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*Keep reading to stay informed on events and happenings at Foster Adopt MN, as well as information about our programming and ways you can help with our mission of finding and strengthening Minnesota adoptive, foster care, and kinship families.*

# REGISTRATION

# Now Open!



- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
- IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL

# CIRCUS OF THE Heart



Foster  
Adopt  
Minnesota.



DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN,  
YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Join us for the kick-off of Minnesota's Adoption Awareness Month, honoring families who have grown through adoption and kinship care. We are thrilled to be back in-person with you all, all while still having a virtual option.

**Registration closes October 12.**

**Find more information about the event and register\*:**

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER](#)

**\*Register by October 12 to reserve your spot for the in-person or virtual event**

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## We Need Your Help!

Here are two ways you can get involved in Circus of the Heart:



### Prize Donations

FAM is seeking contributions used for prizes for children, teens, and families who attend the event. Especially important are prizes that encourage family time together enjoying an activity or a new experience.

Examples of prizes that would be well received are gift cards, food items, family entertainment opportunities, event tickets, gift baskets, sports merchandise, electronics, and monetary donations to be used for the purchase of prizes.

If you are able to contribute, please contact us at [circus@fosteradoptmn.org](mailto:circus@fosteradoptmn.org).

### Volunteer!

If you'd like to volunteer for this event, some of the activities volunteers assist with include line management, crafts, games, prizes, food, and greeting attendees.



We're expecting an attendance of around 1,000 people, and we count on our amazing volunteers to make the event a success!

If you would like to volunteer at this year's Circus of the Heart, [please sign up here](#).

## Opt-In to Text Messaging



Sign up to receive text updates of current events and happenings at FAM, new resources, community connections and more!

SIGN UP TODAY!

## SAVE THE DATE!



Save the dates for our upcoming Fall Forum in November!

The Fall Forum offers a [variety of workshops](#) presented by nationally renowned speakers to meet the needs of those on the frontline of foster care, kinship care, and adoption.

- Thursday, November 7
- Wednesday, November 13
- Tuesday, November 19

## Featured Child: Amijah



**Amijah (17)** is a teenager with a bubbly personality and a positive outlook on life. She has a determination to succeed and is a joy to be around. Amijah's kindness and sense of humor are just a couple of her standout qualities. She is very creative and likes to draw, dance, and sing. Amijah also enjoys watching TV and playing board games.

Amijah will need to maintain contact with siblings and other family members.

[Learn more](#)

## Kinship Care Support

*September is Kinship Awareness Month*

The [Permanency Services Resource Hub](#) is a centralized tool and site to find a wide range of resources to support the kinship, foster and adoption communities across Minnesota and the professionals who serve them.

[View available Kinship resources](#)



[Kinship Family Support Services](#) - Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS)

LSS Kinship Family Support Services provides education, information and compassionate support for families

seeking resources in raising a relative's or friend's child.

### [Kinship Care Webinars](#)

Take a look at our list of [pre-recorded webinars](#) about Kinship care. Use this code to listen to one for FREE.

**Coupon code: TZMDXFX4**



## Nominations Open for Foster Adopt Minnesota's 2024 Distinguished Service Awards

This is your chance to acknowledge those who have dedicated their personal or professional lives to making a difference in this work.

As part of Circus of the Heart, two Distinguished Service Awards are presented to individuals and organizations/corporations that have made outstanding contributions within the Minnesota adoption, foster, and kinship communities.

The following criteria will be taken into consideration when reviewing nominees:

- Type of contribution
- Impact of contribution
- Length of service or commitment

Nominations will be accepted through September 26, 2024.

[Submit Your Nomination](#)

## Hispanic Heritage Month



Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs September 15 through October 15, is a time to celebrate and recognize the rich history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic Americans.

There are numerous events taking place throughout the state during Hispanic Heritage month, so check out your local community activities for opportunities to celebrate. Below are some additional ways to learn more, celebrate, and support local businesses.

✦ [Learn More about Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

✦ [The History of Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

✦ [Resources for Kids](#)

✦ [A Brief list of Local Events](#)

✦ [Minnesota Latinos Business Directory](#)

## Find FAM in the Community

**Stop by and see us at these upcoming events:**



- **St. Cloud Pride in the Park:** Sunday, September 22 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Lake George Park, 1101 7th St S, St Cloud, MN 56301
- **Minnesota Social Service Association (MSSA) Fall Conference - Redwood Falls:** Thursday, September 26 from 8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 301 N Lincoln St, Redwood Falls, MN
- **St. Louis County Health & Human Conference:** Wednesday, October 9-10 at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center, Duluth, MN
- **MSSA Fall Conference - Fergus Falls:** Wednesday, October 23 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Bigwood Event Center, 921 Western Ave., Fergus Falls, MN

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Information and resources for the foster, adoption, and kinship communities in Minnesota and the professionals who support them.

The Zero Kids Waiting Program is the gateway to information about adoption, foster care, and kinship in Minnesota.

Support, guidance, and resource connection for Minnesota's adoption, foster and kinship communities

Information, resources, and referrals regarding post-permanency support in Minnesota.

Our Education Program provides workshops on topics relevant to foster, adoptive, and kinship families.

Provides information and referral to adopted persons, birth families, and adoptive families who need records or have questions about the search process.



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