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Open Your Life to Adoption.

Open Your Life to Deanna.

Meet Deanna, she is 14 years old and in the 8th grade this year. She is artistic and likes to sing. She is interested in being in the school band. Deanna likes Japanese Anime and likes to draw the characters. She also likes to write songs and poetry. She is kind hearted and spontaneous and has a great imagination.

Deanna is looking for a mom and a dad but is also open to a female same sex couple to be her forever home. She will need to have a gradual transition period to move into her new home. She needs parents who are very patient, loving, understanding and supportive.

Ready to take the next step?

Are you already certified in WV and want to learn more about Deanna?

Email **Carol Phipps** at **cphipps@missionwv.org.**

Want to learn more about becoming certified to foster and/or adopt?

Request information by clicking here.

Overcoming Childhood Trauma and School Success by Amanda H Davis, M.Ed

When a child experiences a crisis of parenting that leads to him or her being removed from the home, complex trauma has occurred.

Complex trauma occurs through repeated and prolonged exposure to trauma-inducing situations, most of which take place in a care-giving situation. This type of trauma has adverse effects on school success, even when there aren't a lot of outward signs that the child is traumatized.

Among the possible negative effects are delays in all areas of development; higher drop-out rates; lower academic achievement; higher suspension rates; higher rates of referral for special education and emotional symptoms of trauma can negatively impact concentration and memory.

Like a needle on a record player, complex trauma wears a groove in the brain. So when something non-threatening happens that reminds us of a traumatic incident, our bodies replay the traumatic reaction—mobilizing us to either run from or fight the threat, while shutting down other systems that help us think and reason. If this happens over and over, we become more easily triggered into a fear response mode, never giving our bodies time to recover.

For a child in a classroom, something as simple as the teacher raising their voice or accidentally getting bumped by another classmate can steer that child into this groove. As a caregiver, you have already taken the first and most important step in helping a child overcome trauma—you have removed the child from the toxic environment and provided love and safety.

Read the FULL article on our website **HERE.**

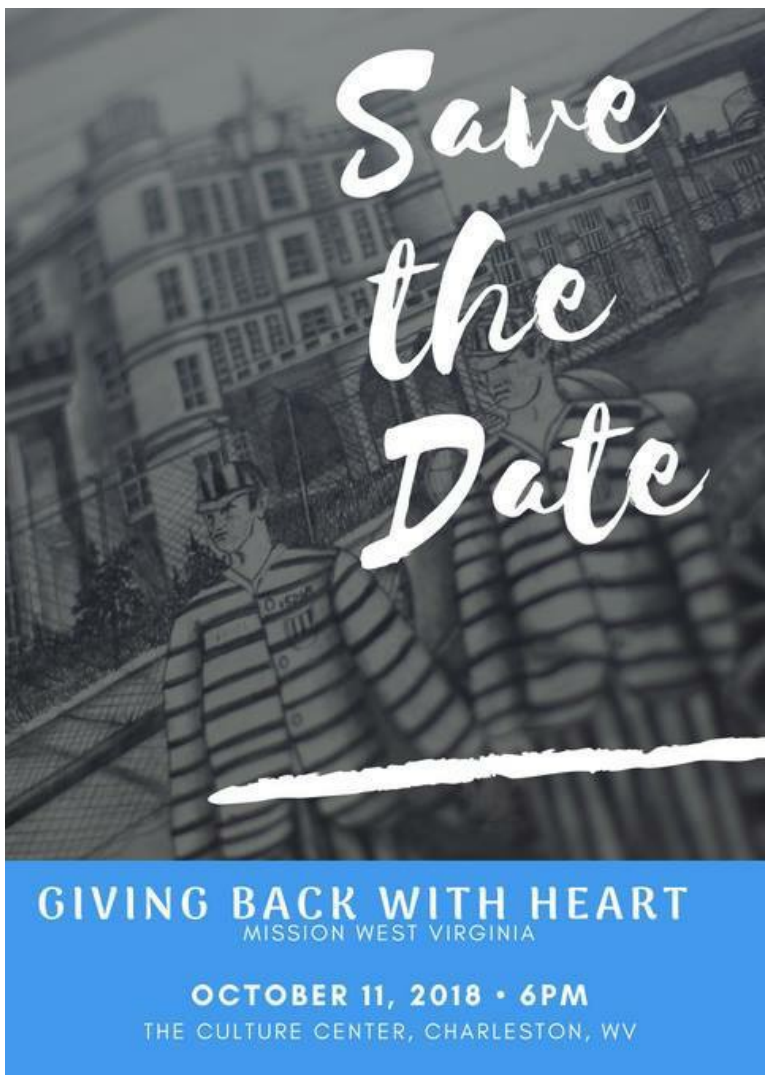
Save the Date!

One of our favorite events of the year is coming up. Save the date **October 11th** for the Giving Back with HeArt auction. This event provides youth in foster care or youth who have had a parent incarcerated the courage to dream by funding educational opportunities beyond high school.

Unique to West Virginia, inmates throughout the state have created and donated art to "Giving Back with Heart," a benefit auction that raises money to provide scholarships for youth who have experienced foster care or had a parent incarcerated during their childhood. Unlike any state in the nation, West Virginia's Division of Corrections in partnership with Mission West Virginia is providing a new and innovative way to create social change while also creating moral rehabilitation among inmates who are able to give back to the community in a way they never thought possible.

Please mark your calendars and join us!
October 11, 2018
6:00 p.m.
The Culture Center

Charleston, WV



Mason County Open House

Foster families are needed in Mason County! If you have ever considered foster care, now is the time to take the next step!

Mark your calendar
Thursday July 26th
5:30-7:30 PM
Trinity United Methodist Church
615 Viand St
Point Pleasant, WV

Come and learn more about...
Waiting children
The foster care certification process
The adoption process

Refreshments provided!

Questions: Kylee Hassan 304.562.0723 khassan@missionwv.org

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