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Hamilton County Highlights Another Child Available for Adoption

Cincinnati (Sept. 3, 2008) An aspiring doctor who enjoys her studies and wants to travel to New York City is September's Adoptable Child at Hamilton County's Department of Job and Family Services.

Hamilton County is spotlighting some of the children it has available for adoption with monthly releases to local media.

"We're looking at innovative ways of getting our children before the public so we can find them safe, loving homes," said Moira Weir, director of the department. "Every child deserves a permanent home and we know there are hundreds of loving families throughout this community who would be willing to open up their doors and their hearts to our children."

Michelle, 16, is full of energy and enjoys dancing and styling hair. She is a strong young woman who enjoys sports. She plays basketball and loves watching football on television.

Michelle aspires to be a doctor someday. She loves school, and her grades are a testament to her intelligence. Her scholarly interests include a passion for writing and reading, but Michelle also loves math.

Like many other teenage girls, she loves going to the mall or the movies. Someday she'd like to take a trip to New York City. Michelle would thrive as part of an active, supportive family.

Hamilton County currently has about 215 children available for adoption. The county's Children's Services Division often must take custody of children who are the victims of abuse or neglect and cannot be safely reunited with their families.

Those interested in adopting or becoming foster parents can learn more at www.hcadopt.org or www.hcfoster.org, or by calling (513) 632-6366 or e-mailing adoption@jfs.hamilton-co.org.

About Hamilton County's Department of Job and Family Services

The Department of Job and Family Services administers federal, state and local programs for those in need. The Department helps with local child protection, elderly protection, child care, child support enforcement, workforce development, cash assistance, food stamp disbursement and Medicaid disbursement. Servicing Hamilton County since 1947, the Department helps hundreds of thousands each year and is accredited by the Council on Accreditation, an international, independent, not-for-profit child and family service accrediting organization.