

Adoption SPRING Advocacy NEWSLETTER

It's an exciting time of the year—getting ready for summer! CCAI is working with two hosting programs for the summer of 2024—one in the Dominican Republic and the other in Colombia! Often, hosting allows families to forge meaningful connections with the host children they hope to adopt, fostering bonds before embarking on the formal adoption journey.

To learn more about the Dominican Republic hosting opportunity, please contact <u>Host</u> <u>Orphans Worldwide</u>. The application deadline is April 15th!

Contact <u>Project One Forty-Three</u> to learn more about CCAI's Colombian hosting partner.



Every child deserves a loving family!





Sweet little Joel is almost two years old and living in Bulgaria. He loves the company of others, especially with familiar adults and other children. This little man loves to give cuddles, laughs easily, and is generally happy. Joel walks around the house and can put toys in and out of the bin. He's nearly meeting speech criteria for his age and "speaks" in his own language. Joel loves to play with a toy car and will move it back and forth while saying "boo." He has had some seizures, but after starting medication, he has been seizure-free for the last six months. According to Joel's caregivers, he is in good general condition with proper physical development and mildly delayed neuropsychological development. **Email us to learn more!** 



Etta is a sweet two-year-old baby, living in Taiwan, who had a rough start as a preemie. By one year of age, she improved dramatically at sucking and swallowing after her speech therapist suggested mouth massages. Etta has learned to open her mouth when congee is fed to her and push the food back out when she finishes eating. She expresses her needs by crying, especially during physical therapy when she is uncomfortable. When sad, she calms down by being held by her caregiver or given a pacifier. Etta likes music, and white noise soothes her. **EMAIL US to learn more!** 

15-year-old DEI is always smiling! He is very social and loves making new friends. DEI goes to a Christian church in Colombia on Sundays and has many friends there. He does excellent in school, is very organized with his notebooks, and is motivated – a natural leader! DEI plays soccer and basketball and wants to grow up and play soccer for the the national team. This teen loves dogs and would be over the moon if a furry friend was part of his forever family! DEI could lose eligibility if a family is not in the process for his adoption by his 16th birthday. Learn More



Lola is a naturally easygoing and emotionally stable 10-year-old girl in Taiwan with a positive attitude. She enjoys laughing and is comfortable performing on stage, often joining her foster mom at Church, where she sings! Lola has a good sense of rhythm and can remember and hum songs after just a few listens.

1-

## EMAIL US to learn more!



7-year-old Owen is living in Bulgaria and has been making massive progress since his placement in a foster family. He has reached milestones and is overcoming a significant part of his delays. The team at the Day Center makes an optimistic forecast that they expect Owen to overcome most of his developmental challenges and to be primarily independent in his everyday life and activities. Owen has welldeveloped gross motor skills, and despite the diagnosis of cerebral palsy, he stands, walks, stands up, and goes up and down the stairs. His fine motor skills are well-developed, too. He can manipulate objects of different sizes, enjoys playing with other children and takes part in group games. Could you be Owen's family?

EMAIL US to learn more!



15-year-old JON is a vibrant Colombian teen, passionate about sports, particularly basketball and cycling. Although he claims he's not good at dancing, he doesn't hesitate to try. In his free time, JON enjoys engaging in various activities such as solving puzzles, listening to music, playing board games, drawing, reading, and exploring technology. While he interacts with his peers mainly through play, JON is known for his kindness and affection. To ensure the best fit, JON would thrive in a family familiar with trauma behaviors and one that includes older children or no children in the home. Your support and understanding could make JON's dreams of a forever family come true. Learn More





Miles and Gordon stay positive, with a desire to learn and grow despite their complicated past. Both brothers dream of being adopted and having a family-could it be YOU?

11-year-old Miles's biggest dream is to be adopted by loving parents! He's a bright boy living in Bulgaria with a vibrant vocabulary. Miles uses many words, even complicated ones, and makes complex sentences. He can explain an idea and give facts that prove it or support it.

Miles has some physical disabilities that make it slightly more difficult for him to walk and catch things. Despite that, he is very mobile and can do many activities because he is hardworking and does not give up easily. For instance, Miles can walk, run, and participate in some sports. His fine motor skills are improved—he can write and draw! Miles may need more surgeries to improve his physical mobility and activity, and at this point, he is using special orthopedic shoes for walking.

Miles does very well in school. His favorite subjects are Russian, English, and Math. He really has a talent for languages! His favorite activities include playing soccer. Like his brother, Miles loves animals.



Learn More about Miles and Gordon



With his brother Miles, 10-year-old Gordon's biggest dream is to be adopted into a loving family! Gordon is physically healthy and intelligent, with a rich vocabulary. Motor skills such as running, climbing, kicking, and throwing are well-developed. He is physically active and has welldeveloped balance abilities. He knows how to establish social contact and seeks out close relationships and hugs.

Gordon does very well academically; his favorite subjects are English, Math, and Bulgarian. He has many friends and enjoys going to school. Gordon loves to play soccer—it's his favorite. In addition, he enjoys riding a bike, playing basketball and volleyball, and watching TV. He has a phone and plays on it occasionally.



Mateo is a happy, empathetic, and enthusiastic 15-year-old Colombian boy who is very autonomous and independent. He shows interest in school, is educationally motivated, follows instructions, and recognizes authority figures. Mateo shows interest in music and dance – he listens to Michael Jackson and is talented at imitating his dance moves. He dreams of being a famous singer and loves to skate! Mateo is part of a sibling group and will be adopted with his brother, Marco.

9-year-old Marco is a calm, receptive boy who inspires tenderness and affection in others. He shows academic interest and motivation in school and recognizes authority figures. Marco is a very active child and loves to spend time with his peers. Playing is his source of greatest joy. He is also very eloquent and likes to draw and color. His favorite food is tangerines. Mateo wants nothing more than to find a family with his older brother.



Meet seven-year-old Vito from Bulgaria! Vito's gross motor skills are well-developedhe can run, jump and climb! Vito can group objects by color and shape. His ability to play has improved as he has started to use toys as intended. Vito can follow simple instructions. Recently, he has begun trying to imitate sounds and simple words. He turns around when called by his name. When interacting with his peers, Vito is well-intentioned and shows no aggression towards them. Although his expressive speech has not yet developed, he uses short words such as "no" and "grandma" and tries to communicate with others through gestures. **EMAIL US to learn more!** 

We believe that every child deserves the warmth of a loving family! There are numerous children eagerly waiting for forever families. To learn more about these wonderful kids, please visit our blog or sign up to view their profiles on our dedicated children's profile page.