

# FOSTERHOOD



CELEBRATING & SUPPORTING FOSTER FAMILIES ACROSS SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN | MCHSMI.ORG | NOVEMBER 2020

## A STORY OF SELFLESSNESS

At MCHS, we support parents through every step of the reunification process. We celebrate all of the victorious moments our families encounter on their journey toward healing. Ms. W, who is currently in the early stages of her reunification plan, was faced with the possibility of having her children returned to her care. After reflecting and self-analyzing, MS. W decided it would be best to prolong the reunification so that she could continue healing and preparing her home to provide the best environment for her children. While it was an extremely difficult decision for Ms. W, she placed her love for her children at the front of their reunification journey. Ms. W is looking forward to engaging in services to help her continue to grow as a mother. We are proud of Ms. W and look forward to the day her family is reunited. Together, they will move toward a brighter future.



## FOSTER FAMILY SHOUT OUT

**Name:** Harvey Family

**How long we've fostered:** 1 year

**Total children fostered:** 2

**Favorite activities:** We enjoy family dinner, movie night, vacations, spending time with family, attending church puzzles, playing video games and outdoor activities.

**Why we foster:** We love the concept of a safe, supportive family and we love children. We find it rewarding to positively impact children whose families have been temporarily interrupted.



**MCHS SENDS A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE HARVEY FAMILY FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THIS COMMUNITY!**

**FACEBOOK LIVE "ASK THE EXPERTS" SERIES**

## BREWING LOVE: MCHS COFFEE BREAK

The holiday season can be an overwhelmingly emotional time for children in foster care. Join MCHS for a Facebook Live session with our experts who will share insight on how to provide support and comfort to your foster care children during the holidays.



**When:** December 8, 2020 at 3 p.m.

**Where:** Come to our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/methodistChildrensHomeSociety](https://www.facebook.com/methodistChildrensHomeSociety)  
**See you on Facebook Live!**

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FOSTER CARE AT METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY, VISIT [MCHSMI.ORG](https://www.mchsmi.org).

... AND STAY CONNECTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA!    



**THE MCHS DIFFERENCE**

## GOING THE EXTRA MILE: ASHLEY BUTLER

Ashley Butler joined MCHS as a Licensing/Placement Specialist in June 2018. Ashley collaborates with her colleagues and families that are being serviced by having tough conversations and providing new approaches and perspectives. Ashley has been able to pivot and grow into new opportunities as she leads with encouragement and compassion. She remains committed to her teammates and supports them for their successes is an inspiration. Thank you for being a dependable and dedicated problem-solver! We acknowledge your hard work and greatly appreciate you. Ashley Butler consistently models the agency's values and shows a commitment to the mission.

**AROUND THE AGENCY: MCHS UPDATES**

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS, JOYFUL NIGHTS

Join us on **Thursday, December 10 from 6-8 p.m.** for a spectacular night shining a light on our foster families and mission! Holiday Lights, Joyful Nights at MCHS invites our current and any prospective foster families to a special evening celebrating them! Bring your family for a safe, drive-through, event witnessing more than 150,000 lights and holiday activities. Guests will be able to purchase their holiday tree, receive holiday crafts and even receive a gift from Mr. & Mrs. Claus! For more information, visit [mchsmi.org/foster-today/](https://mchsmi.org/foster-today/)

## WE LOVE REFERRALS!

When a licensed MCHS foster parent refers an interested family who participates in orientation and enrollment, they will receive **\$50**. If the family follows through and becomes a licensed foster care provider, the referer will receive an additional **\$200!** For inquiries, contact our Licensing Director Danielle Stevens at (313) 531-3372.



## JUST A PHONE CALL, TEXT OR E-MAIL AWAY!

**Foster Care Inquiries:** To learn more about foster care at MCHS, contact Director of Child Welfare Stephanie Sears at [ssear@mchsmi.org](mailto:ssear@mchsmi.org) or (313) 531-3140.

**Licensing Inquiries:** To learn more about becoming a licensed foster parent, contact Licensing Director Danielle Stevens at [dstevens@mchsmi.org](mailto:dstevens@mchsmi.org) or (313) 531-3372.