

More Canadians Seriously Consider Adopting Children in Foster Care

Specifically, 2 out of 3 considering adopting for first time take a serious look at foster care adoption

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NEWS PACKAGE

SUGGESTED TEASE	ATTITUDES ARE CHANGING TOWARD CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE. WHAT THAT MEANS FOR THE FUTURE OF THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN <u>AND</u> PARENTS, COMING UP.
ANCHOR LEAD	<p>THERE ARE MORE THAN 30 THOUSAND CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE IN CANADA WAITING TO FIND A HOME THROUGH ADOPTION¹.</p> <p>UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF THOSE KIDS WILL GROW UP AND LEAVE THE FOSTER SYSTEM WITHOUT BEING ADOPTED.</p> <p>BUT A NEW <u>SURVEY</u> SHOWS THAT MORE CANADIANS THAN EVER ARE OPENING THEIR HOMES TO CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE. CLARK POWELL HAS MORE.</p>
(PACKAGE START) -----	
CG: Courtesy: Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption :00 - :03	(Nats - Sound) :02
Shots of family preparing dinner Photo of Liz and Maria	WITH A BACKGROUND IN SPECIAL EDUCATION, LIZ LEBRUN (luh-BRUHN) WANTED TO GIVE A HOME TO A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. SO WHEN SHE SAW MARIA'S PROFILE ON AN ADOPTION WEB SITE, SHE KNEW IT WAS MEANT TO BE. :07
CG: Liz LeBrun Adopted siblings	<i>"Sometimes it's just those moments when something seems right and you go with your gut feeling, and I'm so glad that I did."</i> :09 / :16
Shots of family setting table	WHEN THE ADOPTION WAS FINALIZED, LIZ THEN FOUND OUT THAT MARIA HAD A BIOLOGICAL BROTHER SHE HAD NEVER MET WHO WAS ALSO WAITING TO BE ADOPTED. :05 / :21

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<p>CG: Andy LeBrun Adopted from foster care</p>	<p><i>You don't know when you're going to leave, where you're going to go or where you're going to move. So, it's like every day is a day, like that you're nervous about leaving a home."</i> :12 / :33</p>
<p>Shots of kids playing cards</p> <p>Shot of Andy playing</p>	<p>WITH THE HELP OF THE DAVE THOMAS FOUNDATION FOR ADOPTION, MARIA AND ANDY WERE FINALLY ABLE TO MEET, AND WITHIN FEW YEARS, HE WAS A PERMANENT PART OF THEIR FAMILY, TOO. :08 / :41</p>
<p>Liz LeBrun (CG'd earlier)</p> <p>Cutaway to picture of siblings' first meeting</p>	<p><i>"It was pretty cool to watch them see each other for the first time. There was a little moment where they actually both just put their hand out and touched the other child's hand."</i> :09 / :50</p>
<p>CG: Maria LeBrun Adopted from foster care</p> <p>Shots of family eating meal together</p> <p>Shots of DTFA meeting</p>	<p><i>"I love Andy because he is my brother and my friend."</i> :05</p> <p>FINDING HOMES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS LIKE AUTISM CAN BE CHALLENGING - SO CAN FINDING HOMES FOR SIBLINGS OR OLDER CHILDREN.</p> <p>BUT THE FOUNDATION WORKS TO FIND FAMILIES THAT MATCH THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF EACH CHILD - AND TO GET OUT THE MESSAGE THAT EVERY CHILD IS ADOPTABLE.</p>
<p>Graphic: -Among Canadians considering adopting for first time more than half are open to foster care adoption -2 out of 3 seriously considering it</p>	<p>AND THEIR EFFORTS ARE PAYING OFF. A NEW SURVEY FINDS THAT AMONG CANADIANS CONSIDERING ADOPTING FOR THE FIRST TIME, MORE THAN HALF ARE OPEN TO FOSTER CARE ADOPTION - AND 2 OUT OF 3 ARE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING IT.</p> <p>IT'S AN ENCOURAGING SIGN FOR THE FOUNDATION. :38 / 1:25</p>
<p>CG: Rita Soronen Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption President & CEO</p> <p>Shots of family walking dog</p>	<p><i>"When we can bring a family and a child or a sibling group of children together, it is lifelong consequences in the best possible way."</i> :10 / 1:35</p>
<p>Liz LeBrun (CG'd earlier)</p>	<p>LIZ AND HER HUSBAND SAY THEY'VE BEEN AMAZED TO WATCH HOW THE LOVE AND SECURITY OF HAVING A HOME HAS HELPED MARIA AND ANDY THRIVE. :07 / 1:42</p> <p><i>"Both of them have surpassed what people said they could do. Andy probably surpassed it in the first week that he was in my home."</i> :10 / 2:00</p>

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<p>Shot of family walking dog</p> <p>(PACKAGE END) -----</p> <p>ANCHOR TAG</p>	<p>IN GUELPH, ONTARIO, THIS IS CLARK POWELL REPORTING. :02 / 1:54</p> <hr/> <p>EVERY FAMILY THAT WORKS WITH THE DAVE THOMAS FOUNDATION FOR ADOPTION HAS A DEDICATED ADOPTION RECRUITER TO GUIDE THEM THROUGH THE PROCESS.</p> <p>TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FOSTER CARE ADOPTION, VISIT DAVE THOMAS FOUNDATION DOT ORG.</p>
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EXTRA BITES

<p>CG: Rita Soronen Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption President & CEO</p>	<p>Soronen explains the Foundation's mission: <i>"We raise awareness about those children so that citizens know they're waiting to be adopted, and then we drive evidence-based, successful programs that actually help to move those children out of foster care and into adoptive homes."</i></p> <p>Soronen says they find homes for children at risk of aging out: <i>"It's particularly effective with older youth, with children in sibling groups, children with mental and physical challenges, those children who are most at risk of turning 18 or 21 and leaving foster care without an adoptive family."</i></p> <p>Soronen says no child is unadoptable: <i>"No child should ever be labeled as unadoptable simply because of their situation, their journey through foster care, their personal circumstances, that it's our job to get them adopted."</i></p>
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<p>CG: Liz LeBrun Adopted siblings</p>	<p>Soronen says more Canadians are considering foster to adopt: <i>“We’ve seen an increase in Canadians who are willing to consider foster care adoption when they’re thinking about adopting. In fact, a significant increase.”</i></p> <hr/> <p>Liz says Maria was adopted due to caseworker’s persistence: <i>“She was in a home that would have led to a group home if it weren’t for the work of the Wendy’s Wonderful Kids Program and the recruiters who continued to bring her profile to the Adoption Resource Exchange, continued to post it on the online resources.”</i></p> <p>Liz says she’s grateful for what she’s learned from her children: <i>“I’m grateful to them every day for the way they’ve made me look at the world in a completely different way and be thankful for things that I may not have noticed before I met them.”</i></p> <p>Liz says the stability of a forever home helps children grow: <i>“It’s the difference that stability and permanence makes for a child in terms of their whole presentation is enormous and when you have somebody who’s invested in you and somebody who is going to advocate on your behalf, the growth starts to happen.”</i></p> <hr/> <p>Andy says he’s happy he’ll never have to leave his home: <i>“I felt happy because I know that, I’m never going to be moving again. I just know, I always keep in my head that I’ll be like, here forever, together forever.”</i></p> <p>Andy describes what a forever home means to him: <i>“A forever home means to me that you’re like, never leaving. People are going to be by your side, people are going to trust you, people are going to care for you.”</i></p>
<p>CG: Andy LeBrun Adopted from foster care</p>	

References

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<http://www.adoption.ca/myths-and-realities>

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