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Keep reading to stay informed on events and happenings at Foster Adopt MN, as well as information about our programming and ways you can help with our mission of finding and strengthening Minnesota adoptive, foster care, and kinship families.

Get to Know Us

Meet Amy!

1. How long have you been with Foster Adopt Minnesota?

Almost one year.

2. What is your current role?



Education Outreach Coordinator.

3. What is your favorite season in Minnesota and why?

I love living in Minnesota and experiencing all of the seasons, but I feel most alive on those bitterly cold winter days.

4. What's your go-to comfort food?

My favorite comfort food is a big bowl of lightly buttered and salted popcorn smothered in nutritional yeast, with a giant fountain soda on the side.

5. What's a fun fact about you that most people don't know?

Few people know that I grew up near an ostrich farm, and I used to ride my bike past their enclosure to make them chase me.

[Check out the staff page](#)

Upcoming Events



REGISTRATION OPEN!

Celebrating *Six Years* of Running Together for Kids in Foster Care!

We're thrilled to kick off our **sixth year** of coming together as a community—running, walking, and raising support for kids in foster care. Whether this is your **1st, 3rd, or 6th year**, we're so glad you're with us again to support the **Back-to-School Shopping Event** and help spread the word about the ongoing need for foster and adoptive families.

How You Can Get Involved

Run or walk the 5K

Move at your own pace—every step makes a difference.

Curious about adoption or foster care?

Join us even if you're not running! Stop by to learn more, meet families, and enjoy the morning with us.

Bring someone along

Invite a friend, sibling, partner, or coworker to join the fun.


What to Expect

We've planned a fun, family-friendly morning, including:

- Music and yard games
- A full playground for kids
- A photographer offering **free family photos**
- Resource tables with info on fostering, adoption, supports, and topics relevant to foster, adoptive, and kinship families

Strollers, Dogs & Families Welcome

Walk your well-behaved dog, push a stroller, or run the full 5K—however you join, you'll be supporting **Minnesota kids in foster care** while spending meaningful, active time with your family.

We can't wait to see you there! 

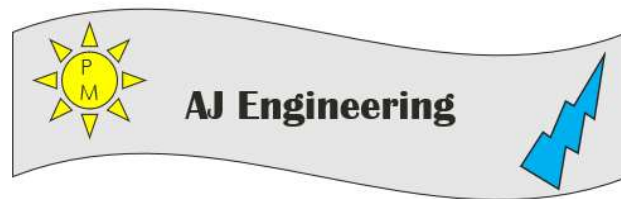
Can't make it in person? We also have a virtual option!

Run or walk on your own time!

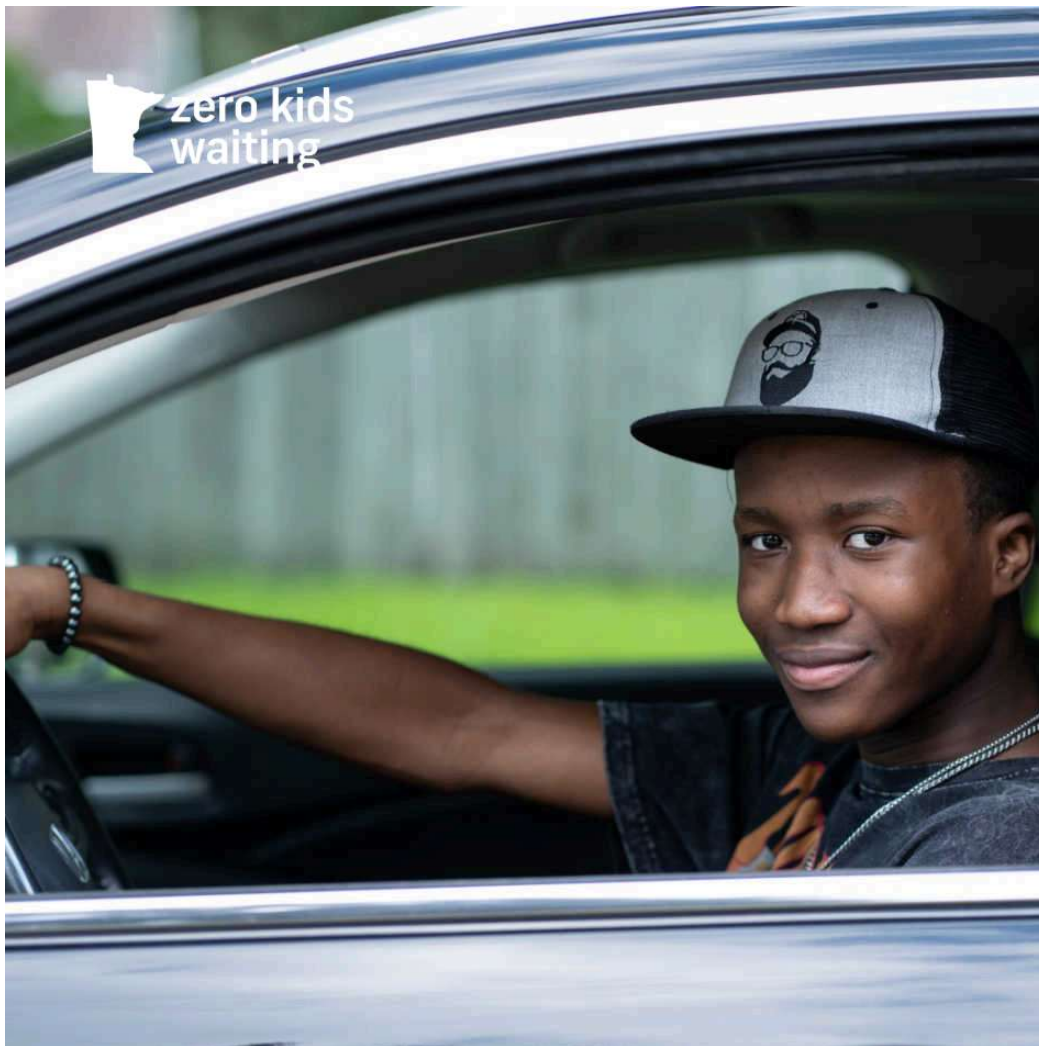
[Register Today!](#)

Thank You to our 5K Sponsors!





Meet David



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David, 17, is outgoing and has a great sense of humor! He is known for being helpful and respectful. David is an active teen who spends his time playing sports and working out. His favorite sports are football, basketball, and soccer. When not playing sports, David can be found playing video games, hunting, exploring, or spending time with his friends. He has an interest in cars. When considering his future, David would like to join the military or study Mechanical Engineering.

David will need to maintain contact with family members.

[Learn more and inquire.](#)

Autism Acceptance Month: Listening, Learning, and Support



April is Autism Acceptance Month, a time to recognize autistic people and promote understanding, respect, and inclusion. Acceptance goes beyond awareness. It involves centering autistic perspectives, valuing each person's strengths, and creating communities where autistic individuals feel welcomed and supported.

Acceptance means listening and taking action. We invite you to learn from both first person perspectives shared by autistic people and from organizations that provide education, community, and advocacy for individuals and families.

- [NeuroClastic](#) - First person essays written by autistic people exploring identity, family, systems, and what acceptance looks like in everyday life.
- [Thinking Person's Guide to Autism](#) - A blog community centering autistic voices with personal stories that connect lived experience to parenting, school, and adulthood.
- [Autism Society of Minnesota \(AuSM\)](#) - A statewide Minnesota organization offering education, events, and community connection grounded in neurodiversity affirming practices.
- [Minnesota Autism Resource Portal](#) - A centralized Minnesota site with information on services, supports, and events across the lifespan for autistic individuals and families.

- [PACER Center](#) - A Minnesota based organization providing training and individualized support to families navigating education and disability systems.

Let's Talk: Autism - What You Need to Know

What is Autism? How is it diagnosed?
Why is it so prevalent?

These questions will be addressed by
an expert on the topic.

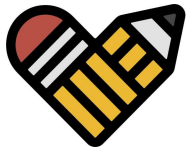
Dr. Reeve is a child and adolescent psychiatrist and has worked for HealthPartners for over 30 years.

She has held a variety of positions in research, teaching, and administration in the past but is currently primarily involved in patient care. Dr. Reeve has a special interest in children and adolescents with developmental disabilities. She is the co-author of the "Survival Guide for Children on the Autism Spectrum."



Listen in 

Back-to-School Shopping Event



FOSTER ADOPT MINNESOTA BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING EVENT

When a new school year approaches, many children across the State of Minnesota look forward to gearing up for their first day back in the classroom. However, for children in foster care, this time of year can be particularly challenging. They may not have the resources or support they need to start the year off on the right foot.

That's why we are hosting the 8th Annual Back-to-School Shopping Event for children in foster care. Our goal is to provide these children with a shopping trip in August that will build the confidence they need to succeed in school.



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I really believe this gives [him] the **opportunity** to feel like he's equal to his classmates.

You can see how **proud** they are with their new things!

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We cannot do it without your help. We are asking for your support to make this event a success. Your donation will go to children in foster care, so they can pick out clothing, shoes, tech gear or any other essential items to start their new school year.

Thank you for considering supporting our Back-to-School Shopping Event. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of children in our community.

Help us reach our goal

Wear Your Support. Shop the FAM Store.



Check out our online store!

Every purchase from the FAM Store directly fuels our mission to find and strengthen Minnesota's adoptive, foster care, and kinship families—*100% of profits go right back into this work.*

Plus, you'll be helping spread the word just by wearing your FAM gear. Look good, feel good, and support families across Minnesota.

[Go check it out!](#)

Where in the State is Foster Adopt MN? *Find us in the community*

CASCW Spring Conference:

Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at the Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center.

[Learn more.](#)

MACMH Virtual Conference:

April 26-28, 2026.

[Learn more.](#)

Meeker County Family Fun Day:

Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Litchfield Middle School.

Foster Adopt MN 5K:

Sunday, May 3, 2026. Central Park, Roseville, MN.

[Learn more.](#)

Proof Alliance Caregiver Conference:

Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15, 2026, at the Plymouth Community Center. [Learn more.](#)



Golden Valley Pride Festival:

Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Brookview Park, Golden Valley, MN.

[Learn more.](#)

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