This November, make a difference for a child or youth waiting to be adopted

This month, families and communities across the country and here in COMMUNITY NAME are celebrating National Adoption Month. Since January of this year, 551 Colorado children and youth in foster care were adopted! Unfortunately, there are 436 children and youth who are still waiting.

Everyone in COMMUNITY NAME can help find a family for our kids. They are resilient. With the help and support from us — their community — and a loving parent, these young people can overcome their adverse childhood experiences, such as abuse or neglect, and reach their full potential.

Here's how you can help:

Visit CO4Kids.org to learn more about becoming a foster and adoptive parent. You don’t have to be perfect to be a perfect parent. You must be at least 21 and be ready to make a difference in a child or youth’s life at a time when they need you the most.

Foster and adoptive parents can be single, married, partners or friends; they can own or rent a house or apartment; and they can be all religions, races and ethnicities, and all sexual orientations, gender identities or gender expressions. It does not matter if a parent is older or young, has never been a parent or is an experienced parent.

Colorado encourages members of the LGBTQ+ community to become foster and adoptive parents. Go to co4kids.org/fosterpride to learn more about Colorado’s commitment to inclusion.

Host the Colorado Heart Gallery, a photography display that features many of the children and youth waiting to be adopted. Visit coheartgallery.org to learn more. The Colorado Heart Gallery features portraits, narratives and videos to help prospective families get to know children and youth in foster care who are awaiting adoption.