



Wednesday's Child
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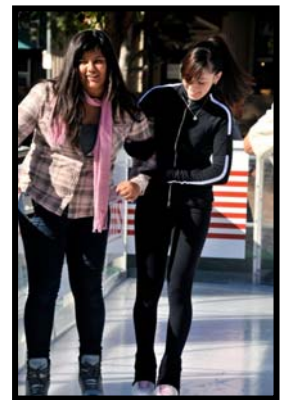
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Although the temperature in Los Angeles was 60 degrees, Wednesday's Child decided to stick with winter activities this week so we rounded up one expert and one "interested party" and took to the ice at Pershing Square's Downtown on Ice. Our expert this time around is figure skating coach and star of High School Musical on Ice, Crystalrose Guerra; our "interested party" is this week's Wednesday's Child, Michelle. Born in 1994, one of Michelle's interests is performing, although she's herself more on stage than on ice as she had never skated before.



Like the adage that one must learn to walk before they run, Michelle realized that before any spins or jumps, she would need to learn to simply skate. When one isn't able to see the road ahead of them very clearly, baby steps are crucial. Ideally we also have or find someone to help give guidance and instruction and perhaps even smooth out some of the rough patches that one encounters.





When you're on the ice, falling at least once is almost a given for novices for sure and even for pros. Just when you think the road is smooth sailing ahead, there could be a divot in the ice you didn't see or you're distracted by thoughts or someone just cuts in unexpectedly. Seems like ice skating mirrors life in many ways. Over time, you learn to negotiate the rink the best you can and anticipate for the unexpected, just as life teaches you to do. We all need someone on the ice and in life who can come along and help us back up.

On the ice, our easy going Michelle was fearless and enthusiastic about skating and had the helping hand of a seasoned expert to give her pointers. In life, many of us rely on family members for pointers and help when we fall. For youth like Michelle, the help of foster parents and social workers can only go so far. A preferred and more solid source of help would be that of a permanent and loving family.



No child should face life's icy patches on their own, not knowing if someone will be there to help them when they fall. Michelle wants an adoptive family to share the joys when she is gliding along as well as provide her a sense of safety and support when things aren't going so smoothly. If you think Michelle would do well within your family's "rink", give us a ring.

To learn more about Michelle and about adoption, please call
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