

Be the Change

Special Michigan Heart Gallery 2024 Issue



Christian C09546

Photo: Paul Rains

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Change the life of a
child... adopt from
foster care



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Welcome to the Fall 2024 edition of Be the Change – a quarterly publication dedicated to highlighting Michigan children in need of permanent, loving families. In this special edition, we’re highlighting the youth that were featured on the 2024 Heart Gallery display. We are so grateful for the volunteer photographers that took these beautiful photos and we hope you enjoy viewing them. We invite you to visit our website to learn more about the youth in these pages and others who are waiting for their forever family.

At MARE, we are here to help answer your questions and walk with you through the adoption journey. To learn more about adoption, visit www.mare.org, call us at 800-589-6273, and follow us on social media. No matter where you are at in the process, we want to support you.

- Michelle Parra, LMSW
Director of MARE and Family Services Judson Center



Aaron C010152
Photo: Stephanie Kieft



Anthony C09563
Photo: Lillian Scull



Arabella C010664
Photo: Purely Blissful Photography

The Heart Gallery: Opening Hearts and Homes to Adoption

The Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange exists to connect hopeful adoptive families with Michigan youth who need a permanent, loving family. One of the ways we help connect these amazing kids with families is the Heart Gallery. Volunteer photographers from all across our great state lend their time and talent to take professional photos of the youth. These photos are the star of a stunning exhibit that travels across the state to highlight the need for permanent families for foster youth waiting for adoption.

Each of the photos highlighted in this special edition of Be the Change is included on the 2024 Heart Gallery display which was unveiled on September 21st, 2024. You can find out more about each of these youth on the MARE website at www.mare.org. Learn about their interests, talents, what makes them unique, and what they need in a family.

Open up your heart to adoption! Maybe your family could be the one to make a permanent change for the better in a child's life.

Be the change... adopt!



Abigail C010365

Photo: Paul Rains



Arrionna C010576

Photo: Paul Rains



Arianna C010683

Photo: Paul Rains



Ashley C010616

Photo: Paul Rains



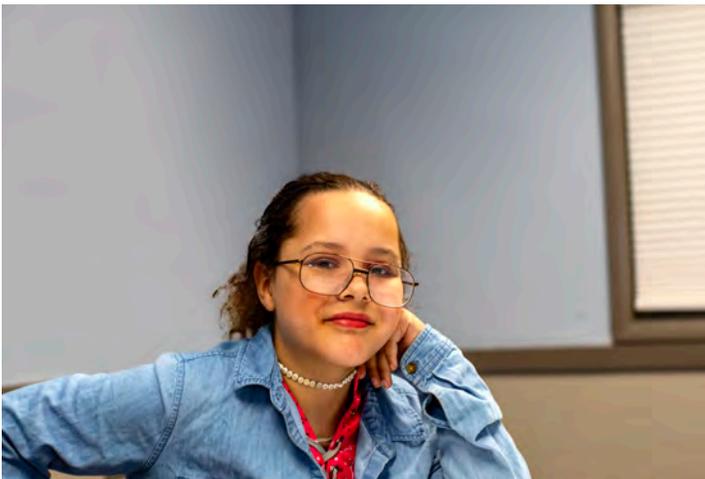
Ayden C010457

Photo: Paul Rains



Braydon C010509

Photo: Paul Rains



Carrie C010510

Photo: Paul Rains



Carter C010525

Photo: Paul Rains



Elijah C010083

Photo: Aly Darin Photography



Cristopher C010649

Photo: Pictures En Pointe Photography



Domanic C010628

Photo: Lizzie Photo



Elizabeth C010715

Photo: Jen Brooks



Dannielynn C010628

Photo: Camren Clouthier



Emilee C010236

Photo: Natalie Sullivan



Emma C010172

Photo: Paul Rains



Emmanuel C09340

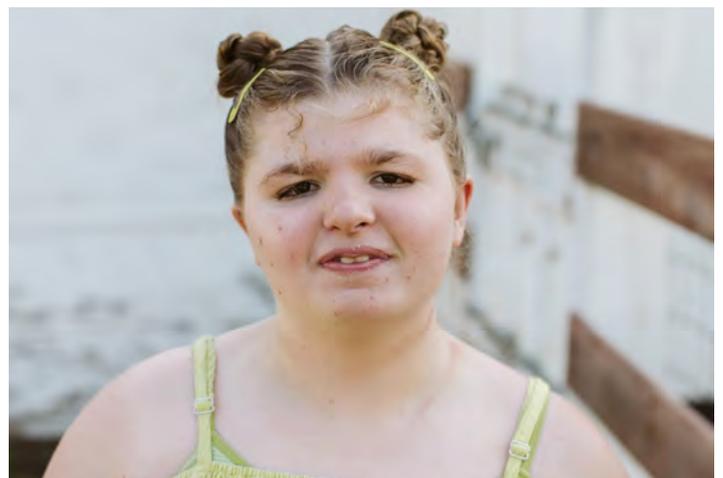
Photo: Beth and Mike Severn

Open your Heart to



Ezera C010651

Photo: Paul Rains



Heather C09265

Photo: Lizzie Photo



Isaieh C010340

Photo: Amanda Jordan



Ivy C010156

Photo: Lizzie Photo

Adoption



Jaheim C09549

Photo: Paul Rains



Jamauri C010303

Photo: Memories by Mandy Photography



Jayla C010202

Photo: Katie Dubec



Juan Carlos C010650
Photo: Pictures En Pointe Photography



Jorden C09859
Photo: Aly Darin Photography



Jesse C09983
Photo: Lillian Scull



Jubilee C010488
Photo: Paul Rains

"Jubilee enjoys gymnastics, horseback riding and singing and dancing."



Joshua C09624
Photo: Deborah Gillespie



Kaizen C010486
Photo: Paul Rains



Kauron C010508

Photo: Memories by Mandy
Photography

"Kauron loves all things football
and will talk all day about it."



Kyrenia C010724

Photo: Paul Rains



Landyn C010319

Photo: Paul Rains



Kyla C010656

Photo: Paul Rains



Lukas C010645

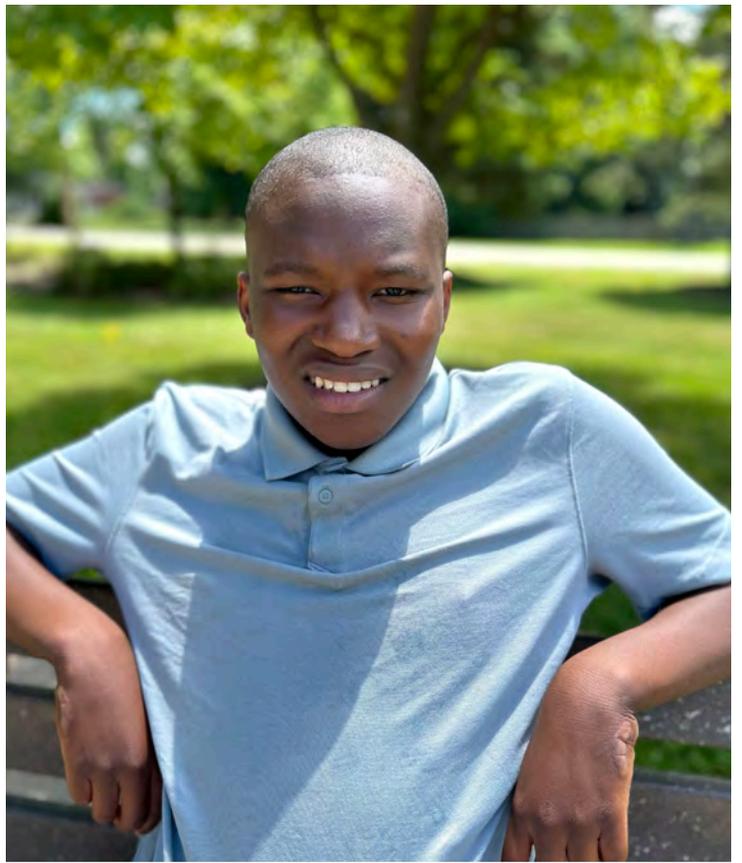
Photo: Paul Rains



Lashayla C010575

Photo: Katie Dubec

"Lashayla loves to learn about history."



Marcellous C09834

Photo: Jen Brooks

"Marcellous is a very loving child who is very outgoing and full of life."



Michael C010335

Photo: Deb Hoag



Monica C010539

Photo: Paul Rains

"Monica, who goes by Renee, enjoys running track, riding bikes, going roller skating and learning about new sports."



Nicholas C09537

Photo: Lizzie Photo



Noah C010260

Photo: Derek Cookson Photography



Quandrez C010529

Photo: Aly Darin Photography



Savanna C010394

Photo: Jen Brooks

Every child deserves a loving home.



Stariana C010262

Photo: Lillian Scull



Stephen C010581

Photo: Paul Rains



Sydney C09774

Photo: Christopher Lucas Photography



Tabatha C010536

Photo: Paul Rains



Tavion C010378

Photo: Derek Cookson Photography



Treasure C010607

Photo: Christopher Lucas Photography

Ready to get started? MARE can help!

Staffed by experienced adoptive parents, the MARE navigator team is eager to provide support to all families considering adoption. Complete the General Adoption Information Inquiry on www.mare.org or call 800-589-6273 to be connected with a navigator.



Already matched? MARE can help!

Match Support is a statewide service available to you once you're matched with a child from the MARE website and are proceeding with adoption. Contact Julie Miller at 734-528-2002 or Julie_Miller@judson-center.org for more information.





Tyler C010348

Photo: Lillian Scull



Tyler C09338

Photo: Lizzie Photo



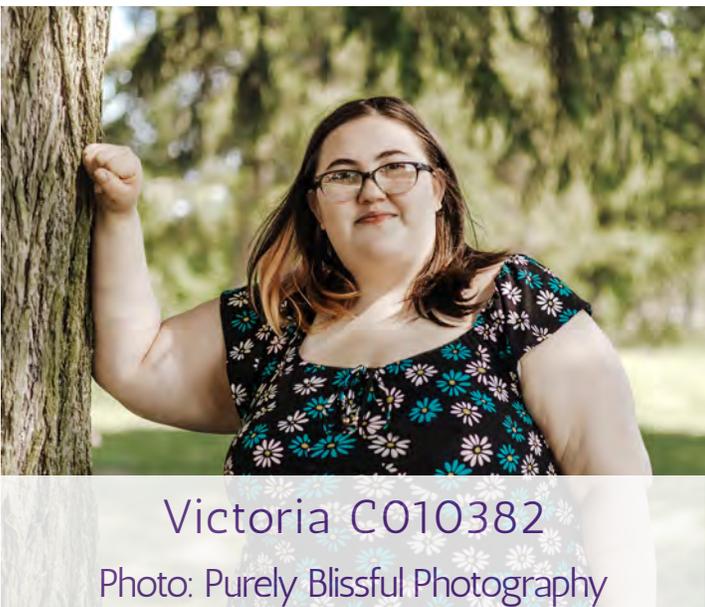
Tyler C09857

Photo: Paul Rains



Valentino C010617

Photo: Deborah Gillespie



Victoria C010382

Photo: Purely Blissful Photography



Zackary C010342

Photo: Jen Brooks



Zahira C010518

Photo: Deb Hoag

"I love to express myself through my clothes, makeup and hair," says Zahira.

"Zechariah loves fishing on the weekends and hopes to do some angling with a future family."



Zechariah C010658

Photo: Margaret White

Don't know where to start? Follow the QR code for a list of adoption agencies.





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