



JEFFERSON COUNTY  
PARENT ASSOCIATION

for Foster, Adoptive &  
Kinship Care

# Jefferson County Parent Association

FOR FOSTER, ADOPTIVE AND KINSHIP CARE

# OUR MISSION

- ▶ To serve as a united voice to effectively advocate, support, educate, and empower children who are placed in out-of-home care and the families that care for them.
- ▶ To support caregivers to effectively parent, advocate and love children in out-of-home care while improving the image of foster, adoptive and kinship/fictive care.
- ▶ To provide training, information and resources for families caring for children in out of home care to change the narrative to more positive outcomes.
- ▶ To create events to promote self-esteem, childhood normalcy, trauma healing and positive attachments and experiences.
- ▶ To provide training and support to parents to be effective and loving parents and workshops for children that include life lessons and skills.
- ▶ To recruit more families to foster, adopt and provide respite care. Especially African American families and families that can take in sibling groups and teens.



# WHO WE SERVE

- ▶ Children in out of home care (OOHC) in Jefferson County
- ▶ Families that take in children in OOHC in Jefferson County
- ▶ Teens in state care preparing for college and/or workforce in Jefferson County



# HOW WE DO IT

- ▶ Parent trainings, conferences and workshops
- ▶ Parent support groups
- ▶ Family oriented events
- ▶ Information and resources
- ▶ Advocate with the state for needed services and resources
- ▶ Increase awareness for foster/adoptive homes to keep children in county and have to have a pool of families to match children with.
- ▶ Partner with DCBS, community organizations and churches for funds, space for trainings and events and support



# HOW YOU CAN PARTNER WITH US

- ▶ Funds/sponsor events to serve children in care and the families that care for them
- ▶ Volunteer to help at events and recruit more families
- ▶ Connect us with other community partners and resources
- ▶ Lend your expertise to a project (technical, entertainment etc...)



# EVENTS FOR 2023



## Pearls and Ties Brunch (or Ball)

- ▶ Promotes self-esteem, teaches life lessons and etiquette and helps change negative self talk through engaging with positive adults

## Mother's Day

- ▶ Honors moms giving so much to children that were not originally there own
- ▶ Promotes very important self-care and connection with other moms

## Father's Day

- ▶ Honors dads, the unsung heroes. Gives dad's their deserved recognition
- ▶ Promotes needed self care and connection with other dads



# EVENTS for 2023 continued

## Back to School

- ▶ Fun day before school starts to promote a positive start
- ▶ Games to promote confidence and self esteem
- ▶ Positive and safe social interaction
- ▶ Supplies to start the school year.
- ▶ Promotes family time



# Christmas Party



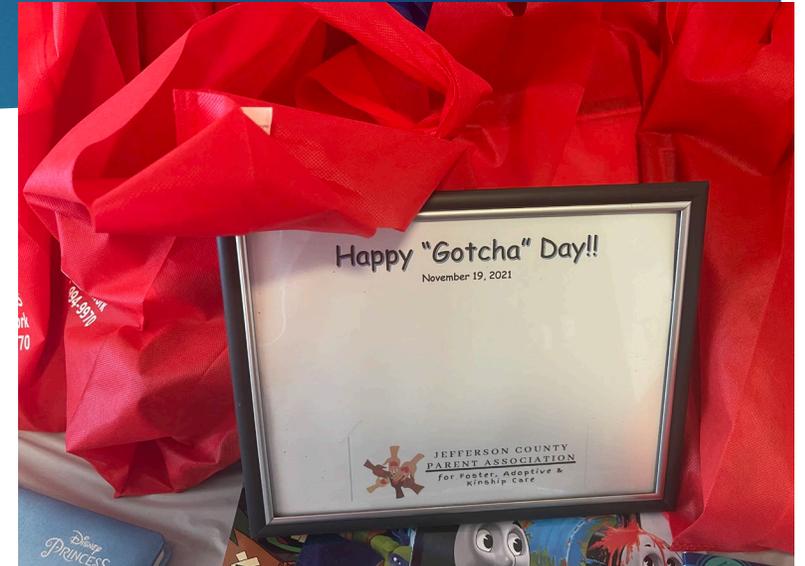
- ▶ Our biggest event of the year
- ▶ 325 children in care served in 2022
- ▶ Builds family time and childhood normalcy
- ▶ Children feel special, seen and loved
- ▶ Each child gets a Santa Sac filled with gifts
- ▶ We partner with several community partners, schools and churches



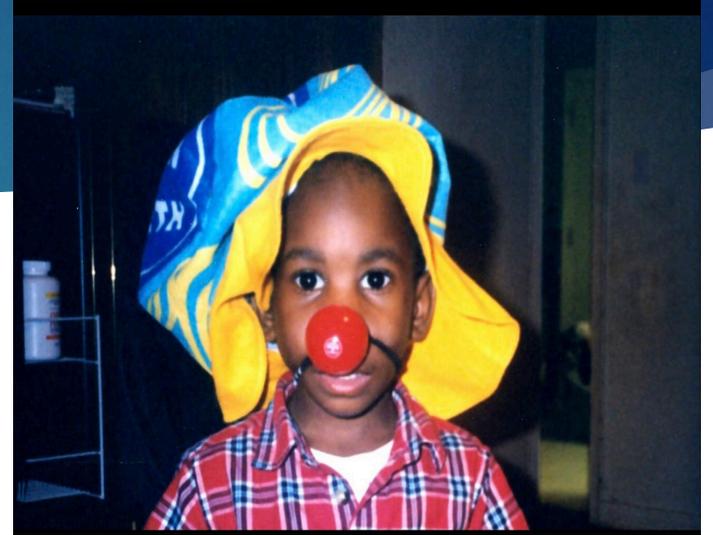
# OTHER EVENTS FOR 2023

## Adoption Month Celebrations (November)

- ▶ Celebrate with families at the court house on National Adoption Day
  - "Gotcha Day" gift for each family
  - Information for continued support as an adoptive family



# OTHER EVENTS FOR 2023



- ▶ National Foster Care Month (May)
- ▶ Child Advocacy Week (February 6-10, 2023)
- ▶ Child Abuse Prevention Month (March)

# WHAT WE NEED

- ▶ Funds for projects, initiatives and events
- ▶ Volunteers (before, during and after events)
- ▶ Donations of items for events (separate flyer)
- ▶ Connections with more community partners and churches
- ▶ Expert speakers for trainings and events
- ▶ Foster parent recruitment



# CONTACT INFORMATION



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

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