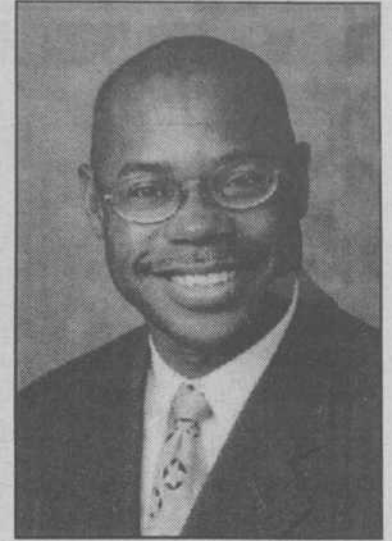


# November NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH Become An Adoptive Parent



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Children are the work of God in process. They have the innocence of newness and love that is uncorrupted. Even as they grow, one can experience the uniqueness of their simple but profound way of living. They trust innocently and love completely. Once their love is established, it is almost impossible to change.

It is a terrible event when a child is taught to hate or to be afraid because of interactions with adults. It frustrates me when a child must think and live like an adult. I refuse to believe there are no caring adults around to appreciate the awesomeness of God's children. Every moment of a child's life brings fresh interpretations of the world. This benefits both the child and their environment. Each interruption in that child's life hinders God's gift to the world from that child.

When there are no willing adults who can be trusted to care for a child, it causes the belief that God has given all we should expect. If humankind believed this, we would all cease to exist. God is creating, daily, new experiences that make us who we are. Every person we encounter, and all of our life experiences mold us into God's plan. A child is a package wrapped tightly. When we decide to unwrap that package, the very process molds both the package and the recipient into a fresh new addition to God's creation.

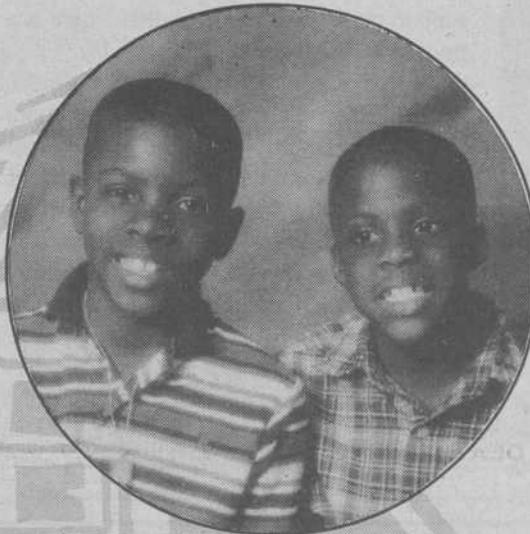
This is the reason that I love to work with and help children. They mold me into who I am. They require the practice of patience beyond the norm. They move me to gentleness and humble me with their simple wisdom. Their clumsiness with activities of daily living teach me mentorship and long-suffering. The Bible teaches us that God is love! It is with the love of God that a child must be raised. When we choose to love children in this way, we grow to be the people God wants us to be.



**...suffer the children to come unto me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Mark 10:14**



# EVERY CHILD DESERVES A HOME



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