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On the Board

Meet Chris



How long have you been on the MN ADOPT Board of Directors?
I joined the Board in 2007, if memory serves correct.

Why do you support and value our work?

I was blessed to have been adopted as an infant, and so much of my success has been because of opportunities I may have never received had I not been adopted into a loving, permanent forever family. I love that MN ADOPT is advocating for amazing kiddos in

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Minnesota and that we have the aspirational goal of #ZeroKidsWaiting.

What do you like to do for fun?

I love to spend time with my wife and family. We love the lake and the Minnesota Wild. We like to travel and experience all the different places our world has to offer.

What is your favorite season and why?

This is so hard, I love Minnesota specifically because we have four distinct, beautiful seasons. I love the Winter because I love Hockey and Ice Fishing. Spring because it is beautiful and we experience new life. Summer is warm and I love being on the lake. Fall is awesome because of the weather, football season and opportunities to hunt and fish.

MN ADOPT Education



It's true! ALL of our webinars (except the Beyond Consequences Series) are FREE in the month of April. You can find them by clicking the button below. Don't miss out!

Our Beyond Consequences Series begins TOMORROW April 7th. Registration for this closes at 4 PM CST on April 7th.

Reserve your spot

BIG EPIC SHOW!



Our friends from THE BIG EPIC SHOW will be performing a LIVE dance party on April 30th!

We are excited to be partnering with them for this performance.

The show includes live comical hip-hop performances, puppets, banana suits, and a BIG EPIC Dance Contest! Free all-ages, virtual event.

[Find out more and RSVP](#)

Resource Corner



Last April, we provided you with a COVID-19 Family Resource Guide to help navigate through this stressful time. Now, included in this resource guide, is a link to the Vaccine

Connector.

Along with this resource guide, we have many, many more resources around Kinship Care, LGBTQ+, Multicultural, and more! You can find them on our resource page.

Resources

Community Connections

We are thrilled to have been selected as Waterstone Mortgage's Charity of the Month for April!

Throughout the entirety of April, a portion of every loan closed will be donated to support our mission of Zero Kids Waiting.



[Find out more about Waterstone](#)

Fundraiser for Foster Youth



Becca from Nexus Family Healing shares her experience with the back-to-school shopping event for foster kids and what it really means to them.

Kids/youth in foster care are able to shop for new clothes and items that build confidence, relationships, and helps them feel part of a community.

Join us in giving foster kids the opportunity to start the school year with confidence!

-Donor from our 2020 Shopping Event for Foster Youth

Join us

On Race, Racism and Racial Justice

At MN ADOPT, we are horrified by the recent violence in our country, including the shooting in Atlanta that resulted in the death of six Asian American women. This violence has occurred against a backdrop of a country that has seen a dramatic increase in anti-Asian hate crimes and rhetoric, leaving many in our community feeling a lack of safety and belonging.

We feel it is important to also recognize the complexities for our adoption, foster and kinship communities.

As an organization that employs, serves, and advocates for members of the AAPI community, we stand in solidarity and support and challenge ourselves and each of you to learn and do more.

The below links provide information, safety tips, and ideas for how you can help.

<https://stopaapihate.org/actnow/>

<https://anti-asianviolenceresources.carrd.co/>

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



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