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Meet the Board

Check back each month to learn more about us and our organization!

Meet Eric



How long have you been on the MN ADOPT Board?

Almost 2 years

Why do you support our work or tell us why you value our work?

My wife and I adopted our amazing daughter 6 years ago, and it can be a scary and emotionally draining process. MN ADOPT provides a plethora of resources that can help make this process a little easier, both tactically and perhaps more importantly,

emotionally.

What do you like to do for fun?

I love to play golf and pickleball and visit the Disney theme parks with my family.

What is your favorite season and why?

My favorite season is definitely Summer. I love the heat and the ability to do something new outside every day.

New Podcast Series!

mnADOPT HELP program

Conversations with the HELP team

Heather *Gail* *Danielle* *Amy* *Andrea*

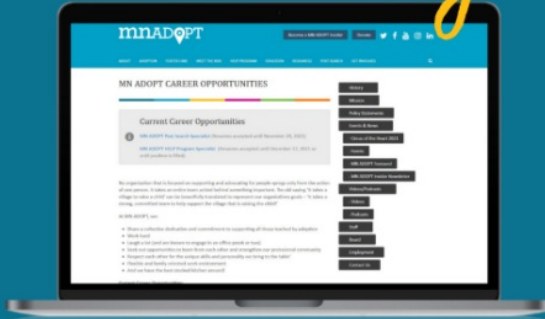
MN ADOPT's HELP Program is excited to announce their new podcast series!

This series gives an overview of services and also common themes, concerns, and challenges that may bring adoptive, foster, and kinship families to reach out for assistance and what HELP Program support can look like to help strengthen their family. Each episode explores a fictional case example and the tangible ways that the HELP Program can support.

This series can be beneficial for prospective and current adoptive, foster and kinship families as well as the professionals serving these communities.

LISTEN NOW

We are hiring!



HELP Program Specialist

The HELP Program is adding to their team!

This position is a full-time, 40 hour per week contract position from January 2022 through June 30, 2022, with a possibility of becoming a regular, full-time position at the end of the contract period.

Candidates from across Minnesota are encouraged to apply.

[Learn more & apply](#)

24th ANNUAL CIRCUS OF THE HEART: *A recap*

Circus of the Heart went virtual again! From November 1-7, we offered many activities for families, along with prizes and information from our partners and organizations throughout the state.

415 families joined us this year with a total of 2,145 participants!

This year's Circus included our Distinguished Service Awards, prize giveaways, an art contest, and a scavenger hunt. We added a new food challenge and a trivia contest, which was a big hit!

Those interested in learning about becoming foster or adoptive parents were able to get information from organizations throughout the state and the resources to assist them in the process by following the [resource roadmap](#).

Our two Distinguished Service Award recipients for this year were Michelle Chalmers ([Ampersand Families](#)) and Alexis Oberdorfer ([Children's Home Society and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota](#)). They have both made significant contributions and have dedicated their careers in service for Minnesota children and families. [View their acceptance speeches](#).



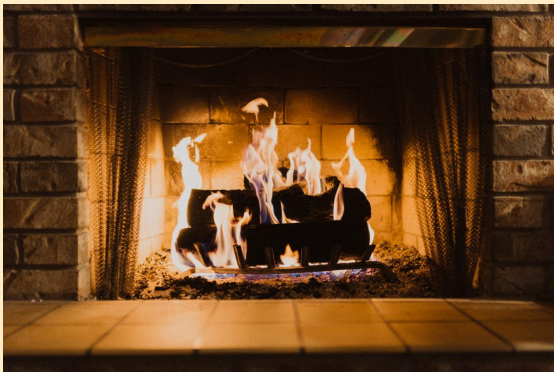
Michelle Chalmers



Alexis Oberdorfer

CATCH UP ON THE EVENT

Resources During the Holidays



The holiday season can be a time of stress and insecurity for many families.

Whether you need some extra help or want to support others through your contribution of time or donations, the below list is just a sampling of the many organizations in Minnesota doing great work and supporting the needs of families by providing food, gifts, and other important resources.

Food

- [Free Meals map](#) (many of these places host special events for the holidays, too)
- [Fare for All](#)
- [Discounted Groceries](#)

General/Other

- [Community Action Duluth](#)
- [Family Service Rochester](#)
- [PRISM](#) (west metro)

Toys/Gifts

- [Toys for Tots](#)
- [Jingle Bells Foundation](#) (Alexandria only)
- [A Place of Hope MN](#) (Dakota and Washington counties only)
- [Threads for Teens Minnesota](#) (Metro)
- [The Toy Shelf](#) (zip codes 55109, 55119 and 55128 only)
- [Safe Haven Foster Shoppe](#) (Specific to children in



[Helping Kids Survive and Thrive in Winter \(via NACAC\)](#)



[The Holidays - an opportunity for loving healing \(via C.A.S.E.\)](#)

Working Together for Minnesota Youth



Every child deserves a home where they can feel safe, loved, and cared for, but that is not the reality for many. On any given day, over 9000 Minnesota youth are in foster care, and more than 600 of them are in immediate need of an adoptive family.

At MN ADOPT, we are focused on raising awareness about the need for adoptive and foster families so every Minnesota child has a safe place to call home. We are also committed to ensuring that all adoptive, foster, and kinship families have the support

and resources they need to ensure long-term success and well-being.

As you think about ways you can support our work, consider the following:

- [Take steps to learn](#) about becoming an adoptive or foster parent
- [Support our work](#) through your financial contribution
- Support adoptive, foster and kinship families in your community
- Volunteer your time by joining our [Board of Directors](#) or donating time, goods or services
- [Share your story](#) to help raise awareness
- Engage your friends and community to help raise awareness about the needs of Minnesota kids in need of a family
- Shopping on Amazon? Support us through Amazon Smile

[Learn more about our work](#)

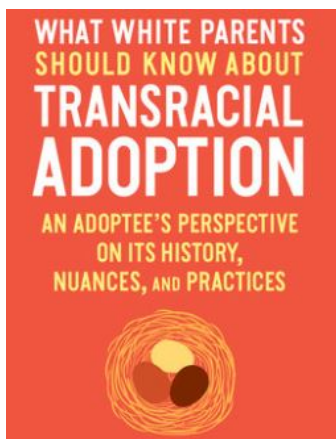
On Race, Racism and Racial Justice

More resources: <https://www.mnadopt.org/resources/on-race-racism/>

(Click the pictures)



Upcoming Webinar on
December 16:
RaceTalk among White
Families Post-Floyd.
Now What?



What White Parents Should
Know about Transracial
Adoption



'1619 Project' journalist
says Black people shouldn't
be an asterisk in U.S. history



Let's get social

