

# TODAY'S CHILD



**IVAN AND IVIS HOWARD**  
**(DOB: 09/22/88)**

Ivan and Ivis are 4 year old, African American, fraternal twin boys who were placed into DCFS custody at 6 months of age due to failure to thrive.

Ivan is very active, always on the go, very inquisitive and curious. He can be very stubborn and wants everything to go his own way. He can be aggressive and will hit and bite others. He is delayed, possibly mildly mentally retarded. He is more like a 2 year old. Ivan has been diagnosed with Reactive Attachment Disorder. Ivan tends to be a loner. He likes to be hugged and kissed but on his request.

Ivis is also active and always on the go. Ivis can be aggressive and will bite. He frequently throws tantrums, sometimes for no apparent reason. He also has a problem with gorging his food. Ivis is also delayed, possibly mentally retarded, and is closer to a 2 year old. He is also diagnosed with Reactive Attachment Disorder. He was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at 13 months of age but it is very mild. Ivis likes affection and will seek out for hugs and kisses.

Of the two boys, Ivan is more mature and will be protective of Ivis. Both boys love to watch Beetle Juice cartoons.

Both boys are currently attending pre-school in the morning for their delays. They are both attending pre-school in the afternoon for behavior management. They are also followed by an ophthalmologist. They would need similar services wherever they are placed.

Ivis and Ivan would do best with a two-parent African American family. However, single parents with good support systems will be considered, too. They would do best as youngest children in the home, with no more than two children of their own. The family should be familiar and/or have experience with: Reactive Attachment Disorder, Mental Retardation, Attention Deficit Disorder with Hyperactivity and Cerebral Palsy.

**HOW CAN YOU PROVIDE A HOME?**

Each year thousands of children enter the foster care system due to abuse and neglect in their family of origin. They become reliant on the Child Welfare System to provide for their safety, comfort and basic needs. All of these children have one thing in common, they need a real family.

The Department of Human Resources' Division of Child and Family Services believes that every child who is legally free for adoption, is adoptable.

"Special Needs" children are children of any age who have emotional, physical or intellectual challenges. Sometimes, they are members of a sibling group who need to remain together. Special needs can also be defined as children over the age of five, members of a minority, or any child where special recruitment is needed.

Families interested in adopting "Special Needs Children," do not go on a waiting list. However, an adoption homestudy is not initiated until special needs preparation classes are completed. These classes are provided free to applicants; additional support services are also available.

Readers interested in adopting these children or other special children can call Ann Coleman, 486-5195.

# HELP OF SO. NEVADA HOLDS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Assistance is right around the corner at HELP of Southern Nevada, a non-profit organization which offers many services to people who have nowhere else to turn.

The organization provides services through four programs. They are: the Information and Referral Program, the Displaced Homemaker Center, the Community Alternative Sentencing Program and the Weatherization Program.

Next month, the Information and Referral Program will help Las Vegas citizens by offering food baskets at Thanksgiving. Non-perishable food is collected through food-drives at various organizations, including the Las Vegas Day School, and then

packaged for citizens who qualify for assistance.

Families qualify for assistance after a screening process that verifies financial need.

Last year, HELP of Southern Nevada' program fed 175 families after collecting over 9,100 lbs. of canned and boxed food. This year the need is even greater.

But the Thanksgiving baskets are not all the Information and Referral Program has to offer. The program is a link between those in need of assistance, such as food, clothing and shelter, and those who provide them.

People are steered in the right direction after the service tracks the programs of more than 500 public and private agencies and

organizations.

References are also made for people in need of legal, psychological or support services.

Help of Southern Nevada also provides help to women through the Displaced Homemaker Center. Displaced homemakers are women who are widowed, divorced, or the sole support of their families.

HELP provides services to enable such persons to obtain employment. In-house programs, such as effective interviewing, resume writing and communication skills increase the chances of being hired.

In the Community Alternative Sentencing Program, HELP offers community service as an alternative to traditional court sentencing. Instead of a fine

and/or a jail term, offenders can agree to work as court-referred volunteers in governmental or non-profit community agencies.

Finally, the Weatherization Program is a program in which weatherization experts install energy-conservation measures in the homes of financially disadvantaged families, including senior citizens and the disabled.

They weather-strip, caulk, and install energy-efficient showerheads and water heater blankets. If needed, they also install solar screens, thermal or storm windows and insulation.

Because of the programs offered by Help of Southern Nevada, this non-profit organization has emerged as a leader in community service.



## THE BROTHER'S MARKET & MEATHOUSE

MEAT	PRODUCE	GROCERY
<p><b>U.S.D.A. CHOICE BEEF ROUND STEAK</b> <b>\$2.29 LB.</b></p> <p><b>OUR LEAN • FRESH GROUND BEEF</b> <b>\$1.39 LB.</b></p>	<p><b>SOLID HEAD GREEN CABBAGE</b> <b>4 LBS FOR \$1</b></p> <p><b>NEW CROP ZUTANO AVOCADO</b> <b>39¢ LB.</b></p> <p><b>NO. 1 RUSSET BAKING POTATOES</b> <b>4 LBS FOR \$1</b></p> <p><b>NEW CROP • FANCY NAVEL ORANGES</b> <b>59¢ LB.</b></p> <p><b>GOLDEN CREME LARGE EGGS</b> <b>89¢ DOZ</b></p>	<p><b>SPRINGFIELD 3 OZ. RAMEN NOODLES</b> <b>5 FOR \$1</b></p> <p><b>12 OZ • 12 PACK Meisterbrau BEER</b> <b>\$3.99</b></p> <p><b>HUNT'S 15.5 OZ MANWICH SAUCE</b> <b>99¢</b></p> <p><b>GINGHAM PAPER TOWELS</b> <b>59¢ PER ROLL</b></p>
<p><b>CHICKEN LEG QUARTERS</b> <b>49¢ LB.</b></p> <p><b>Eastern Cut PORK STEAK</b> <b>\$1.89 LB.</b></p>	<p><b>DELI ITEM</b></p> <p><b>SLICED TO ORDER COOKED HAM</b> <b>\$1.99 LB.</b></p> <p><b>FRESH BAKED WHITE BREAD</b> <b>89¢ LOAF</b></p>	<p><b>Jiffy 8.5 oz CORN MUFFIN MIX</b> <b>3 FOR \$1</b></p> <p><b>HUNT'S 24 OZ KETCHUP</b> <b>99¢</b></p> <p><b>SIX PACK • 12 OZ COKE or DIET COKE</b> <b>\$1.69</b></p> <p><b>GERHARD'S 6.25 OZ HOT SAUCE</b> <b>39¢</b></p>
<p><b>SLICED • RIND-ON SLAB BACON</b> <b>\$1.99 LB.</b></p> <p><b>FOR STEW OR CHOP SUEY PORK CUBES</b> <b>\$2.29 LB.</b></p>		