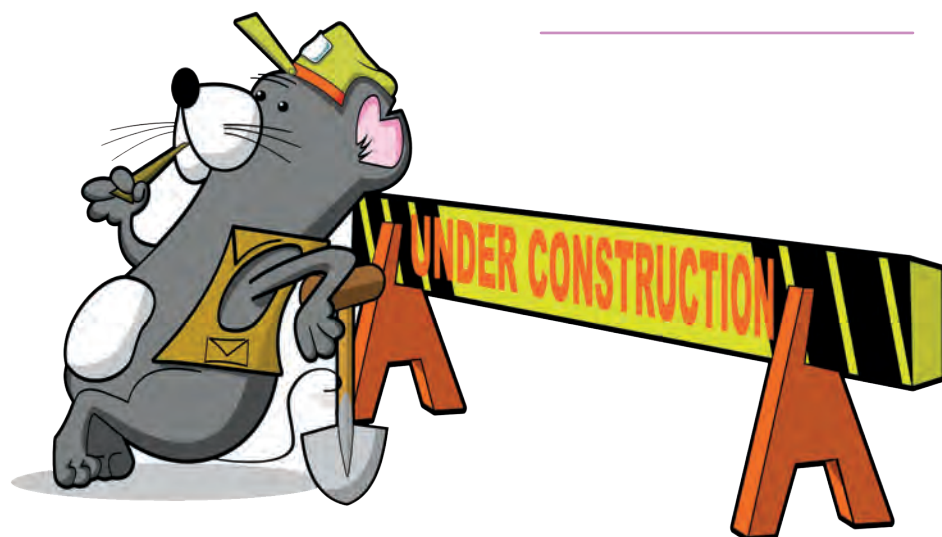
Page 4 - Check out Kids' Corner for a soup recipe that rocks and fantastic youth drawings!



Page 4 - Our calendar is full of upcoming MARE Meet & Greets



Top, yum! Pizza from Brooklyn Pizza. Above, Rebecca (C09233) is interviewed by WXYZ channel 7. Left, Jayvion (C09815) strikes a pose in front of a tree decorated for him.



Changes coming to Mare.org

The MARE website is under construction! We are working on updating our website to make it easier to use. You can still use the site and access everything that you need to while we work on this, but be on the lookout for these exciting changes!

MARE's publications can show families your special qualities

Take the time to know the options available to help you find an adoptive family via what's called recruitment. There are many ways that MARE can recruit for you when you consent, or say "yes," to them.

One of the ways is with printed material such as periodicals, a calendar, or a postcard. This recruitment does not require your active participation, which means you do not have to be involved. You will not be featured in publications if you do not consent.

- The periodical is made four times a year, and it is like a magazine with your photo and a few fun facts about you. This publication is sent to agencies and community organizations.

- The MARE calendar is made once a year and it features the photo of one youth per month. These are sent to community organizations or given out at community events.

- The postcard, sometimes called a prayer card, features your photo and your narrative. These are made when requested by your worker. These cards also are sent to community organizations or given out at community events.

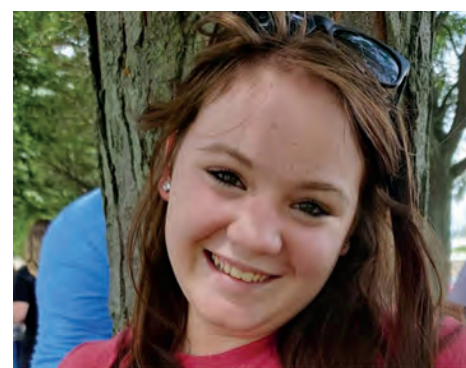
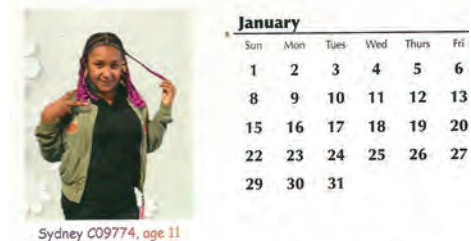
If you are not sure if you consented to these things, you can ask your worker to either check your consent page or ask to sign a new one. MARE needs an updated consent form every year, but you can update it sooner if you change your mind about recruitment.



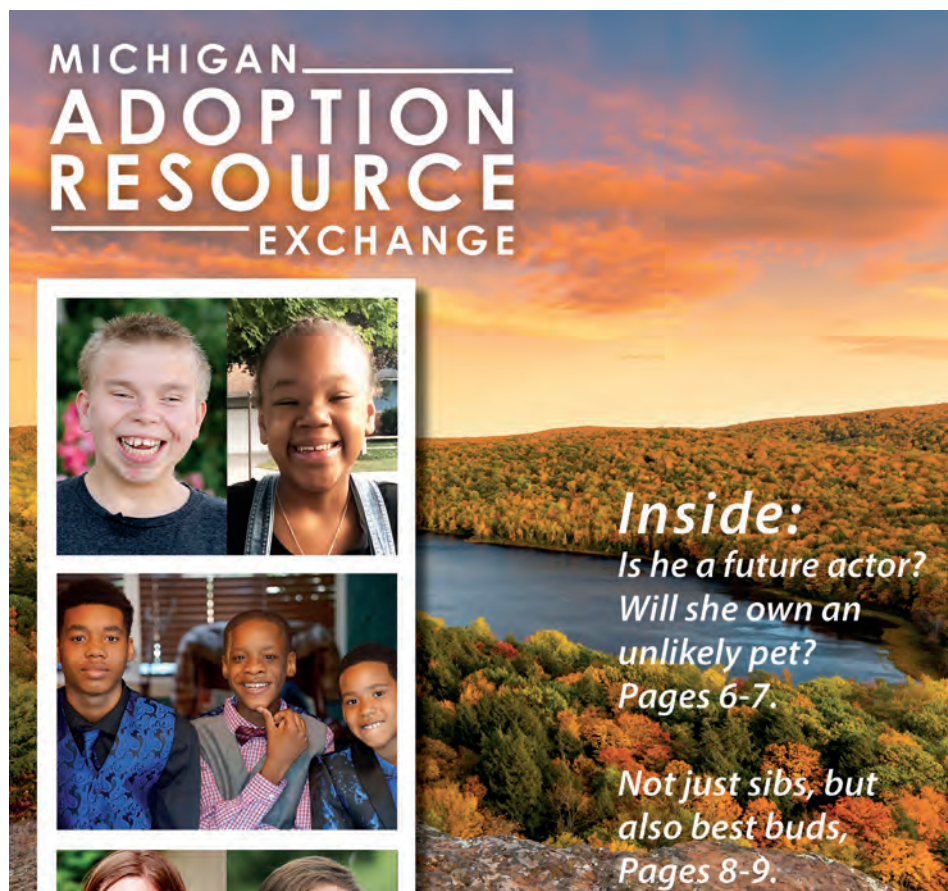
Open your heart to adoption!

Noah enjoys being creative, and he's very proud of his art. Noah also enjoys playing video games and doing a lot of young men, Noah likes riding bikes and scooters as Star Wars. One of Noah's favorite activities involves baking. "I like to bake," he says, adding that his dream job would be a bakery. However, instead of cookies and cakes, his favorite food is a turkey burger with salt. His favorite animal is the shark. When he's not reading, he's likely to be reading. He

Every Day, Every Month, Every Year, Every Kid deserves a



Clockwise from top right, the front and back of a postcard (prayer card), the cover and part of an inside page from the fall periodical, and a page from the 2023 Calendar.



Kids' Corner



This recipe really rocks. Literally!

Let's make Stone Soup, a good hearty recipe for winter!

You can add any vegetables and protein source, it is a great way for you to try different vegetables, and it is a nice lesson on sharing and making "something from nothing." And of course for younger kids, read the stone soup book! Check out these recipe resources:

1. <https://thenourishinghome.com/2012/09/stone-soup-memories-in-the-making/>
2. Amazon link for book: <https://www.amazon.com/Stone-Soup-Aladdin-Picture-Books/dp/0689711034>
3. Free trial for audible link (you can listen to the audio book for free): <https://www.audible.com/pd/Stone-Soup-Audiobook/B002V8DFFQ>



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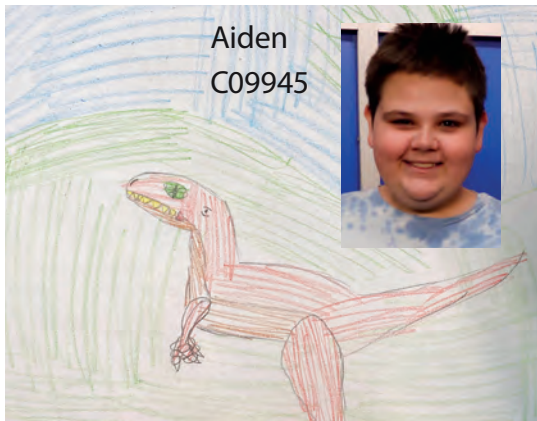


2. Picture book

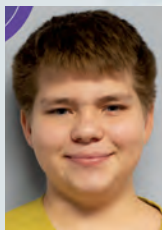


3. Audio book

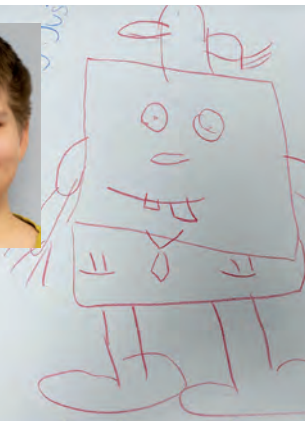
And these youths' drawings are pretty dreamy!



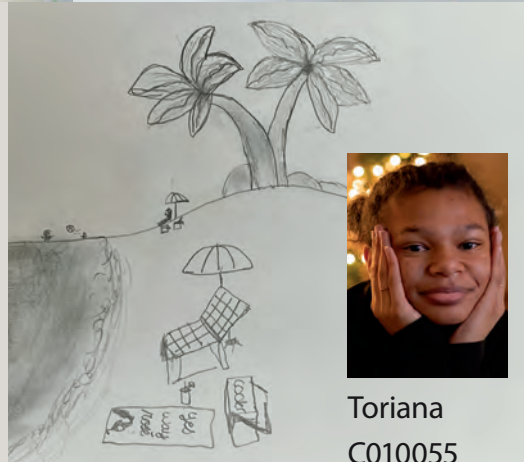
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Justin
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Zaniya
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Toriana
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Calendar

February 18

Virtual MARE

Meet & Greet

10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 25

In-Person MARE

Meet & Greet

Novi

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

April 29

In-Person MARE

Meet & Greet

Bloomfield

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

May 20

In-Person MARE

Meet & Greet

Gaylord

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

June 24

In-Person MARE

Meet & Greet

Holland

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.

To learn about resources available to youth living in foster care, visit Mare.org > For Youth or contact your worker.