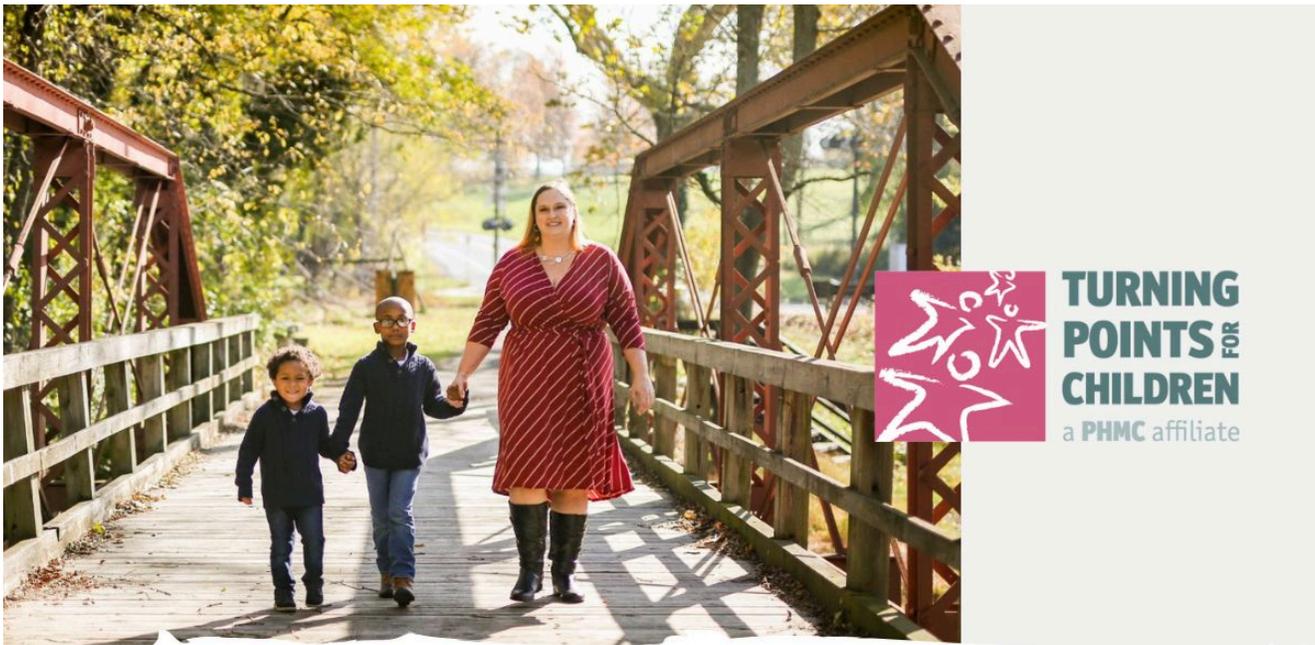


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STRONGER FAMILIES, BRIGHTER FUTURES

More than just a job...

November is National Adoption Month, and we are celebrating with our adoption families and our staff. Turning Points helps vulnerable children find forever families all year long, and this month we want to highlight a special example.

For over 10 years, Andrea has been supporting resource and kinship families as a Resource Parent Support Specialist at Turning Points for Children. She has a special kind of passion that she puts into her work with families, one that comes from personal experience.

Andrea had always wanted to be a mom, and as she learned and saw more at work, she realized her heart was open to fostering. **“I wanted to make a difference and I knew I could.”**

Andrea’s first few placements came with successes. Most were unified with their biological families or went to live with other relatives. For her, these times were hard but full of

happiness as well. “Every child deserves a foster parent whose heart breaks for them when they leave. You provide a loving home for them when they need it most. And, it is amazing to be able to see reunification happen.”

Then Ross arrived at her home. He was 14 months and had been severely neglected. Andrea grew to have a strong bond with Ross and adopted him around a year and a half later. Then, two years later, she decided it was time to open up her home again.

Griffin was 3 weeks old when Andrea took him under her care and had been born exposed to substance abuse. Fostering Griffin came with many doctor’s appointments and even surgeries. “It was an emotional rollercoaster but it was all worth it.” Andrea adopted Griffin shortly after and became a family of three.

Ross is now 11 years old and Griffin is 7. “I love being their mom. They are so smart and inquisitive. They love school. And whenever I come home from having a bad day, having them run over and hug me is the best feeling.”

Andrea’s own experiences fostering and adopting helped her to understand her work even more deeply. When families she sees express frustrations over the system or struggles with parenting, she guides them using the words that helped guide her through her own journey.

The work that Andrea and so many Turning Points staff do is more than just a job. We applaud her and all the other amazing staff who work in our foster care and adoption programs. And to everyone who has ever opened their home to foster and adopt a child, we celebrate you in November and every other month of the year!



Can you believe it’s almost the holiday season? For many of us that is a time for warm family gatherings, gift-giving, and feelings of joy. **Every child deserves to experience this joy, especially those who are placed in the foster care system.**



Join Turning Points for Children in our commitment to provide a special gift to every child and teen under our care. **Donate to our virtual gift-giving campaign and help us raise enough funds so every child and teen that we serve can receive a quality gift this holiday season!** Donations can be made by following the link [here](#).

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