



# ADOPTION IS LOVE

Quarterly Child Advocacy Newsletter



## Waiting Children

- Bulgaria, Taiwan and Colombia

## Charity Updates

- China and Ukraine

Love doesn't always look the way we expect it to. Sometimes it's joyful and celebratory, and other times it's complicated, stretching us beyond our expectations. **Adoption is rooted in that kind of love—the unconditional, steadfast, and sometimes messy love that shows up day after day.** It's love that chooses commitment over comfort, perseverance instead of perfection, and presence over ease. This Valentine's season, may we remind you that every child deserves that kind of love: the security of a permanent family, the promise of belonging, and the assurance that they are worthy of being chosen and cherished, always.

In this newsletter, you'll meet children who are waiting for that kind of love. We invite you to help us connect them with the loving, permanent families they deserve.

Because every child  
deserves to  
be seen, known, &  
cherished.

Bring your questions.  
Find clarity.



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Honest answers.



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# Meet Our Featured Child

## Axel from Bulgaria



### About Me

Axel is still waiting—and it's hard to understand why.

At just 2 years old, he has never known life outside of hospitals and children's institutions. He has never lived in a family. While many of his congenital medical needs have already been successfully treated through surgery, Axel continues to wait for the one thing medicine can't provide: parents of his own.

Axel is a cheerful little boy who smiles easily and seeks out adult connections. He laughs during playful moments, adapts well to routines, and shows curiosity about the world around him. He uses a walker, sits independently, and continues to make steady progress in his development. His speech is emerging through sounds and vocalizations, and his joy is unmistakable when he feels seen and engaged.

The longer Axel waits, the more time he loses that could be spent growing, learning, and healing in a family. He deserves the consistency, advocacy, and love that only a permanent home can provide.

If you would like to learn more about adopting sweet Axel, please email Sarah Harmon at [bulgaria@ccaifamily.org](mailto:bulgaria@ccaifamily.org).

# MEET THE CHILDREN

from Bulgaria



Alice (Age 4)

Alice is four years old and in good general health. She is active and curious, enjoys imaginative play, and communicates using short sentences, questions, and conversation starters, though her speech can be difficult to understand. Alice has been diagnosed with an expressive speech disorder and has received specialist evaluations, and she has shown meaningful progress while living with her foster family. To learn more, email [bulgaria@ccaifamily.org](mailto:bulgaria@ccaifamily.org).

Fifteen-month-old Adrienne has been diagnosed with Bardet-Biedl syndrome, a rare genetic condition that can affect multiple body systems. She is an active, affectionate baby who enjoys being held, talked to, and sung to, makes good eye contact, recognizes familiar faces, and reaches for toys. Adrienne needs a loving family who will walk alongside her and help her thrive. To learn more, email [bulgaria@ccaifamily.org](mailto:bulgaria@ccaifamily.org).



Adrienne (15 mos.)



Dyson (Age 3)

Dyson is a physically healthy little guy who actively engages with his caregivers. He is making progress in his foster home by following commands, imitating words, smiling more, and seeking play. With a stable, loving family and ongoing support, he can continue to develop skills and confidence. For more information, email [bulgaria@ccaifamily.org](mailto:bulgaria@ccaifamily.org).

# MEET THE CHILDREN

from Taiwan



Sam (7) and Charlie (6)

Sam and Charlie are affectionate, energetic brothers who want to grow up side by side in the same family. Sam is outgoing and curious and loves imaginative play, while Charlie is thoughtful and enjoys connecting with people. With the love and stability of a permanent home, both boys have the opportunity to thrive! To learn more, email [taiwan@ccaifamily.org](mailto:taiwan@ccaifamily.org).



Lennon (Age 2)

Lennon is a gentle, friendly toddler who enjoys being with others, especially his caregivers. He is curious, imaginative, and loves exploring, playing with toy cars and throwing balls. Lennon needs a permanent family who can offer stability, patience, and consistent guidance as he continues to grow! To learn more, email [taiwan@ccaifamily.org](mailto:taiwan@ccaifamily.org).



Tanner (6) and Tobias (5)

Tanner and Tobias are bright, curious brothers with strong learning abilities and thoughtful personalities. Tanner is energetic, expressive, and loves music and staying busy, while Tobias is inquisitive, quick-thinking, and creative, with a love for building and drawing. Both boys respond deeply to consistency, and follow-through. In a patient, supportive family, they have every opportunity to grow in confidence, trust, and security together. To learn more, email [taiwan@ccaifamily.org](mailto:taiwan@ccaifamily.org).

# MEET THE CHILDREN

from Colombia



Aziz (Age 9)

Aziz is an affectionate boy who has spent much of his life in care and is waiting for a permanent family. He loves superheroes, soccer, dancing, and play, and does best with clear routines, consistent guidance, and encouragement. Aziz needs a supportive home with ongoing professional support. To learn more, email [colombia@ccaifamily.org](mailto:colombia@ccaifamily.org).



Dennis (Age 11)

Dennis is an expressive, affectionate boy who often shares his hope for a loving, permanent family where he can feel safe and supported. He is social, respectful, and enjoys soccer, art, music, and school, responding well to structure, encouragement, and connection. Would you be the family that Dennis dreams of? To learn more, email [colombia@ccaifamily.org](mailto:colombia@ccaifamily.org).



Sally (Age 8)

Sally is an affectionate, empathetic girl who forms strong bonds with caregivers and responds well to warmth, consistency, and emotional connection. She enjoys school, loves animals—especially cats—and is healthy and active, enjoying activities like skating and swimming. Sally hopes for a calm, nurturing family where she can feel secure, supported, and truly belong. To learn more, email [colombia@ccaifamily.org](mailto:colombia@ccaifamily.org).



# Orphan Care

*Through fun trips, real world experiences and camp!*

This past quarter, CCAI continued providing one-on-one education for children like Chehui and supported hands-on life skills experiences for children in care in China, including real-world outings such as guided trips to a local store where children practiced choosing items, asking questions, and checking out independently.

We also sent Ukrainian orphans to Winter Camp Dreamland, offering warmth, stability, and joy during a difficult season—all made possible by generous donor support. To help us continue this work and reach even more children, we invite you to donate in support of CCAI's ongoing mission.

