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Happy National Adoption Month from MN ADOPT!

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Who is MN ADOPT?

Check back monthly to learn a little more about us and our organization!



Hope you had a great Halloween!

-MN ADOPT STAFF

Program Highlight

Education Program: Meet Wendy! MN ADOPT's Education Coordinator



Circus of the Heart, 2019

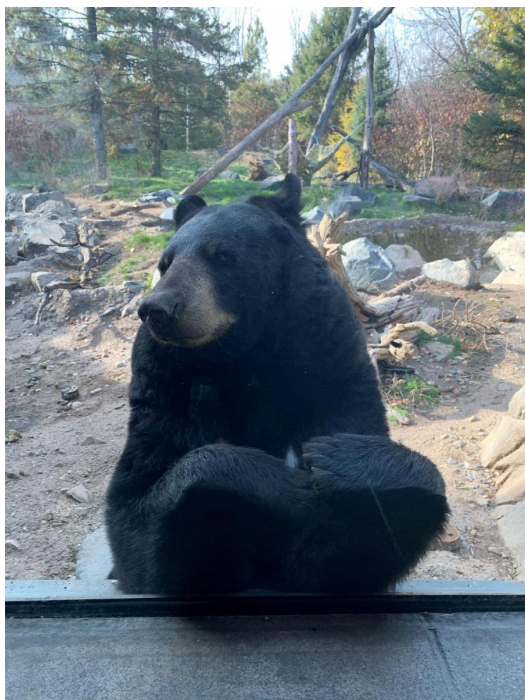
On Sunday, November 3rd, the 22nd Annual Circus of the Heart was held at the Minnesota Zoo in Apple Valley. Circus of the Heart is a celebration of adoption - a fun, free event for adoptive and foster families and a welcoming opportunity for people interested in fostering or adoption. This year's event was a huge success, with a record attendance of more than 2,000. Adults and children enjoyed a fun filled day at the zoo, with games, crafts, food, family portraits, mascots, prizes and information about resources.



VIDEO: Circus of the Heart Featured Child

Meet Caleb and His Family

Acting Assistant Commissioner Lisa Pritchard Bayley celebrated the 1,268 Minnesota children who joined families through adoption in 2018, while also highlighting the 905 children currently under State guardianship in need of an immediate adoptive family. Emcee Sanni Brown-Adefope was on hand to present Distinguished Service Awards to Holly Guyer of North Homes and the Dakota Child and Family Clinic for their tremendous dedication and work in serving the Minnesota adoption community.



Keep the Circus in mind for next November! Always the first Sunday in November, National Adoption Month!

Resource Corner

Post-Adoption Resources

(Click on the pictures)



The primary goal of the Post-Adoption Navigator Program is to reach out to your family after finalization and throughout the first year to help address questions you may have and share information on post-adoption resources available in Minnesota.



C.A.S.E. has useful fact sheets that discuss talking about adoption at different developmental stages.

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The 3-5-7 Model is designed to help professionals and parents work with children and youth to address these issues of grief and loss.



Acknowledging and Dealing with Loss: here are seven core issues related to post-adoption.

When we think of Foster Care Adoption, it is important to consider that Foster Children may need reassurance and help repairing their lives. Here are a list of books that may help.

Lifebooks! A Lifebook is a record of a child's memories, past and present, in his or her own words. As a child moves through foster care, oftentimes his or her life story gets lost. The Lifebook pages are used to document important events and celebrations, honoring a child's life.

Community Connections

Safe Haven Foster Shoppe



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Safe Haven Foster Shoppe's goal is to provide placement items for foster children and alleviate the financial burden on foster homes by collecting and packaging placement packs for distribution through a network of county agencies and directly with foster homes.

Their services include a variety of placement bags or packs to provide 1 day-1 weeks worth of essentials. This includes clothing, toiletries, blankets, and entertainment items.

MN ADOPT was lucky enough to volunteer at the Shoppe and pack 20 backpacks for foster children.

[Learn more about Safe Haven Foster Shoppe](#)

**Give to the Max Day
November 14**



Today there are 905 children are in foster care in need of an immediate, permanent family. Please take a moment to check out our website and meet the Minnesota kids waiting for a home.

If you know of someone interested in adopting, please refer.

Financial support helps promote and support adoption of the waiting children in our community.

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