



November is National Adoption Month

A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

National Adoption Month: November — Did you know? And why is it important?

Adoption has touched almost everyone — personally, through extended family, a friend, team members, a neighbor raising grandchildren. Some very famous people were adopted — Steve Jobs, Alexander Hamilton, 50 Cent, Jesus. Adoption is beautiful. But it is born out of something broken — simultaneous gain and loss, joy and sorrow.

This month, we pause to honor everyone touched by adoption, and also recognize that pain accompanies the celebration. Often, the challenges we see in homes are a direct result of the loss a child has experienced. Maybe it was separation from a caregiver in infancy. Maybe it began even before that, with a difficult pregnancy. Or maybe it was later in childhood when everything familiar went away — schools, neighbors, friends. Those losses cannot be immediately processed. One of the things our team does best is help caregivers understand the depth of these losses, even if the children don't completely understand it themselves.

Texas has one of the highest adoption rates in the country. More than 6,000 children were adopted in the state last year, and we celebrate this. Children belong in families — not systems. Families are the backbone of our community, and the more children who are in loving families, the better.

At Chosen, we are relentless to that end for all children and

vulnerable families. The 100,000 children per year in the US that languish in a system but are ADOPTABLE are worthy of our attention, worthy of a family. Together, we can change the trajectory of their lives.

During National Adoption Month, we will elevate some important voices, including stories like that of the **Scotch Family**. Be sure to listen in and learn! And we have a special surprise voice to be revealed in the coming days... stay tuned!

Best regards,



Jenni Lord
CEO, Chosen



We are humbled and grateful to announce that Chosen received a \$100,000 grant award from **Spurs Give** & Bexar County! With this grant, we are able to bring healing to young boys and girls recovering from trauma.

Recently, Spurs Give celebrated this gift with a video featuring Chosen CEO, Jenni Lord. [Watch the video here!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Getting Ready for the Holidays

Parent to Parent Support Group

November 4, 2020 8:00PM EST/ 7:00PM CST

Holidays can be especially difficult for children with hard histories. As parents, we have high expectations for this season, but it can be challenging for foster and adopted children.

Join us as we talk through common struggles and tips to make the holidays easier for our kiddos.



[Save Your Seat Today](#)



Race managed by Split Second Productions

The Prettiest Race In Texas Virtual 5K & Half Marathon

November 21-27, 2020

In the past, The Prettiest Race in Texas has been run in beautiful New Braunfels. But this year's race will be virtual, which means you get to choose your prettiest place to run—even if it's not in Texas!

Register today for the Virtual 5K & Half Marathon, benefitting Chosen.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

In case you missed them on our website, below are a few helpful resources from Chosen!

You can always stay up-to-date on our resources by visiting www.chosen.care or by following us on social media.

COFFEE *with* CHOSSEN



Are you one of the many parents who has a child with ADHD? Are you feeling overwhelmed with school work? Join Monica for this 4-minute Coffee with Chosen video covering strategies to help children get through school work.



Welcome
Stephanie Motes



We are pleased to announce that Stephanie Motes, MA, LPC has joined Chosen's Team as our Clinical Manager. She brings a wealth of clinical skills & experience. *We are thrilled to have Stephanie on our team!*

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