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Hamilton County Highlights Child Available for Adoption

Cincinnati (Jan. 3, 2011) A 7-year-old boy who shows incredible artistic talent is January's Waiting 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."

Creativity courses through Elijah's blood, and his favorite way to pass time is with a blank canvas and some crayons, chalk or paint. His drawings are incredible for a child his age.

Elijah also likes playing video games that involve driving, and he is especially excited when he has someone to play along with him. He does like going outside and a trip to the zoo is always a big highlight for him.

Elijah is looking forward to having a family that will love and care for him, and keep him forever. He would fit right into a calm family where he would have older siblings to look up to.

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 can learn more at www.hckids.org or by calling (513) 946-1000 or e-mailing adoption@jfs.hamilton-co.org. Also, follow Hamilton County JFS Foster Care and Adoption recruitment on Facebook!

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 assistance 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.