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SEPTEMBER eNews: BACK IN THE OFFICE AND READY TO GO!



Dear Friends of CAP,

As September begins, there are some **awesome things happening** at Children Awaiting Parents! We are proud to announce the following:

- CAP will be moving offices and reopen in a new space-still within Village Gate Square--on December 1, 2020. It will be a larger space of our own. Details to come!
- Our **most recent adoption** -- we send well wishes to Charlie and his dads, Jeff & Rob!
- CAP's yearlong project with Roberts Wesleyan College's BSW program and Professor Dave Haller. The team of social work students will begin with research and data collection for our Project SSAFE. We look forward to our collaboration and the great results that RWC always produces!
- We reopened our current office within Children's Institute on Sept. 8, with most full-time staff returning to the office daily. CAP staff's new system now allows us to receive calls and emails anywhere, so our team can always be reached.

As the end of this challenging year approaches, CAP would like to thank all who recognize the importance of adoption, foster care, and creating permanent families, and for your financial support. We hope to see you all at our (combination live/virtual) Gala on November 6, 2020 (see details).

Best wishes, Lauri McKnight, CAP executive director



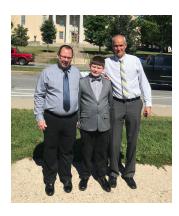
Home, Heart & Harmony Gala FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020! Tickets & Sponsorships Now Available

Generous sponsorships are available NOW for this year's **Home, Heart & Harmony: Around the Table - Food from Your Family Tree!** What a great way to show your support for CAP's waiting children and prospective families by becoming a 2020 sponsor.

With attendees' choice of live at <u>Comedy at the Carlson</u> OR <u>Virtual Gala Experience</u>, you'll have the opportunity to reach an ever greater number of people. Call (585) 232-1550 or email <u>laurimcknight@capboook.org</u>. Enjoy emcee celebrities and local personalities <u>Scott Spezzano & Sandy Waters</u>. Special chef-prepared food, plus music, videos, virtual vendor booths, silent auction, awards, and more!

<u>Tickets are also on sale -- Click here now to purchase</u>. We're also looking for donation items for our silent auction. Thank you!

All in the (CAP) Family



Meet the New Allen Family

We are thrilled to share that our latest CAP family has been created. Meet the new **Allen Family**!

In foster care since he was four, the now 12-year-old Charlie is enjoying being the legal son of his two loving and wonderful dads, Jeff & Rob. If you're interested in adoption from foster care, please call us at (585) 232-5110.



Dougherty Family Featured in People Magazine

Just in time for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Month, we are SO excited that one of our own CAP families (The Dougherty Dozen) was featured in People magazine! Read about their journey with the six children adopted with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

Read more here...

It's Not Too Late to Sign up for MAPP Training



Thinking about taking the next step to foster or adopt?

Our new online session of MAPP Training Classes has begun. YOU MAY **JOIN THE CLASS ANY WEEK,** and make up missed classes at the end. Please contact Veronica@capbook.org for a zoom invitation.

MAPP Training (Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) meets **ONLINE** every **Thursday from 6-9 pm for 10 weeks** These valuable classes help prospective parents make an informed decision to pursue foster parenting or adoption.

Important Legislation News: Support the Chafee Bill



Young people from foster care continue to be**significantly and negatively affected by COVID-19**. So far, Congress has not taken action to support them.

Please support the Chafee Bill by calling your Senators. Ask your Senators and Representatives what they can do to help young people from foster care weather this crisis. Ask them to ensure that provisions from the Supporting Foster Youth & Families through Pandemic Act are included in the next package. Find petition here: www.change.org/fosteryouth

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