

FOREVER FAMILIES INSIDER

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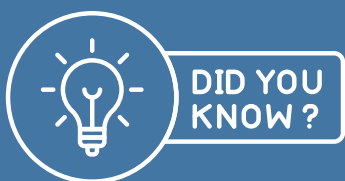
HAPPY DOGUST!



August is National Dog Month so I want to take a moment to recognize our furry family members.

To make sure everyone feels safe in your home, here are some tips to introducing a new child in your home to your pet:

- If possible, try to meet at a neutral location to avoid territorial behaviors
- Try to keep both the child and the dog calm. Fast or sudden movements or loud noises can startle the dog.
- Don't force your dog or child to approach one another. Give them the option to walk away if they are feeling overwhelmed.
- Teach your child to pet the dog appropriately and to avoid pulling their tail. Chest pets are better than the top of the head or back where the dog cannot see their hand.



Our agency currently serves roughly 100 children in Michigan's foster care system. Every day we are working to provide them with permanency and support their wellbeing. We are also working with 13 domestic families who are either waiting to be matched or waiting for finalization. Our steward department currently has 8 families who are either waiting to be matched with an adoptive child or waiting for finalization.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE OF THE MONTH: MARE MATCH SUPPORT

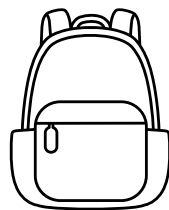
Match Support Specialists partner with pre-adoptive parents who have been matched with a child who was photo-listed on the MARE website. They are helpful to new adoptive parents, since they can offer guidance, provide parents with available services, advocate for their child, and feel more confident in their parenting abilities and the adoption process. Specifically:

- Offer a supportive and empathic ear
- Help navigate trauma, create a sense of felt safety, and develop attachment
- Offer behavior strategies
- Assist the team with solving concerns
- Offer parenting tips and tools
- Coach on self-care and check-in
- Share relevant trainings and educational resources
- Connect families to service providers

If this sounds like a service that could benefit your family, reach out to your adoption worker so they can make a referral to MARE!

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

Join us at our annual Backpack Picnic and Family Photo Shoot! Free backpacks and photos for families of Forever Families



When: Thursday 08/20/2026 from 3pm-7pm

Where: Handy Park 26650 Capital Ave., Redford, MI 48239

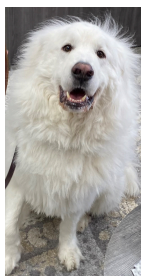
Please RSVP by Thursday 08/13 to Gloria by emailing gmitche1@forever-families.org

WE LOVE BEING ABLE TO BRING OUR FURRY FRIENDS TO THE OFFICE

They're great stress relievers after court or writing a long report!



Nala



Max



Rocko



Cotton



Minnie (at last years Back to School Picnic!)



CATCH US HERE:

Taylor Days

- Friday's in August
- 12pm-4pm
- Heritage Park
- 12111 Pardee Road, Taylor, MI

Transgender Pride

- 08/22 from 12pm-6pm
- 1900 Orchard Ave, Ferndale, MI

Livonia Touch-a-Truck

- 08/22 from 8:30am-2pm
- 20501 Newburgh Rd, Livonia, MI

BLOGS

Have you checked out our blogs? Each month, we release a new blog catered to the topics of foster care, adoption, and everything in between! Check it out today and learn something new! → <https://www.forever-families.org/blog/>

FEELING GENEROUS?

Shop our Amazon Wish List or use QR Code:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlists/lv/REPLACE-LINK>



Congratulations ★

Our Employees Of The Month!

Amber McCrady

Amber is a licensing worker who has been recognized for her report writing and assisting the licensing department when there was a shift in staffing. We appreciate you and thank you for being a part of our team!

Stacie Nedwid

Stacie is a licensing supervisor but assists all departments! She makes sure everyone is informed on case updates and also organizes fun events for staff and our families. We are happy to have you on our team!

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