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Foster children yearn for a forever home during National Adoption Month

Aurora, Colo. – Every year thousands of children in foster care dream of being part of a family. As part of National Adoption Month, adults are encouraged to ask themselves, “Could I make a difference in the life of a child? Could I show a child the love, compassion and encouragement she needs to succeed in life?”

To celebrate the importance of National Adoption Month, Arapahoe County will hold numerous court hearings where children and their adoptive parents will officially become a family. In addition, the County will host an Adoption Celebration Nov. 15 where this year’s adoptive families will enjoy an evening of fun with a face painter, balloon artist and massage therapist for parents.

“We’d like to thank each of our adoptive parents for their commitment and saying ‘yes’ to the question, ‘Can I make a difference in the life of a child?’,” said Erika Sorensen, Adoption Supervisor. “Adopting a child into a loving, permanent home greatly increases his or her chance of future success and helps build strong, healthy communities.”

The County’s children waiting to be adopted have suffered a loss or have been removed from harmful environments but they want a mom and dad just like every kid.

Meet **Darryl** with his great smile and charming personality. He loves to take long walks and sing in his church choir. Darryl is diagnosed with Spina Bifida, which causes him to lose feeling in his lower body. To help with his disabilities, Darryl receives medication, therapy and special education services.

Rodjanique is a likeable teenager who enjoys reading, shopping and listening to music. She is bright and does well in school when she is motivated. She really wants a family and enjoys getting to know people.

Ian is a sweet young boy with above-average intelligence. He is an imaginative, engaging kid who enjoys school, reading, singing, fishing, camping, playing with other children, and interacting with adults. He would like his adoptive family to let him keep in contact with his grandparents.

These are just a few of the County’s children who are waiting to be adopted by their ‘forever’ families. If you would like to foster or adopt a child, call 303-636-1KID to attend our free monthly orientation for more information.

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Rodjanique, age 15, loves reading, shopping and listening to music. She really wants a family.

Darryl, age 13, has a charming personality and loves to take long walks and sing in his church choir.

Ian, age 12, is an imaginative child who enjoys school, reading, singing, fishing, camping and playing with other children.