



Wednesday's Child
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The Thanksgiving Holiday is once again upon us and for many families that means school break, holiday outings, a family gathering full of treats and a place where one is always welcomed and feels a sense of belonging. For many kids in foster care, the picture isn't as cheerful. We're hoping that we're able to find a family that can bring cheerful, year-round traditions and a sense of permanency and belonging into reality for this adorable sibling set of 5 children.

Dressed in their holiday best, we present Jasmine (2005), Arturo (2006), Ziola (2008), Micaela (2009) and Carmelo (2010). Stroll along 2nd Street in the Belmont Shore neighborhood of Long Beach with us on this Pre-Thanksgiving outing as we drop in to say hello to our friends at the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory where these siblings got to satisfy a craving for sweets.



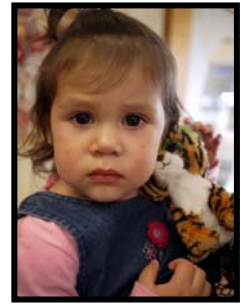
Jasmine is the big sister. She likes to watch Snow White and Sponge Bob and loves Barbie dolls. Even more so, she loves her little brothers and sisters. If you're going to do something special for her, you better do something special for her siblings as well, and Jasmine will be right there to offer you inside information as to her sibs likes and dislikes.

Arturo is an easy going, friendly boy who enjoys outdoor activities. He loves to jump around, run and play with action figures. He is easy to warm up to and is very affectionate. Always eager to explore and even more eager to show you what he's up to, Arturo will get you to join in on playing with him and always has an extra hug for you when he thinks you need it.



Zoila is a quiet and reserved little girl. She loves to color, ride her bike and play with her stuffed animals -- especially her kitties. On this outing she picked out a little tiger that her little sister Micaela quickly confiscated from her. Once Zoila gets to know you, her reserved shell comes right off and she's right there to share whatever she has with her at the moment with you.

Micaela is an easy-going child who isn't fussy but still enjoys the comfort of cradling arms and feeling safe and secure as you snuggle her close to you. Although she's preverbal, she is likely to have a lot to say one day as she has been watching everything so intently and, like a sponge, has been absorbing much of what's around her.



Carmelo is the baby, not quite a year old this Thanksgiving. He's developing age-appropriately and is also not a very fussy baby. He can't tell you what his favorite treat is right now but he relishes being held. In his own way, he'll let you know his needs.



Wouldn't it be great for kids to be able to just reach into a barrel and, just like picking out the right candy to satisfy their sweet-tooth, pick out just the right family to meet their needs? Rarely is the right family so readily available, and it's even more difficult to find a family that can meet the needs of a large sibling set. Although these kids visit each other frequently, we're looking for an adoptive family that has ability to welcome all 5 into one home so they will not have to grow up spending holidays apart. If you have room in your heart and your home for a sibling set of 5, please let us know – we don't want next holiday season to find these five siblings still growing up in separate homes.

Happy Thanksgiving

from Jasmine, Arturo, Zoila, Micaela, Carmelo and the "Wednesday's Child" team.

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