

SPOTLIGHT

November is National Adoption Month!

Thousands of older teens in foster care are waiting for adoption across the United States. Their experience in foster care reflects great diversity, and their paths to adulthood are varied. Some find permanency through adoption or guardianship, while others age out of the system. Regardless of their path, they all have an important story to share, and their insights can inspire their peers and inform professionals on the unique challenges and opportunities that face older youth.

This November, National Adoption Month emphasizes the importance of elevating youth voices and how to use their powerful insights to help shape the future of child welfare and adoption practice. Learn more on the [National Adoption Month website](#)

Since 2003, Kentucky Intensive Family Services has provided therapeutic foster care services for the children in our care. But, did you know KIFS also offers adoption services? If you or someone you know has ever considered adoption, KIFS is ready and willing to help.

Dates To Know

- Nov. 10th—KIFS @ NKY Equine Conference—Boone Co. Extension
- Nov. 13th—Gallatin Public Library Storytime—10 a.m.
- Nov. 18th—Foster Parent Training—2—4 p.m.
- Nov. 22nd & 23rd—Thanksgiving—Office Closed
- Nov. 27th—Storytime at Harrison Co. Library for National Adoption Awareness Month—10 a.m.
- Week of Dec. 10th—Volunteers needed to wrap Christmas Gifts.
- Dec. 15th—Annual Christmas Party—First Christian



KIFS Parent Spotlight

1. How I/We got involved in fostering children: "Both my daughter and my sister are foster parents. Watching them and how they loved the children, I fell in love with them as well. My husband and I began by helping watch my daughter's [foster] children, so we decided to start doing for other children too."

2. Struggles I've/we've encountered through fostering: "Our struggle is falling in love with each child and seeing that they are established and settled in a home, then have to leave. It's the not knowing where that child could end up that's the struggle."

3. Joys I've/we've encountered through fostering: "Seeing how happy the children are each and every day, and especially on holidays and their birthdays. The children bring joy to our lives."

4: What I've/we've learned about myself/ourselves through fostering: "What we have learned is self control, patience, to think before we react, and to be very careful about how we answer something, and never make promises we can't keep."

5: Other should foster because..."There are a lot of children who need stable home lives and love; it will change your whole life for the good."



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Christmas Party!

Hosted By: First Christian Church—Paris, KY.
911 High Street, Paris, KY 40361.

Saturday, December 15th - 1:00-5:00p.m.

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