



We need a home too...

...maybe just for a month or two...

...maybe forever.

Will you give us a chance?

### Become a Foster Care to Adopt Parent

*Foster Care to Adopt Parents* are needed now in Amherst County. There are hundreds of children (of all ages) in our area who need a safe and stable living environment.

Learn how you can give a child a chance by becoming a *Foster Care to Adopt Parent*, or better yet, as an adoptive parent. If you're not able to adopt now, Foster Care parents are still needed.

### Become an Adoptive Parent

Children need a family. They need a place to call home. They need a place where they know they'll be celebrating the holidays for years to come. They need parents who will be their parents for life. Many foster care children have been waiting for years for someone to want them, to show them the love they need and deserve, and give them a sense of belonging. If you have lots of love to give, consider becoming an adoptive parent.

**Virginia's Adoption Program** works to promote adoption awareness and is committed to achieving adoption for children who have been legally freed for adoption. A select group of these children in the Foster Care system are called "special needs children." These children may meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Six years of age or older
- Member of a minority or biracial group
- Have a hereditary problem or a birth injury
- A sibling group
- Have a physical or mental condition

Monthly adoption subsidies may be available to assist with the expenses of rearing a special needs child, including Medicaid, until they reach the age of 18. Services are also provided to families seeking to adopt a child and to expectant parents who are considering placing their child for adoption.

You do not have to be rich, married, under 40, highly educated, or own your own home to adopt. If you have patience, perseverance, a good sense of humor, a talent for keeping life's stresses and challenges in perspective, and the ability to love unconditionally, you are a great candidate to be an adoptive parent!

**For more information about adoption services call:**

**(434) 946-9330 or toll free (866) 237-8466**

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