

YOU CAN TRANSFORM A LIFE TODAY!



A Christmas Wish Come True

Joshua was 9 years old when he became eligible for adoption. He had been in the foster care since he was 3 or 4 years old. At the time Joshua was in foster care, Josh indicated that he “would love to have older siblings that he can look up to for a role model or to be an older child.”

Joshua was diagnosed ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and was placed in a Severe Emotionally Impaired (SEI) class. Impulsiveness with bad choices was an obstacle that he and many foster children face. We were confused with his SEI class because when we were with him that just didn't seem predominant in him. It only took us a few days to realize that sugar was a huge addiction for him and influenced his behavior tremendously.

After being with us 6 months, and five of that without sugar, he is doing great. He is in general education with only assistance in reading, spelling, and math and after receiving glasses is catching up in leaps and bounds. He is on a lower dose of his ADHD meds and learning and experiencing so

much. It is so much fun to watch him see and do things for the first time, just like Christmas morning.

Joshua has shocked us good and bad, but the good out ways the bad by far and he is real eager to work hard and learn. He is very proud of himself now and when we first met him he was pretty shy and had low self confidence. Because of his past, he is easy to please – things we take for granted are exciting to him.

We wanted to adopt to give a child or children a chance at a good life and to show them and teach them unconditional love. Adopting Josh has shown us a perspective to life that we never would have seen. I won't lie, there are days we wonder what were we thinking, but then God always shows a light that we are on the right path with him. And it's easy to love Josh. The patience we work on is with ourselves.

Josh is happy he has gotten this chance to a whole new world and we are happy that we are the ones giving it to him.

How You Can Help

Adopt America Network has helped place over 3,500 children with loving families in the last 25 years – 909 in the last 4 years without charging fees to families. You can help in two ways:

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