



This holiday season, help us find every child the adoptive family they deserve.

December signals the end of National Adoption Month, one of my favorite times of the year when we celebrate the thousands of families in our region who have adopted from foster care. This year's theme was close to our hearts, *Youth Voices: Why Family Matters*. At Northwest Adoption Exchange, we're capturing the power of youth voices every day in order to find every child who needs one, the adoptive family they deserve.



As we turn the page from National Adoption Month into the holiday season, will you give to Northwest Adoption Exchange so that more youth in foster care can find adoptive families?



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We know that family matters to youth in foster care because when we ask, that's what they tell us! In the past year, we've had honest, powerful conversations with youth who have taught us so much: youth in foster care are tired of moving from placement to placement. They're ready and hopeful for the commitment and support of a family. And they tell us that more people should consider older youth adoption and “give teens a chance.”

We couldn't agree more. Youth in foster care deserve adoptive families and they deserve to be empowered and engaged in the family-finding process. Our In-Depth Profiles are just one way we are committed to lifting their voices. You can help us spread that message by visiting www.nwae.org and sharing those powerful portraits of youth who are involved and empowered in telling their own stories directly to potential families.

Your year-end gift makes a huge difference in the life of a child who deserves an adoptive family. Thank you for being a champion for children in foster care!

With plenty of gratitude,