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Who is MN ADOPT?

We've been busy hiring our future! Over the next few months, we'll introduce you to all the new faces around MN ADOPT.

Jennifer



What is your role and how long have you been at MN ADOPT?

I'm the State Adopt Exchange Coordinator for Central and Northern Minnesota and I started in August, 2020.

What do you like to do for fun when you are not working?

I love to spend time with my family, whether it be watching movies with popcorn, playing outdoors, or skating.

What is your favorite season and why?

My favorite season is fall because I love seeing the vibrant colors, the mild weather, and Halloween!

Sarah



What is your role and how long have you been at MN ADOPT?

I joined MN ADOPT in August of 2020 and I'm the State Adopt Exchange Coordinator for Southern Minnesota

What do you like to do for fun when you are not working?

When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my two year old son and husband, being outdoors, hiking trails, and spending time with family.

What is your favorite season and why?

My favorite season is summer. Summer means time spent at the lake, campfires, and I love all the extra daylight!

Program Highlight



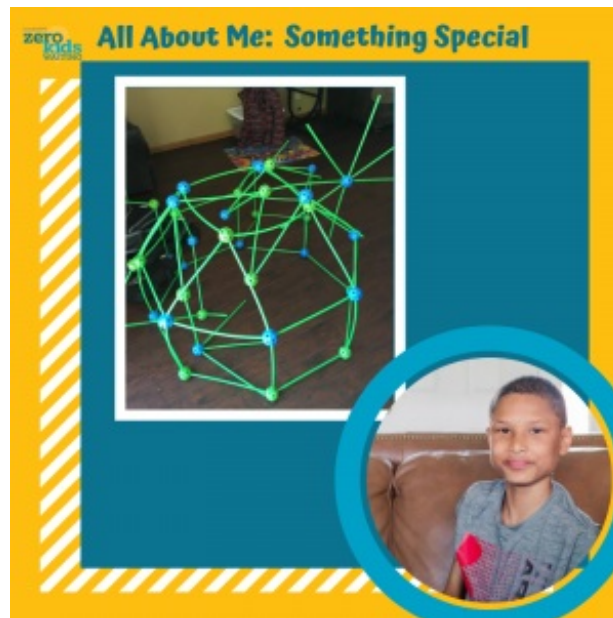
In March 2020, MN ADOPT launched a new recruitment feature called **All About Me** as part of our Zero Kids Waiting Program.

This new monthly feature consists of four weekly posts about a specific youth which allows for a high level of recruitment focus through the MN ADOPT website and social media channels.

The four weekly features are published on consecutive Wednesdays every month and each week focuses on a different topic/highlight specific to the featured youth.

So far, 7 youth have been featured using this new recruitment tool. We are hopeful that this new recruitment effort will help raise awareness about the need for adoptive families for the 905 children who are currently in need of an immediate adoptive home (<https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-4746-ENG>).

Learn More: All About



Zero Kids Waiting: All About Me - MN Adopt

Cameron (13) is a young man who is loving, sweet and smiley. He loves to swim, ride his bike and be outside. He is also kind, gentle and loves hugs. If he wants to show you something he will take you by the hand and guide you to what he wants you ...

[Read more](http://www.mnadopt.org)
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Circus of the Heart

A graphic for the "Circus of the Heart" adoption event. It features a dark blue background with a red border. The text "Celebrate and explore adoption!" is at the top, followed by the dates "Nov. 1 - Nov. 20, 2020". The main title "Circus of the Heart" is in large white letters. Below it, "Minnesota Department of Human Services" and "MN ADOPT" are written. There are three red heart icons: one on the left, one on the right, and one small one in the center below the dates.

**Celebrate and
explore adoption!**
Nov. 1 - Nov. 20, 2020

Circus of the Heart

Minnesota Department of Human Services
MN ADOPT

DHS-5579Va-ENG 8-20

REGISTER for Circus of the Heart!

Registration ends Friday October 9

Registered participants will be eligible for the prize drawings and will receive a Circus Box with crafts, activities, and giveaways to coincide with online events.*

REGISTER

**One registration per household*

Resource Corner

Fun, **[COVID safe]**, Fall Activities for the Family



**8 Things to do in
Minnesota this Fall
from Explore
Minnesota.**

Get Exploring!

Staff Picks:

- *Bonfire & S'mores
- *Movie in backyard with projector
- *Hikes at the State Parks
- *Hot chocolate & walk around one of our MN lakes
- *Go for a bike ride to enjoy the fall colors!
- *Bring back fun activities from your childhood - bonfires, jumping in pile leaves, etc.



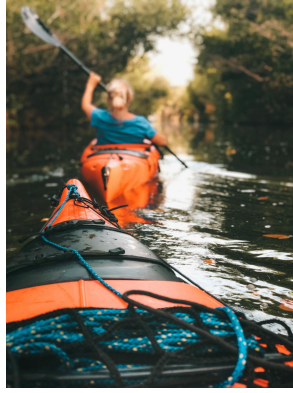
**Places to go out
and about [safely]
in and around the
Twin Cities this
Fall.**

**Get out and
about!**

A few more ideas...



Apple Picking



Kayaking



Halloween at Home

Community Connections



Thank you to **Minnesota Wire** who has continued to be a partner and donate to our annual Circus of the Heart event for the past 20 years!

We will have great teen prizes this year - thanks to MN Wire!

Check out who they are and what they do

Give to the Max Day



It's just around the corner!

Did you know, 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.

[Meet the Kids](#)

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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On Race, Racism and Racial Justice

Discussion and experiences regarding race and racism will vary by family, and for some it can be a difficult and sensitive topic to discuss. Below are some resources to help you have meaningful and developmentally appropriate conversations with your children.

With Halloween fast approaching, we wanted to provide a few articles on avoiding and/or being conscientious around cultural appropriation/black face.

1. Race, Culture Expert Shares History and Why Blackface and Other Cultural Appropriation at Halloween Is Inappropriate:
<https://www.baylor.edu/mediacommunications/news.php?action=story&story=204045>
2. Cultural Appropriation: <https://www.npr.org/2019/10/29/773615928/cultural-appropriation-a-perennial-issue-on-halloween>
3. LSPiRG's #IAmNotACostume campaign aims to draw awareness to the problematic nature of many Halloween costumes: <http://www.lspirg.org/costumes>

For more resources , visit our website: <https://www.mnadopt.org/resources/on-race-racism/>



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