



# MARE IN THE NEWS

## Jordan's Furniture Hosts Beanstalk Adoption Party for Children in Foster Care and Prospective Families

(Reading, MA) –There are over 800 children in Massachusetts who are waiting for adoption right now. To help children needing adoptive homes meet families that are ready to parent, Jordan's Furniture is hosting a special adoption party this Sunday, March 26, from 8:30 - 11:00 am, at Jordan's Furniture, 50 Walker's Brook Dr., Reading, MA. This event is by invitation only. Jordan's Furniture hosts this event in collaboration with the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) and the Massachusetts Department of Children & Families (DCF) to help find permanent families for children in state foster care. Prospective adoptive parents who have been through the approval process will be able to meet Massachusetts' waiting children, and they will have an opportunity to meet with social workers in a casual atmosphere.

"In this day and age of technology, it is still essential to run events where adults and children have face time together," says Eliot Tatelman, President and CEO of Jordan's Furniture. "This Beanstalk Party creates a fun and inviting atmosphere where these connections happen. We continue to support the adoption and foster care communities because we see so many positive outcomes and successful matches from our



Young girl on the Beanstalk Adventure Ropes Course

efforts," Tatelman concludes.

"We are delighted to partner with Jordan's Furniture in our ongoing recruitment efforts. Through our partnership more than 350 children have found a permanent, loving family", said MARE's Executive Director Lisa Funaro. "Adoption parties are a very successful tool in placing children. It allows families to meet face-to-face with waiting children and to make connections that may not happen otherwise."

In Massachusetts, nearly 2,800 children currently in foster care have the goal of adoption, and more than 800 of those children have no relative or other potential adopter. Nationwide, there are over 112,000 children in foster care in need of adoption. Older, school-aged children, sibling groups, children of color and/or children with special needs tend to wait the longest for families. Prospective adoptive parents can be almost any age (21+); single, partnered, married, LGBT; homeowners or renters; experienced parents or new to parenting. Families of various income levels can adopt, as long as they have a stable source of income to support a child. There are no fees to adopt a child from foster care. Financial subsidies may be available, and children adopted from foster care are eligible for a tuition-waiver at Massachusetts state colleges and universities.

For more information about adoption from foster care, please visit [www.MAREinc.org](http://www.MAREinc.org) or call MARE at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678).

MARE is a private, non-profit organization, founded in 1957 to find “a permanent place to call home” for children and teens in foster care, including sibling groups and children who are traditionally harder to place.

Jordan's Furniture is a nationally known five-store furniture retailer. Their innovative combination of entertainment and shopping has turned a local furniture store into a major retailer, drawing customers from all over New England. Philanthropy is a large part of the Jordan's business philoso-

phy. During their 19-year partnership with MARE, Jordan's has generously hosted and financed many information meetings and recruitment events. As a direct result of Jordan's support, more than 350 children have found adoptive homes.