



The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.

Mark Twain



Help Wanted: Open Your Heart and Your Home to Fostering

Imagine all the people who landed in foster care -- John Lennon. Steve Jobs. Ice T. Cher. Nelson Mandela. Eleanor Roosevelt. JRRR Tolkien. They all ended up living with foster families—or with relatives, in kinship foster care arrangements--because their birth parents were, or are, unable to care for them. While it's great to hear about foster kids who overcame the odds, it's about the rest who need to be recognized. The ones who attend public school, struggle with math homework, wonder what's for dinner and try to make friends for keeps.

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Overcoming a Life of Drugs and Homelessness, James Addison is Making His Mark

The histories we revisit on special occasions like Black History Month are events and the people that played roles in them; events that left a lasting mark on our culture and society. James Addison is doing that work, and being that person and he is in that place where changes are so desperately needed. Through his experience and faith and compassion, he is making a vital difference. That difference will someday be a history that others will look back on with pride.

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Desert Immigration: Life and Death Every Day, Part 1

The desert at night is cold. There is nothing to hold onto the heat. During the day, of course, it is hot, but worse still, it is dry. Winds never seem to stop in the desert. Shelter, water, rest and comfort are hard to find or in some places are non-existent. Mario Russel, the Director of Immigration and Refugee Services for Catholic Charities of New York, traveled to the location where migrant people come up against American immigration policy.

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Coming in From the Cold in the Hudson Valley

When the temperatures drop below freezing, there are few options for those living on the streets. The warming center, in an Assemblies of God church, which is maintained by Catholic Charities Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties, is hoping to help change this. It provides a safe, warm place for citizens to shelter in the cold. This year, the center offers showers, laundry facilities and separate rooms for male and female lodgers. “Participation in operations like this shows how agencies and community work together for the greater good.”

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Embracing Black Catholics in a Changing, Diverse Community

In celebration of Black History Month, Brother Tyrone, Executive Director, highlights the Office of Black Ministry's partnership with Catholic Charities in serving the communities of the Archdiocese of New York. "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked and do not turn your back on your own. That's Catholic Charities...that's Office of Black Ministry...that's the ministry of our church—past, present, and future."

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