

who are the children who can't wait for a family?

As individual as adoptive families are, the range of children available for adoption are equally diverse.

Some prospective parents are looking to adopt an older child, or a child with special needs, or they might want to adopt siblings. Some might want to complete their family by specifically adopting a boy or a girl, or a child of their own race and culture.

In order to give prospective adoptive parents a better idea of the children who are waiting for adoption, following are some samples of children who may be available.

Mariah

Mariah is a very sociable, fun-loving three-year-old child. She enjoys the company of adults as well as children. She usually has a smile for everyone, and always for the camera. Mariah loves Barney the dinosaur, and watches him on video each night before going to bed. She sings and dances to Barney and is proud to show anyone her talents.

Mariah has a lot of energy and demands a lot of time. Although Mariah is happy most of the time, her foster mother says that she can be aggressive at times.

She has lived with her foster parents since she was three days old and is very bonded to them and their extended family. They are willing to work with her during her transition from their home to her adoptive home. She needs a patient, loving, permanent family to call her own. She could benefit from a family who is able to provide unconditional love, understanding and guidance.

Jiang

Jiang is an independent child for his seven years. He loves apples, green peppers, chips and popcorn. He also enjoys all types of books, and he loves animals! Jiang is an active child who has difficulties concentrating. He needs a nurturing, understanding family who can provide structure.

Jiang has made a positive adjustment in his current foster placement. His foster family is willing to support Jiang in his transition from their home to his adoptive home. Jiang needs a patient, loving, permanent family who can provide him with consistency and affection.

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Kali, April and Savanna

Kali, 5, April, 7, and Savanna, 9, are three sisters who look very much alike.

Kali is a sweet child, very talkative and personable. She loves telling stories, coloring, and playing outdoors with her older sisters. She is enrolled in an accelerated reading program and loves being with other children and receiving the teacher's attention.

April displays kindness and affection. She is a child who would shadow the parent everywhere, trying to gain acceptance and attention. She enjoys spending time at school with her friends and classmates.

Savanna smiles a lot and is very talkative and out-going. She is very involved with sports at her school and is proud to be a fourth grader. She enjoys playing with her friends and also has an interest in drawing and painting.

All three children would like a permanent family in which they could grow up together.

Peter

Peter is a delightful 4-year-old with an engaging smile and an infectious giggle. He is easygoing and very sociable. He loves interacting with other children or adults and he thrives on attention.

Peter was exposed prenatally to drugs and alcohol and his development is delayed. He is small for his age, wears glasses and has some orthopedic irregularities. He might be at risk of developing a genetic disability.

An affectionate two-parent family with a strong support network would be the ideal environment for Peter. He needs a family committed to working closely with him. He may benefit from being either an only child or having older brothers and sisters.

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