



Updates

Homes of Hope continues to grow, serving families and children involved with Foster Care and Adoption. To date, we have served over 28 children and 130 individuals and hosted 14 MAPP classes. The need for Foster and Adoptive parents continues to grow in our area and we are always looking for new individuals and families! Our Monthly Support Group continues to provide resources and encouragement to keep our team strong. We have even started a weekly lunch meeting for mothers challenged with the task of helping to love and heal hurting children in their homes. God has opened so many doors and we are excited to see what He will do with Homes of Hope in 2009!

Adoption Highlight - Yakilin and Brian (Ages: 7 and 4)

These adorable siblings share a deep bond and love for each other. Yakilin is a sweet and charming little girl who will melt your heart! Although she can be shy when first meeting someone, she opens up quickly and is quite outgoing. Yakilin is a natural leader. She loves all animals, especially dogs and cats. Like many girls her age, Yakilin loves the movie High School Musical and the television show Hanna Montana. Her favorite foods include chicken, rice and beans, french fries and tomatoes. Although Yakilin loves being a big sister to Brian, she also enjoys going on outings and spending one on one time with those she loves.

Brian is a sweet and active little boy. He looks up to his sister and plays well with other children. Like his sister, he can be shy at first, but quickly warms up. He loves the popular show Pokémon and the movie Cars. Like Yakilin he loves tomatoes! Brian likes to play with cars, trucks, transformers and anything that moves.

Brian and Yakilin would love to have a "forever mommy and daddy." They would do best in a family that can meet the needs of a child who will require ongoing medical care. To minimize the stress on the children during transition, local families will be given priority.

*If you would like more information on these children, or if you would like to see other children available for adoption, please visit www.placeofhope.com and click on **Our Programs, then Hope Gallery.***

National Adoption Day

November 14 was National Adoption Day. To mark this exciting event, the Palm Beach County Courthouse dedicated its facilities and Juvenile Court judges to closing adoptions and celebrating with all of the new families. Throughout the facilities, tears of joy and outbursts of laughter could be heard as judges made precious children a permanent part of their prospective families. The festivities included food donated by Chick-fil-A, a magician, a clown and, of course, plenty of friends and family.

What made this National Adoption Day especially significant for Homes of Hope was that we were able to have a family finalize an adoption with their foster child. Ronald and Pamela Figoras welcomed two-year old Tyson Kedrick into their family, joining their two girls, 5-year-old Katrina and 2-year-old Lexi.

We rejoice with you as God showers such great blessing on your family!



Volunteer Spotlight

In March of 2007, the Modelski family quickly agreed to take in a 3-year old boy that had experienced severe physical abuse and emotional trauma. Now, over 20-months later, this thriving young boy has become an integral part of their family. The Modelski's have a biological son who is now eight-years-old. The family is very close and enjoys a great deal of activities together.

Last month, the family took a trip to Universal Studios in Orlando. It was magical to see this little boy's eyes light up at the sights and sounds throughout the park. He spent the day running from one ride to another, excited to zoom down steep hills on roller coasters and get completely soaked on the log flume. It was truly amazing to see the happiness this child has found within a loving and caring family that genuinely delights in seeing him learn, grow and succeed.