



Our Mission

We believe every child is adoptable and every child deserves a permanent family.

Since 1968, Spaulding for Children has helped connect children with families. We began this journey in 1968, when Warren Spaulding donated his 20-acre farm in Chelsea, Michigan to establish Spaulding's first office.

Spaulding's founders were motivated by a single idea: All children are adoptable, without regard to their age, race or disability. We first served children that, at the time, others said could not be placed - those with developmental and physical disabilities. And, we placed our children with people other agencies said couldn't be parents. Some individuals were low income, others were single. Together, they became healthy families.

Today, Spaulding for Children continues its mission of building families and assisting them on their journey through placement, training and long-term nurturing and assistance. We provide this through three entities:

- ❖ **Child and Family Services**
- ❖ **The Spaulding Institute for Family and Community Development**
- ❖ **The Academy for Family Support and Preservation**

Over the years, we've built a reputation as a nationally recognized authority on adoption. Our agency has provided training and consultation to professionals throughout the nation and in England, Scotland, South Africa and Canada.

Spaulding held the cooperative agreement for the National Resource Center for Adoption from 1985 until 2014, when the Children's Bureau redesigned how technical assistance would be provided to states, territories and tribes. In 2014, Spaulding was awarded the five-year cooperative agreement for The National Quality Improvement Center for Adoption/ Guardianship Support and Preservation. The work done through this grant will develop evidence-based models of support and intervention that can be replicated or adapted in child welfare systems across the nation to achieve long-term, stable permanency in adoptive and guardianship homes

The needs of Michigan children are greater today than when we began. But one thing remains constant: every child deserves a loving family. And, Spaulding for Children is as committed to serving children and creating families as we were the day we started our journey in Chelsea.





Quick Facts

Spaulding for Children is a nationally recognized authority on adoption and foster care. The organization builds families through child placement in adoptive and foster homes, parental training and continued support of those families. Spaulding has placed, since its inception, more than 1,000 children in adoptive homes and has trained more than 200,000 persons nationwide.

We were one of the first agencies in the country to specialize in finding and training adoptive families for the placement of children with challenges. We remain dedicated to finding permanent homes for children that have been in the foster care and adoption system the longest.

Spaulding for Children was named the "Best-Managed Nonprofit" in 2002 by Crain's Detroit Business.

2016/2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- More than 153 children served through adoption, foster care, mentoring and programs to prevent abuse and neglect of children
- More than 345 families served through adoption, foster care, mentoring and programs to prevent abuse and neglect of children
- 61 children achieved permanency through reunification, adoption, guardianship or placement with relatives
- 22 foster care homes were licensed
- 40 children adopted by families

OUR CHILDREN

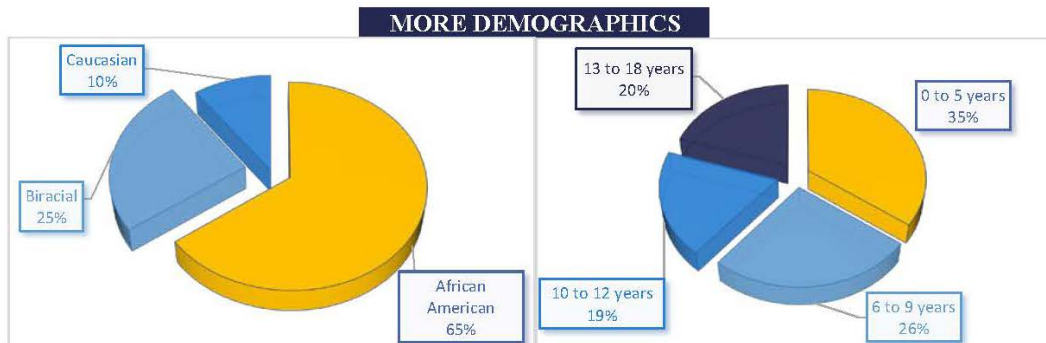
We are advocates for diverse populations of children throughout Michigan. Each child comes to us from a unique background and experience. The following are the demographics of the children we currently serve. Nearly 20 percent of the children in our foster care and adoption programs are part of a sibling group, with an average of two to three siblings.

LOCATION

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Adopt a Child

If you are interested in bringing a child into your family...

Spaulding for Children can help you on your journey. We have spent decades bringing children and parents together from a variety of backgrounds.

Adoption is a big step. We're here to answer your questions and address concerns. We will walk with you through the entire adoption process and support your family long after the adoption is complete.

Important items to note:

- ⓧ While you must be able to care for yourself and your child, there are no income requirements for adoption. You do not have to be married, own a home or live in a specific neighborhood.
- ⓧ Adoption does not have to be expensive. Families pay only the court filing fee, which can be waived based on the family income. Spaulding does not charge for assessments or placements.

Spaulding's typical adoption process includes the following steps:

1. The adoption process starts with a family assessment, which includes an honest look at what type of child you believe you can best parent - a boy or girl, an infant or a teen. We also explore whether or not your family would be ideal for a child with behavioral or physical disabilities or groups of brothers and sisters. **(Most assessments are completed within three months.)**
2. Our social workers then conduct a statewide search to connect you with a child that matches your parenting abilities.
3. When we believe we have a child that will fit well within your family, we schedule an initial meeting and then several visitations.
4. We assist the family with meeting all required legal steps to complete the adoption.

To find out more about our adoption program, call Stacey Oakes, Placement Resource Coordinator, at 248-443-0300, ext. 235.





Donor Opportunities

You can bring a child the joy of a toy, open their world through a book, supply them with a suitcase for their big move or provide funding that allows us to continue placing these great kids in great homes. Any donation you make helps us to continue to provide the best for our children and their foster and adoptive families. Eighty-three percent of your donation funds Spaulding for Children's programs and services. The remainder is used for our organization's management and development.

Spaulding for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Donations are tax deductible according to current tax laws. As a Spaulding for Children sponsor, you help change a child's life and, in turn, change the community in which you live and work.

WAYS TO GIVE

You can donate in a number of ways:

❶ **Financial support:** You can donate online at www.spaulding.org.

❷ **Donate in-kind items:**

New clothing and toys

Food for monthly parent and teen support group meetings, ice cream social and holiday party Entertainment: tickets to sporting events, movies, concerts and other community events

Services: printing, grant writing, transportation, tutoring, awards

Technology: new laptops for foster or adoptive youth, software programs, video cameras, MP3 players, etc.

❸ **Sponsor an activity, program, training, special event or fundraiser:**

Ice Cream Social

Holiday Party

Teen Group Outings

Parent Support Group

PRIDE Training

Partner's Endowment

College Scholarship

To find out more about donor opportunities, call Cheryl Gist, Executive Assistant at 248-443-7080, ext. 274.





Volunteer Opportunities

To best support the children we serve, Spaulding for Children relies heavily on our volunteers. Our volunteer opportunities are varied. Some only require a few hours or a one-day commitment. Extended opportunities can provide the unique chance to work with our children in a group setting or one-on-one.

We will fit the activity to the time you have available. They include, but are not limited to, the following.

📍 **Community Outreach:**

Help us dispel the myths and misconception about adoption and find new foster and adoptive families at events throughout metro Detroit. How? Man a booth at community events, fairs and expositions. Arrange for Spaulding representatives to speak at community service groups, churches and associations. Hold a Change a Life campaign, such as collecting spare change from business customers or offer a casual day at the office as a fundraiser. Host a tour of Spaulding for friends and family to learn more about the agency.

📍 **Family Holiday Party**

This gathering brings joy to the several hundred families we serve. Prior to the event, we would like you to help us plan it as well as gather donations of food and gifts. On the day of the event, assist with set up, cooking and coordination of activities, including a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

📍 **Ice Cream Social:**

Help plan, raise funds, set up or paint faces as part of our annual event that brings together more than 250 foster, adoptive, kinship and birth families for a day of food, fun, games and entertainment. The event is held each summer at Red Oaks Water Park in Michigan's Oakland County.

📍 **Third-Party Fundraisers**

Consider hosting an event where all or part of the proceeds go to Spaulding for Children and our efforts to find homes for children. We'll help your organization, company, association, sorority, fraternity or church plan and spread the word.

📍 **Teen Support Groups**

Adult men and women serve as mentors for our support groups of teen girls and boys. Groups meet monthly. It's an occasional commitment that allows you to personally change the lives of children in need.

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