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HEART BEAT

Reasons to Give



**Siblings:
Lattice (10) & Tylique (6)**

“We want to stay together no matter what it takes.”

Do you have a place in your heart and your home for a waiting child?

In February of 2006, Lattice (10) and her brother Tylique (6) were removed from their birth mother due to severe neglect and abuse. For this sister and brother duo, life has been chaotic and, at times, overwhelming. Their one constant is that they have each other.

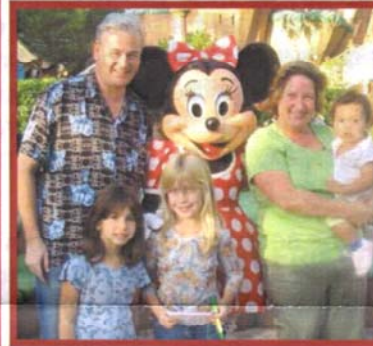
Big sister Lattice is a sweet and friendly young lady. She enjoys playing basketball and designing clothes. She is quite expressive and enjoys writing, singing and doing different hair styles.

Even at a young age, Lattice is very protective of her younger brother Tylique, which is not uncommon for siblings in foster care to take on a parental role for younger siblings.

Tylique is an enthusiastic child. He enjoys being outdoors, bike riding, coloring and playing video games. He enjoys outdoor sports and playing in the park. But most of all, Tylique enjoys spending time with his sister.

A family that is nurturing and structured will best serve the children. For more information regarding Lattice and Tylique, please contact Jamila Sims at 916-368-5114 ext. 267.

Giving Results



**Siblings Find Hope and Togetherness:
Three sisters find one family to call their own**

When Dan and Suzy made the decision to adopt, they initially considered adopting an infant. However, that all

changed when they received a call from their social worker informing them that two sisters, ages three and one, were in need of placement. They decided to take a leap of faith and **GO FOR IT!**

Jasmine was three and Mikayla was nearly one at the time of placement. The girls' foster mother had informed Dan and Suzy that Jasmine was shy and that it would take a while before she would open up. Little did she know that by the end of the first visit, Jasmine had made fast friends with Dan and Suzy. Jasmine was placed with them first and a week later Mikayla joined the family.

Suzy, who as a child had always thought that she would adopt, knew from the moment she saw the two girls that they would be their daughters. Jasmine and Mikayla's adoption was finalized in 2002.

Four years went by when they receive an unexpected phone call from their social worker stating that the girls had another sister, Amanda, who was three months old. They were asked if they would consider adopting her as well. The answer was a resounding "Yes." They couldn't imagine saying "No."

Amanda joined the family soon after and her adoption was finalized in 2006. They celebrated by going to Disneyland.

Dan and Suzy are grateful that the girls will grow up together, and even at their young ages, the girls know that they are biological sisters. It is a blessing for everyone that these sisters are able to find one another and to find a family that they all can call their own.

