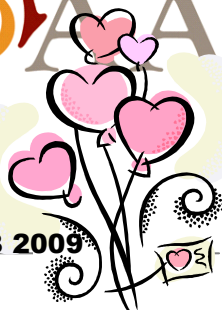




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Did you know.....



MFCFAA is licensing foster families now? And did you also know that MFCFAA members are our best ambassadors for finding new foster families? We need you to spread the word about our licensing program to people who you think would be good foster families!

What does it mean to be "licensed" by MFCFAA? It means that your licensing worker

(we call them family liaisons) will be either Teresa Williams or Justin Newkirk, MFCFAA staff members. Your licensing records will be kept here, and your regular interactions on licensing matters will be with us. We oversee all your initial licensing (home study, background check, paperwork, initial training), as well as your license maintenance and renewal. We do not place children in homes or engage in child case management activities. When you are licensed with us, you are free to contract with any child-placing agencies, including Cornerstones of Care.

Why get licensed with MFCFAA? We are proud of our team approach, where foster families are truly treated as team members, with respect and dignity, in caring for kids in foster care. We understand that in order for kids to receive the top quality care they deserve, foster families must be supported! We also pride ourselves on good communication with families, including clear and timely responses to questions and concerns. In addition, we have two experienced foster and adoptive parents on staff – Lori Ross and Tammy Spears – who are very familiar with the foster care system and who have the practical knowledge to assist with all kinds of situations foster parents encounter.

Call or email Suzen today! 816-350-0215 or suzen@mfcfaa.org

A VALENTINE FROM THE HEART

THIS VALENTINE'S DAY WE APPEAL TO OLD FRIENDS AND NEW FRIENDS. We know that the days are cold, but your hearts are warm! Over 400 families in our area have opened up their hearts to children who deserve a new beginning and a brighter future.

Children who experience a nurturing, safe and loving family can begin to heal and grow into healthy young people. Families who feel the support and encouragement of the community continue to reach out to care for and serve children who have experienced neglect and abuse.

Your Valentine gift will be used to provide foster and adoptive families with specialized training classes, support groups, advocacy and mentoring programs. You will also be assisting with the Kids' Clothes Closet, Food Pantry and Family Events.

Candy Heart Level-\$14 Red Roses Level-\$56
Cupid's Arrow Level-\$28 Send A Valentine*-\$112

With donations at the "send a Valentine" level, please include the complete name and address of your Valentine, and we will send a Valentine in your name. Donation envelopes are enclosed.



MFC[®]AAA

Midwest Foster Care & Adoption Association Newsletter



Letter From the Executive Director

Dear Friends;

At a time when so many of us are transfixed on the recent peaceful transfer of power in our nation's capitol, following an election in which Americans exercised their ultimate right to choose by voting, it seems appropriate to highlight the fact that the core of our American democracy is the freedom to choose. Our personal destinies are carved out of millions of little or big, good or bad choices that result in the lives we ultimately live.

As parents, we spend lots of time focusing on the topic of choice. I don't think a day goes by, in the process of parenting my kids, when I don't need to talk to one or more of them about their choices. _____ *continued pg. 3*

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Heartfelt Thanks!

Futures are brighter for our kids, thanks to these wonderful foundations and organizations. Thank you for your support of the families and children of MFC[®]AAA in 2008. Thank you for sharing our dream. We will continue to work "to provide foster and adoptive children the opportunity of a stable, caring and nurturing family environment by recruiting, training, supporting and providing advocacy for foster and adoptive parents."

- Adoption Exchange Association
- AT&T Telcom Pioneers (Lewis & Clark Council)
- Drumm Farm
- Flo Harris Foundation
- General Electric Company –Family Holiday Celebration
- Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City
- Independence Rotary
- Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund
- Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City
- Kansas City Regional Association of Realtors
- KPMG
- Loretto Community Special Needs Fund
- Marks Nelson Vohland Cambell Radetic LLC
- McGonigle's Market
- Morgan Family Foundation
- Oppenstein Brothers Foundation
- Sosland Foundation
- Taste of the South
- Truman Heartland Community Foundation
- U.S. Toy
- UMB Bank

Thanks to all of our 2008 donors! Your generosity and continued support allow MFC[®]AAA to continue to operate its clothes closet, food pantry, monthly training, specialized behavioral support groups, advocacy and mentoring programs. The families and kids of MFC[®]AAA truly appreciate your continued friendship and support! You are making a big difference in many young lives. (*cont'd pg. 8*)

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Support Groups Now Forming!

We recognize the struggles that many children face as they come in and transition out of foster care. Through these support services, we hope to provide an arena for our children to connect and identify with those who are in similar life situations. For more information, contact Justin (816-350-0215 or justin@mfcaa.org).

Understanding Adoption, Boys and Girls

Ages 6-12

This group will focus on understanding adoption and developing strategies to manage the experience of adoption in daily circumstances.

Waiting For A Family, Boys and Girls

Ages 9 and Older

This group will include peer mentors who have been adopted and who can empathize with and encourage group members. A focus will be on preparing youth for the possibility of a forever family.

Newly Adopted, Boys and Girls

Ages 9 and Older

This group will focus on family claiming, shared experiences, and common challenges of joining your family later in life.

MFCAA CONTACT & DIRECTIONS:

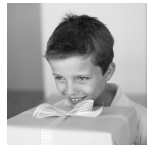
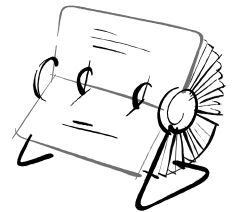
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- From I-70, take the Lee's Summit Rd Exit and go North
- Drive for a little over a mile, (the last intersection you'll go through is for Kiger Rd—we are just past that)
- We are on the left side of the road (across from a park), on the Drumm Farm campus

The sign where you turn in says Drumm Farm. We are part of a collection of "houses" set back from the road. Stay to the right of the drive; MFCAA is the 2nd building on the RIGHT.

Trainings are held in the Dining Hall—stay to the far left of the drive; 3rd building on the far LEFT

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We continue to receive thank you notes daily from parents and children who participated in the MFCAA holiday gift program. They all ask that we give great thanks to all of this year's donors, and we would like to thank you (the donors) again. Your efforts allowed hundreds of children to experience the special joys and magic of the holiday season.

Even in these tough economic times over 140 donors adopted individual children as well as entire families, providing them with all the makings of a happy and festive holiday.

The families, kids and staff of MFCAA are extremely grateful to all of this years holiday donors, and extend a very special thanks to **Michael Klein and U.S. Toy** for the donation of literally a truck load of wonderful toys.

A giant thanks also goes out to the employees of **AT&T** here in Kansas City and the employees of **UMB Bank- Financial Intelligence Unit**. These two organizations helped us to meet the needs of over 300 children.

We are also very grateful to **Space Center Kansas City, Inc.** They provided a great, easily accessed, friendly location for the Christmas Gift drop off and distribution.

A Huge Thanks Also, To All Of Our Foster And Adoptive Parents. Happy Valentine's Day!

A valentine for all of our foster and adoptive parents.

*Thank you for loving me,
Having me in.
All you have given
Now I hold within.
Kid in a vacuum
You made your own,
Or else I had been
Unloved and alone*





Sometimes I am completely underwhelmed by the quality of my children's choices. I wonder how in the world my child could have come to the conclusion that whatever action they have taken would result in any kind of positive outcome. Most typically the results of the choices we end up discussing are self-defeating at the high end and completely disastrous at the low end.

These children in my life seem to be on a devastating downward spiral fueled by making one bad choice followed by another. I hear from other foster and adoptive parents daily, who share similar stories of the painful experiences they have watching their children fail to grasp the lifelines they are offered in their new homes and families. There is a measure of frustration and despair that we feel as foster and adoptive parents that might be difficult for others to fathom. It hits us when, despite our best efforts, we can't seem to turn the tide for our child. We must live with the knowledge deep in our hearts that what we have been unable to do with and for our child could have been the only real barrier preventing them from a lifetime of sorrow and pain.

Years ago, in one of my first psychology classes, I learned about an amazing man who wrote about his experiences as a Nazi death camp survivor. He helped to found a whole school of psychology called Existentialism. For those of you who aren't psychology majors, Existentialism is generally focused on a core human question, "What is the meaning of life?"

In the first part of the twentieth century, Viktor Frankl was a neurologist and psychiatrist in Vienna. During the Holocaust, he was taken into custody, along with his wife and his entire extended family. He spent three years in various concentration camps, including Auschwitz, and lost every single member of his family, with the exception of one sister, to the atrocities committed during that war. However, what Viktor Frankl miraculously discovered was that even in the direst and most unfathomable circumstances, where there seems to be no possibility for hope, each of us is capable of choosing to find joy instead of despair. Human beings, he felt, could not necessarily control every egregious circumstance that life presented, but they had in their own minds the power to choose their reaction to those circumstances. And in making the powerful choice to find joy rather than despair, Frankl was able to demonstrate how he ultimately took back the control over his own life within his own thoughts and his feelings. He made the conscious choice to be a victor not a victim.

Later, when he continued his life journey following the war, Frankl found that people who have the most joy-filled, meaningful lives, usually get there in one of three ways. They find joy and meaning in life by (1) creating a work (of art, literature, music or other personal expression) or doing a deed (making a difference for someone), by (2) experiencing something or encountering someone (participating in a cause that changes you, or finding someone who inspires you), or by (3) the attitude we take toward unavoidable suffering.

Frankl once said to his students, "Don't aim at success - the more you aim at it and make it a target, the more you are going to miss it. For success, like happiness, cannot be pursued; it must ensue, and it only does so as the unintended side effect of one's personal dedication to a cause greater than oneself or as the by-product of one's surrender to a person other than oneself. Happiness must happen, and the same holds for success: you have to let it happen by not caring about it. I want you to listen to what your conscience commands you to do and go on to carry it out to the best of your knowledge. Then you will live to see that in the long-run - in the long-run, I say! - success will follow you precisely because you had forgotten to think about it."

I don't question the meaning of my life. I find every kind of joy in service to my family and to all of you. I have bubbling over joy, the kind you feel when things are going the way you hope they will go, and I have the bittersweet joy that comes when I take the time to think things through and remind myself that it is not the outcome but the process that I am blessed to be part of. Choice allows me to meet adversity on my terms.

So, how can we begin to use Viktor Frankl's brilliance to make things better for the children in our lives? First, we can become wonderful examples to our children, by approaching our own difficult circumstances with the kind of internal peace and grace that comes from deciding that we will accept each hard knock with a recognition that within that hardship is the potential for learning, growth and joy. Even in our suffering, we can find some beauty that can carry us through.

I think back to Montrell, a little boy that I loved deeply, who returned to his birth mother after spending a long time as my son. The experience was contentious and heartbreaking as it typically is when these things happen. Yet, within the sorrow that was and still is the loss of Montrell is also the joy that I got from being his mom for the time I had. And, because Montrell went back home, other children who I also love found their way into my life.

Second, we can begin to process hardships with our children, not in a way that feels most comfortable (nagging them about making yet another inappropriate choice), but rather encouraging them to find the opportunities that exist within the choices that they do make, to find some source of learning, growth or joy.

For kids who have the potential for higher level thought, the technique of exploring a situation and looking for the possibilities for joy, will allow them to begin to internalize an optimistic and resilient approach to adversity. It will begin to help to pull them from a 'poor me' mentality to a 'what am I supposed to learn from this' way of thinking.

For kids who have cognitive limitations or mental disorders, all of the badgering in the world isn't going to make things a whole lot better anyway, so exploring decision making with a positive spin will keep the parent from getting so frustrated and will begin to move the discussion toward developing the positive rather than cementing the negative. My son, 10 year old Jimmy, has a pretty significant mental health diagnosis. His behaviors are often grandiose and bizarre. He is getting bigger these days and is sometimes totally overwhelming for his classroom teacher and his peers. As a result, as we are in the midst of re-doing an IEP evaluation for him, he is frequently spending time sitting in his school principal's office.

Each day I can choose to approach Jimmy's seemingly negative choices by considering that he's a largely capable huge chucklehead who cannot seem to keep it together long enough to make it through one dang day in his classroom (my natural 'less' existential approach).

Or, I can decide that Jimmy is letting us know by his choices that he needs to be in a quiet place with lots of one-on-one attention. I can talk with Jimmy about his need for calm and quiet places and one-on-one attention. I can thank him for showing me so clearly what he needs. I can talk to him about where he feels happy, safe and secure, and how it appears that he feels more secure in that office than he does in navigating the world of the fifth grade, where he is clearly not just your typical kid. It may be that he doesn't need to shift his ultimate goal of feeling safe and secure; rather we need to shift our expectations of him.

Or it could be that he hasn't thought about the challenges he faces in the normal classroom in such a way that he can identify the opportunities for joy or learning in those challenges. And, if Jimmy isn't capable of making the leap to looking at his problems in an 'existential' way, then maybe his teacher can shift her response to do that for him.

What I know for sure is that we don't pull kids out of the negative cycles they are stuck in by approaching them with more negativity. Trust me, I've tried. Showing a kid who already feels defeated in every situation, just how self-defeating their behaviors are, isn't going to inspire them to change, it is only going to reinforce their negative self-view.

Someone has to stop the cycle...for both the parent and that child. And in my particular life circumstance, I've accepted responsibility for that job.

I'm inspired by Viktor Frankl to accept the responsibility to find joy through service to others, through my important relationships, and through whatever adversity comes my way. I'm willing to talk myself through my own self-doubts and challenges by looking for the sunshine in each opportunity. This choice (which can be re-made each day) provides me with a grace and dignity that helps me to stay positive, focused and passionate under whatever pressure life may bring.

But most of all, today, Viktor Frankl inspires me to choose to work toward being a better guide for my negative children, to help them to discover the ability to be joyful one minute, one hour or one day at a time. I am grateful that there are some of them who will provide me, undoubtedly, with ample opportunities to practice Viktor's techniques.

To learn more about Viktor Frankl and his amazing work, you can visit the Logotherapy Institute at <http://www.logotherapyinstitute.org/life-and-works.html>.








Most Sincerely,

 Lori Ross, MFCAA Executive Director

Connect With Other Foster/Adoptive Parents

Take advantage of a wonderful resource! Kansas City area foster parent Janet Richardson started an email loop connecting foster and adoptive parents, and it has grown by leaps and bounds. "The Loop" allows foster and adoptive parents to ask questions, seek advice, post needs, post available goods and services, request respite, pass on important announcements and event dates, and send out any other helpful information that comes along.

If you're not signed up for The Loop, you should be!
To Sign up: send your email address to ijnrichardson@sbcglobal.net, and let her know you want to be in the JCFAP Loop.

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NOTE: On the 1st Friday of the month, the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet are open in the evening only, for those who come to training.

 Clothes Closet 10a-2p	 Food Pantry 9a-2p	 Training 6:30p	 Career/Behavioral Training—7p (6:30p dinner)	*For Dental Van Appointments: Bobbie Mitchell/ 816-889-3512
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New Website

MFCAA has launched our new website. We've spent a lot of time working to make our website more professional and better designed to serve you!

The new site is up and running at (the same web address) www.mfcaa.org

We are still tweaking the look, organization and content, so bare with us if you see pages changing, or even moving around, over the next couple of weeks.

If you have any trouble finding information on the news site, please give us a call at 816-350-0215

COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Monday, March 2nd @ MFCAA
(Dining Hall—3rd building on the far left drive)
7p-8:30p
Available parents are encouraged to attend with their kids

This workshop is for any high school (sophomore to senior) student interested in attending college, or interested in simply learning about their options. Perfect GPA's and college savings accounts are not a requirement for attending this workshop, or continuing education past high school!

Whether your kids plan to attend college upon graduation, are just curious about college, or might be interested in furthering their education in the future, this is a wonderful opportunity for all of your kids to find out what is available to them. Discussion will include funding options.

PLEASE RSVP BY FEB. 23RD to shandra@mfcaa.org or 81-350-0215

Presenters:

Steven-Foster child and Drumm Farm resident who is currently attending college.
Heather—Admissions Representative, University of Missouri-Columbia

Monthly Reminders



Foster Parents are required to maintain a certain number of training hours in order to keep their licenses, and ALL parents can use additional tools to care for the children in their homes. MFCAA provides two great resources for “parent training.”

Resource Library

MFCAA has a lending library with video tapes, dvd's, cd's and books that can be checked out and used for outside training hours. Call Tammy at 816-350-0215.

On-site Training (for more info, call Justin @ 816-350-0215)

February 6 - 6:30pm - Childcare Provided

Educational Advocacy – Lori Burns-Bucklew

Informed, prepared advocates make the difference between academic success and failure for foster kids. This session will explain their heightened need for advocacy; address basics of advocacy including collection of documents and strategies for school meetings; address issues for older youth; and present a brief, broad overview of educational law.

February 20 - 6:30pm Dinner/7p Meeting (Please RSVP if attending dinner) - Childcare Provided

Being a Part of the Family Support Team – Pam Smith

This training will focus on Family Support Team meetings – why they are important and who is involved. An emphasis will be put on how a foster parent can make themselves a prominent part of this team and how they can effectively advocate for children within this setting as a part of the child's decision making team.

Get A Jump On Cleaning Out Your Closets

It may not feel like spring, but it should be right around the corner (our fingers are crossed!). If you start cleaning out last year's clothes to make room for your growing children's new spring/summer wardrobe, bring the stuff you don't need anymore to MFCAA. We'll put it in the Clothes Closet for other kids to enjoy.

Remember, you can always bring clothes you got at the Clothes Closet back to the Clothes Closet. If your kids grew too fast to wear the clothes out, they can be passed on again.

MFCAA's Clothing Closet provides clothing, shoes, coats, toys, high chairs, car seats and more to all MFCAA Members. Clothing Closet hours are from 10a-2p on Tuesdays and Fridays. Contact Becky at 816-350-0215 or becky@mfcaa.org.



SPECIAL THANKS...

...goes to Moreland Ridge Middle School and Blue Springs Parks & Rec for their food drives. Their efforts were a great help during one of the busiest times of the year.

The Food Pantry is open, and free of charge to all MFCAA Members, Tues & Fri, 9a-2p (for basic items). If you need canned or household goods (or have no way to get to MFCAA during normal Pantry hours) call Becky for an appointment. On the first Friday of the month, The Food Pantry is NOT open from 9a-2p.



Prom Boutique

Woods Chapel United Methodist Church will hold a Prom Boutique again this year. The Boutique will be open in March (date TBA).

If you have old prom or dance dresses that you're willing to part with, drop them by MFCAA any time in February. This is a great opportunity to pass some of your wonderful memories on to a young lady who is ready to make her own memories.

If you have a young lady living at your house who will attend prom this year, make plans to come to the Boutique. They will have dresses, hair stylists, tailors ready to fix hems, and more great services designed to give your daughter a night she won't forget.

Keith Decker
Tracy Davis
Bruce Dawson
Kenny Day
Theodore Dean
Larry Denny
Jordon Deremer
Karla Deringer-Hurrell
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Suellen Dice
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Lorie Draper-Crone
Diane Dressler
Karen Duke
Paula Duke
Tom & Kathy Duke
Jean Dunlap
Sherry Durgan
Marilyn Durwood
Carole Dyer
David & Rhonda Dykal
Kay L. Elder
Dave & Oma Ellison
Robin D. Enomoto
Ruth B. Evans
Jeanette Evans-Hamilton
Brenda Feickert
Jennifer Ferguson
Darcy Firkins
John & Elizabeth Fischer
Dianne K. Fisher
Andrea Flinders
Greg Fornelli SCSA
John Franke
Martha & John Franke
Linda Freeman
Shelly Needham
Freeman Presbyterian
Sandra & Edward Fried
Michael Froeschl
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Stephanie A. Garcia
Heather Gargus
Mike & Laurie Garland
Lillian & Wiley Garner
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Mary Katherine Gates
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Kelley Gilmore
Erin Given
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Nancy & Rick Green
Rudolf Green
Bill Gremmels
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