

Finding Forever

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**A MARE
NEWSLETTER
FOR YOUTH
AWAITING
ADOPTION**

Winter 2025

ANOTHER FORM OF RECRUITMENT

Enhanced Narratives



*Emilee has
a
heartwarming
spirit*

YOUR STORY MATTERS!

At MARE, we believe every foster youth has a story worth sharing - one that highlights *you*: your passions, your quirks, and your dreams for the future. That's why we create personalized, engaging narratives that show the world just how amazing you are.

When you're featured on MARE, you'll get to answer fun questions to help our communications specialist, Adriana Cazzell, get to know the real you. But we don't stop there.

Adriana takes it further with a one-on-one chat, where she dives into what makes you truly special.

Recently, Adriana and Youth Specialist Gabrielle Werkheiser spent time with Emilee and Tony to determine just what they'd like the world to know about them.

Are you ready to share your story in a way that feels *totally you*? Let's make it happen!

Contact us today!

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Adriana Cazzell:

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*Tony is
dynamic
and
fun-loving*

10 *things*

IN-DEPTH

PROFILES

1. Led by youth from concept to completion.
2. Featuring MARE teens who want to share their ideas.
3. MARE staff invite teens to participate, but you can ask us, too!
4. Endless possibilities such as photos, video, podcasts, and more!
5. Hosted on a special site: indepthprofiles.mare.org.
6. Be an advocate with your team about what you want.
7. MARE staff will help you brainstorm ideas.
8. The totally customized profile takes about a month to complete.
9. MARE staff will help you on production day.
10. The final product will only go live with *YOUR* approval.

JORDEN'S IDP

Jorden just completed an In-Depth Profile and you should check it out! Jorden hopes to be a rapper one day and chose to share some of his skills with potential families. He has an impressive catalog of raps that he has written exploring topics from his history, love, and loss.

Jorden's In-Depth Profile and many more are live on

indepthprofiles.mare.org now! In-Depth Profiles are a personalized way for you to share your story in your way with potential families. If you're interested in working with MARE on an In-Depth Profile, have your adoption worker contact Jennifer Brooks at jennifer_brooks@judsoncenter.org. Page 3

IN-DEPTH
PROFILES

MARE CONSENT

*We can explain
this one!*

By Gabrielle Werkheiser



MARE has created a video to help explain your recruitment options on the MARE Recruitment Consent Page. We hope that this clears up confusion and even hesitation when considering how you want to put yourself out there for potential adoptive families to see.

Remember, MARE will not feature you in a way that you do not consent to. We will only do what you ask us to, so it is important to consider all of the options carefully.

The Consent Page has to be updated at least once a year, but you can update it more if you change your mind about recruitment. Just talk to your worker if you want to review what you have consented to or if you want to update your page.

We also got feedback from the Youth Advisory Board that the Consent Page feels like a contract and it can be intimidating. MARE is discussing ways we can make the page more friendly!



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ARTWORK *Spotlight*



Destiny is an up and coming artist who is still looking for her forever family. This bright young lady is fascinated by the creepy crawlies, as in bugs, and all things out of this world. Destiny wants to board a rocket ship someday, to the stars and possibly beyond this galaxy so she can shake hands with the characters of The Avatar movies or any other amiable aliens. Once she returns to Earth, Destiny will focus on the things she loves, like building things with Legos, and coloring and drawing animals and landscapes, like the ones above.

Destiny C09820

Coloring for Cold Days



For a complete list of events and resources,
visit www.mare.org

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MARE Events



MEET & GREET ANN ARBOR

February 22

Registration will be available on
www.mare.org



MEET & GREET VIRTUAL

March 15

Registration will be available on
www.mare.org

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