

ADOPTION



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WHAT IS ADOPTION?

Adoption is legally taking a child into your family as a permanent member. The relationship is established by law with all the rights and responsibilities that would exist with birth families.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ADOPT?

Adoptive applicants can be single individuals or married couples who are:

- in good health.
- at least 21 years of age.
- employed and/or financially stable.
- each household member age 18 and over must submit to a criminal & protective service background check.
- able to demonstrate good parenting skills.
- have adequate childcare plans and a solid support system.
- own or rent a home or an apartment.
- married applicants must adopt together.

Families are for Everyone

WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO ADOPTION?

Decide that you want to adopt

Call (313) 531-6190.

Place an Inquiry Call

Attend an Informational Meeting

Attend an Orientation/Training Session

Participate in a Family/Home Assessment

Searching/Matching

Visits with the Child

Court Process

Supervision

Finalization



WHO ARE THE CHILDREN WHO NEED ADOPTION?

Many children are currently in the foster care system awaiting permanent placement with families. Some have been abused, neglected, or abandoned, leading to the termination of parental rights by the court. Many of the children have special needs because of the emotional scars of having suffered abuse and neglect.

In Michigan, more than 75 percent of the children waiting for families are African-American. Many of these children are of school age ranging from 6 to 17 years old. Often there are groups of brothers and sisters who need adoptive homes. Staff try to place these children together whenever possible.



HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Adopting a child is free, however, there is a county court filing fee which should not exceed \$200.

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Methodist Children's Home Society is a private, non-profit, non-sectarian child-care agency, which has a long history of caring for children. The agency's primary focus is to care for children who have been subjected to physical, psychological and sexual abuse or severe neglect.

Established in 1917, the home was founded in Highland Park by a group of Methodist women to care for neglected and orphaned children. The home expanded and later moved to a farm in what is now downtown Farmington. In 1929, the home moved to its present location in Redford Township. Our current campus became known as "Children's Village."

Methodist Children's Home Society provides an environment of love and understanding that assists children in becoming healthy and productive.

With histories including rejection, neglect or abuse, many of our children require intensive treatment to cope with their deep fears, low self-esteem, anger and depression. Methodist Children's Home Society responds to the needs of these special young people by providing residential, foster care, adoption, and educational enrichment services to children from throughout the State of Michigan.

Mission Statement:

To meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the children in our care, develop personal, family and community relationships which will contribute to healthy opportunities for the children to reach their fullest potential, and to advocate on behalf of all children.

