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On February 2, 2011, 2S films hosted a charity event for Children Awaiting Parents in West Hollywood. Several stars were in attendance including the producer of the Blindside, Molly Smith as well as Hilary Swank, Ginnifer Goodwin, Colin Egglesfield and the Tuohy family.

The Wendy's Wonderful Kid's program, sponsored by a grant from the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, has helped Children Awaitina Parents do what we do best - proactive. child-focused recruitment taraeted exclusively to movina America's longest-waiting children from foster care into adoptive families.

This year, our Wendy's Wonderful Kids' Recruiter worked with families, agencies, and clinicians to finalize the adoptions of four of New York State's longest-waiting children. For these four youth who may have otherwise "aged out" of foster care, instability and hopelessness were replaced with a lifetime of unconditional love and support.

This past winter, our friends

in Hollywood committed themselves to making our country's waiting children visible and you - our friends, donors, and supporters - have helped make it possible for Children Awaiting Parents to celebrate its 40th year.

This report recognizes those people who have supported Children Awaiting Parents during the fiscal year April 1, 2010, to March 31, 2011.

CAP recognizes that the number of children living in foster care nationally is down from 120,000 to 115,000. The reality is that many of these children simply "aged out" of the system and what will likely happen to them is tragic; Mark Soule, Executive Director children who don't find homes end up homeless, or part of the welfare and penal systems. Statistics show that more than 80 million Americans have

considered adopting a child. If just one out of 500 of these adults adopted, every waiting child in foster care would have a permanent family. We believe in this reality and know you share our belief that every child deserves a loving home.

It has been an exciting year for the organization and we are optimistic about the future. Barriers remain for those children who wait the longest for their forever family but we know that you share in our commitment to find a permanent, loving home for every waiting child.

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#### **Income and Expense**

Support, Revenue, and Endowment Income Gifts, Grants and Contributions Government Grant	<b>2011</b> 281,005	<b>2010</b> 288,773
In-Kind Services	21.827	22.247
Special Events, Net of Direct Expenses	67,624	29,967
Subscriptions and Fees	7,465	18,960
Endowment: Imputed Income	49,352	51,125
Special Withdrawal	50,000	33,000
Total Support and Revenue	477,273	444,072
Operating Expense		
Program Services	421,379	395,141
Management and General	58,413	59,417
Fundraising	28,476	24,154
Total Expenses	508,268	478,712
Net Operating Accounts	(30,995)	(34,640)
Total Return on Endowment Fund*	148,857	332,227
Balance Sheet:		
Endowment Fund*	980.886	931.816
Cash and Other Investments	597	61,413
Other Assets, Less Liabilities	144.648	151,427
Total Assets	1,125,534	1,144,656
Total Liabilities	102,486	79,150
Total Net Assets	1,023,048	1,065,506

<sup>\*</sup> Including assets treated as endowment

#### Meet Isaac

Isaac A skilled athlete, Isaac loves to ride his scooter and show off his bike-riding abilities! He is a very helpful young man and does chores without being asked. Isaac enjoys dressing nicely and he collects ties. He longs for a family to call his own and does well participating in family life. The ideal family for Isaac will have patience and the ability to support him as he develops trust and adjusts. He is an adorable young man who will make a wonderful addition to a family who can offer him the attention, support and encouragement he needs to thrive.

Photograph by Antonino Barbagallo





# One Mom's Love

Some of the most amazing parents we meet don't start families until later in their life. Janice is one example. She became a foster and adoptive parent after retiring from a 15-year career in the military. Upon retirement, she knew she wanted children in the next phase of her life. After seeing a Children Awaiting Parents' commercial about adoption from foster care. she knew what she wanted. She soon became certified as a foster and adoptive parent and started her search. Janice, like Children Awaiting Parents, believes that all kids need love.

Janice adopted her son Dominique and was ready to open her heart and her home to another child. She met Marshall two years ago after receiving a call from a caseworker about a young man who would be a great fit for their family. Janice attended the matching event and spoke with Marshall's foster mother. "The foster mother said that Marshall was really bad and was getting into countless fights, but I could tell he was a good kid." says Janice. Marshall knew after meeting Janice that she was "cool." "I was looking for a Mom with a good sense of humor." said Marshall.

When asking Janice why she chose to adopt teen boys through foster care, she states "I had brothers, I know boys, and everyone around me had boys. Boys are challenging, I like the challenge." She states that when adopting through foster care, one needs to hang in there when the times are tough. "You've got to love them and trust each other. They are going to see how far they can push you and you've got to nip it in the bud."

Shortly after Janice and Marshall met, he started coming over to Janice's



Marshall, Janice & **Dominique** 

home every other weekend, then every weekend which eventually turned into stavina permanently, "As soon as I came to live with Janice I felt a part of a family. At other homes I felt like families wanted me for money. Janice treats me the same as everyone else. I have my own room and arranged it my own way without being judged," said Marshall.

When it came to adopting Marshall, Janice was ready and eager to take the next step. Marshall was thrilled about the idea as well. He had been with Janice for two vears and they both knew it was right. "She is caring, she loves me, makes sure I have a roof over my head and is a good cook," says Marshall. The experience of the adoption finalization brings smiles to both of their faces. They both stated that it was a packed room full of close friends and family. "There were so many cameras. It was different being in a judge's office, but I knew this was the end of foster care for me," said Marshall.

There have been challenges for the new family. Janice's family, who lives in Florida, are a areat support for her. When there are difficult days



Marshall & Janice at the finalization of his adoption

her mom reminds her "to not give up". "I am not going to break," says Janice. One day Janice caught Marshall smoking. Marshall stated, "She was mad but she gave me another chance. Other moms would have sent me back. She knows what I've been through and understands me."

Janice and Marshall have a special bond; you can see the connection. Janice gives Marshall advice on how to support himself in and out of school. "Janice advocates for me and makes me feel that I can do well in school. At my other homes I was suspended about every week from school," shares Marshall. Janice chimed in; "he tried that with me and the consequence was to volunteer at the VOA (Volunteers of America)." Janice says her proudest moments as a parent are watching her kids graduate from high school and having both book and street knowledge.

Within minutes of meeting 17-year-old Marshall, you will be impressed. With ambitions to go on to college for science, he is on the high honor role in 11th grade. Social studies and chemistry are his favorite subjects. Marshall also has an amazing drawing talent. "I loved taking drawing lessons." He has a sketch book which he keeps close to him.

Marshall is thriving with his new family. He is excited for the next stage of his life and what it will bring him. Marshall shared thoughts about being adopted through foster care, "Try it out. If it goes wrong there will be another home. But if it goes well you have a home for life." Marshall has a strong admiration for Janice. He states "I would rather have a strong mom than a dad any day."

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