

## **Ocotober 2012 – Child of the Month**

Hello...I'm Ann Scott, First Lady of Florida and an advocate for Florida's children. On any given day in Florida, 750 children in foster care are available for adoption without an identified family.

These children deserve permanent families ... It is so important that they have parents to love and guide them.

I have spent time with several of Florida's foster children and they have captured my heart ... I know they will touch yours as they share their hopes and dreams of belonging to a forever family. Over the next twelve months, Florida is presenting Amazing Children: Explore Adoption! Every month a different "Amazing Child" or children will be featured on the Explore Adoption web site.

These children are teenagers, sibling groups, and children with medical conditions who dream of finding a forever family.

However, these amazing children often wait the longest to be adopted.

Please encourage your family, friends, and colleagues to visit the Explore Adoption web site and meet these beautiful children.

With your help, we can find them loving adoptive families.

While a private adoption can be expensive, adopting one of Florida's children in foster care costs little or nothing.

In addition to changing the life of a child forever, Florida offers many benefits to adoptive families. I encourage you to visit [adoptflorida.org](http://adoptflorida.org). For Florida's children waiting to be adopted, we can make 2012 a year to remember.

I am pleased to introduce you to October's amazing child of the month.

Script for CHRISTOPHER

Liz Quirantes, CBS12 News: Are you going to watch? I promise I am going to say hi Christopher.

CBS12 News Team: I promised my buddy Christopher at the York medical group home, I was going to give him a shoutout and say hi. Hi Christopher.

Liz: Christopher I heard that you are listening to Rap music. Is that the music you like now Rap?

Brenda Wisdom, child advocate: He rocks to it he shake his foot to it he gets excited , he yells when he it is on, just loves it. When he listens to it, that is his world right there. He understands when you talk to him. Even though he is not verbal he understands everything you tell him.

Liz: My son Casey likes Rap just like you, and he drives me crazy.  
Brenda: Very energetic.

Liz: Did you get first place in bowling? Look at that first, first place in bowling! Awesome job! What would be a good parent for him?

Brenda: Somebody that is very understanding, and somebody that loves kids. Because Christopher he needs that attention, he needs that somebody is there care about him. He has a lot of love to give but he needs you also to bring that out in him.