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Patrick
Age 15



Bulletin CT5

There are so many wonderful children that long for a forever family. So many kids that haven't been given the opportunity to know what love is.

Can you be that angel in a kid's life?

To learn more on a child, simply click on their photo for their full biographical information!



Lorenzo
Age 9

Bulletin WA207

Scott

Age 10



Bulletin WA857

Juventino

Age 9



Bulletin TX1044

Sheila

Age 10



Bulletin TX995

Brianna

Age 8



Bianca

Age 13

Bulletin TX1024



Jose

Age 16

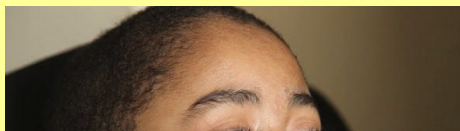
Bulletin WA909



Joel and Alex

Ages 12, 11

Bulletin WA907





Bulletin CT3

Michael

Age 13



Bulletin CT1

Quann

Age 14



Bulletin CT4

Kevin

Age 17



Bulletin CT12

Kyle

Age 8



Jamel

Age 8

Bulletin TX33

Adopted Girl's Journey Can Give 'Hard To Place' Kids Hope

By Terri Langford
[Houston Chronicle](#)

By age 11, Kayla fully expected to reach adulthood living in a stranger's home.

She was in her 16th foster care home since Texas Child Protective Services removed her and her siblings from a mentally ill mother. Kayla was 3.

After placements with relatives didn't work out, she was resigned to live the transient foster child life until her 18th birthday - especially since the older she got, the less attractive she would be for adoptive parents.

Of the more than 1,700 foster care children in CPS custody who are available for adoption in Harris and 12 surrounding counties, 27 percent are between the ages of 6 and 10. An additional 19 percent are between the ages of 11 and 14, according to statistics obtained this November, which is National Adoption Month.

"That's the hard-to-place ages," said Gwen Carter, a CPS spokeswoman in Harris County as more than 60 adoptions were approved by three judges Friday, part of a week-long celebration across the state of Texas.

"It's a struggle."

But Hazel and Carleton Cole, inspired by their daughter Whitney, had other plans for Kayla.

For years, Whitney had pestered her parents about giving her a younger sister. "You know, I'm not going to stop asking," Whitney told them on her 12th birthday.

Change of Heart

The couple knew they didn't want an infant. Hazel had an adult daughter by a previous marriage, and the couple had just reached a comfortable, stable place in their lives. But something about Whitney's plea stuck with the couple, both active members in their church, Chapelwood United Methodist Church.

"Do you think God's trying to talk to us through a 12-year-old?" Hazel asked her husband. The two prayed on it overnight and by the next morning, Hazel Cole said she "woke up with a different heart."

The couple sought the advice of DePelchin Children's Center, a non-profit that cares for foster children and helps match CPS children with adoptive parents. Like most adoptive parents, they were worried about the type of issues of a child from an abusive or neglectful home might have.

"They said there are no bad kids," Carleton recalled. "There are just kids whose needs are not being met."

By the age of 11, Kayla had given up on what foster children typically call "a forever family."

"I was kind of reluctant. I didn't see the point," Kayla recalled when she was told the Coles were interested in adopting her. But the Coles never gave up on Kayla, though they admit there were times they wanted to throw in the towel. "It's the greatest blessing in my life," Hazel Cole said.

For Kayla, the adoption changed her: From a girl who never thought she was college material, to a girl who hopes to attend the University of Houston.

"If I had stayed in foster care I really wouldn't have known

Age 8



Bulletin TX1043

Kelony

Age 11



Bulletin TX1057

Community Open House

**January 10th, 6-8pm
TBA**

How can you be involved?

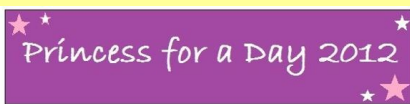
Come and have your questions answered. You will meet several agencies and be given information about their programs.

All of our programs are focused on children in the foster care system. Come join us!

Foster care needs a community solution, we need you!

If you want to sign up, you can email: info@afamilyforeverychild.org or try out our new online signup form, [here](#).

what was out there," Kayla said.



Help us with the Princess for a Day Event 2012!

It's that time of year again. The weather is turning, the leaves are falling, and here at A Family For Every Child we're gearing up for the 4th annual Princess For A Day Event which will be held on March 4th, 2012.

Itinerary: The Princess gets a gown to take home, a crown and slippers too. She has her hair and nails done, a photo shoot, and a tea party. The parent, guardian, or foster parent who brings the Princess will also have lunch as her royal guest!

Foster children are admitted free. General admission for other princesses is \$50.00. Advanced registration is required for all girls. This is a girls only affair. All girls are welcome to be accompanied by their King or Queen.

Due to limited space we can only accommodate the Princesses and with one adult, so please leave the extra princesses and wicked step-sisters home at the Castle.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event or would like to make a donation or sponsor a princess please check out our Princess information and needs on our web site.

This is a special occasion where girls (both in foster care and general admission) can come and get "Pampered" and enjoy a Tea Party. [Click Here](#).

You may also contact: Linzy@afamilyforeverychild.org or call 541-343-2856.

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