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February is also as an opportunity to celebrate reading and literacy through reading aloud. World Read Aloud Day is often celebrated in February. This global literacy initiative encourages people to read aloud and share stories to promote literacy and the joy of reading. WHALER's Creation has partnered with Clark County Library District for Story Time reading. Come meet **Lovey Bear** and listen to our community leaders who are volunteering to read out loud to elementary age youth.

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Lynne Jasames is Beating the Odds

Ms. Lynne L Jasames was born in Los Angeles, California, but was raised in Las Vegas. Ms. Lynne grew up around drugs, alcohol, and her family had a history of substance use. Even though she was raised in a harsh environment, she was able to push past that negativity and become the positive person she is today.

Her childhood was ruff as a kid. Ms. Lynne was a quiet kid growing up due to how she was treated differently. Even though her childhood was rough, she does have some favorite childhood memories. Her favorite childhood memory was singing old songs with her family. Her favorite song to sing with her mother was a song called "My Guy." As a kid, she wasn't very active in school. She focused on being accepted by her fellow students and friends. She always felt different from the other kids around her because of her name being different and she didn't have what other kids around her had.

Ms. Lynne had a difficult high school years because she always focused on fitting in so she wasn't very active in school, she was behind in credits during school and had to do after school and summer school to catch up. For most of her high school she was pregnant: 9th, 10th, and 12th grade. On top of all of this stress, she entered into

foster care during high school. Her goal was to graduate high school because everyone believed she couldn't. She went to four different colleges and she had to care for her four children.



She is grateful for being in one home and grateful for keeping her and her babies together. She went into foster care because her family had drug abuse and it wasn't always safe. It also was because she was pregnant at 14 and she went to foster care with her younger sister and she felt guilty for that. Due to the environment she grew up in, she had to mature faster because of the difficulty of her childhood. She always is thankful to her younger self for being strong and having the motivation to strive for more. While she was in foster care, it was harder for her because resources were limited being in the foster care system and she is grateful for the care of her foster mother and case worker for helping her through her adulthood and she feels like Child Haven was her saving grace and that she is grateful to have the opportunities to help her to her professional career.

Ms. Lynne is a successful woman who has gone through hardships and challenges but she has gained achievements through the maturity and skills she gained from those hardships. Her professional and work life started around the age of 20 when she started working as a shift supervisor at a store. There was a woman who always came into her work telling her that she was so nice to the children. When she was offered an opportunity to work at Child Haven, at first she felt unsure because she came from Child Haven. When she left Child Haven as a youth she remembers telling herself she would never go back

there, but eventually she did. This time she had a different perspective and found it was a good thing coming back because she understood each child there.

Success, Ms. Lynne said starts when you first find yourself a good place to be happy with yourself. She has obtained a bachelors and masters degree and created a non-profit. She worked for the Clark County Department of Family Services for 25 years, and she started her non-profit with her oldest son, her non-profit focused on the community and helping the people in need. She loves helping people. She has been working with Child Haven since 1996, working with foster parents and adoptive parents. Her advice for people who are interested in foster care and adoption is to make sure your heart is in it and to make sure you have a clear vision of why you wanna do it.

Her day starts with writing in her journal saying good morning and thank you to God. She makes sure she is ready for work and makes sure she is mentally ready for her day. She talks to her kids throughout the day, and at the end of the day, she listens to positive things and she believes that is why she is able to be positive. She spends three days a week at Child Haven, and she loves her co-workers. One of the biggest sacrifices for her personal career is giving time, finance, and space in her life.

She wishes she could have given her own personal life more time. Her son now takes over the non-profit she helped start because he has more time and she has a busy schedule.

Ms. Lynne has had both a stressful life and a giving life. She always believed that God told her she would be different and live a different life, and through her spiritual connection, she was able to go through all the hardships she went through. She made sure that she kept her head up high and with her strong will, she was able to push past everything and get to where she is today. She is grateful for the life she has and the family .

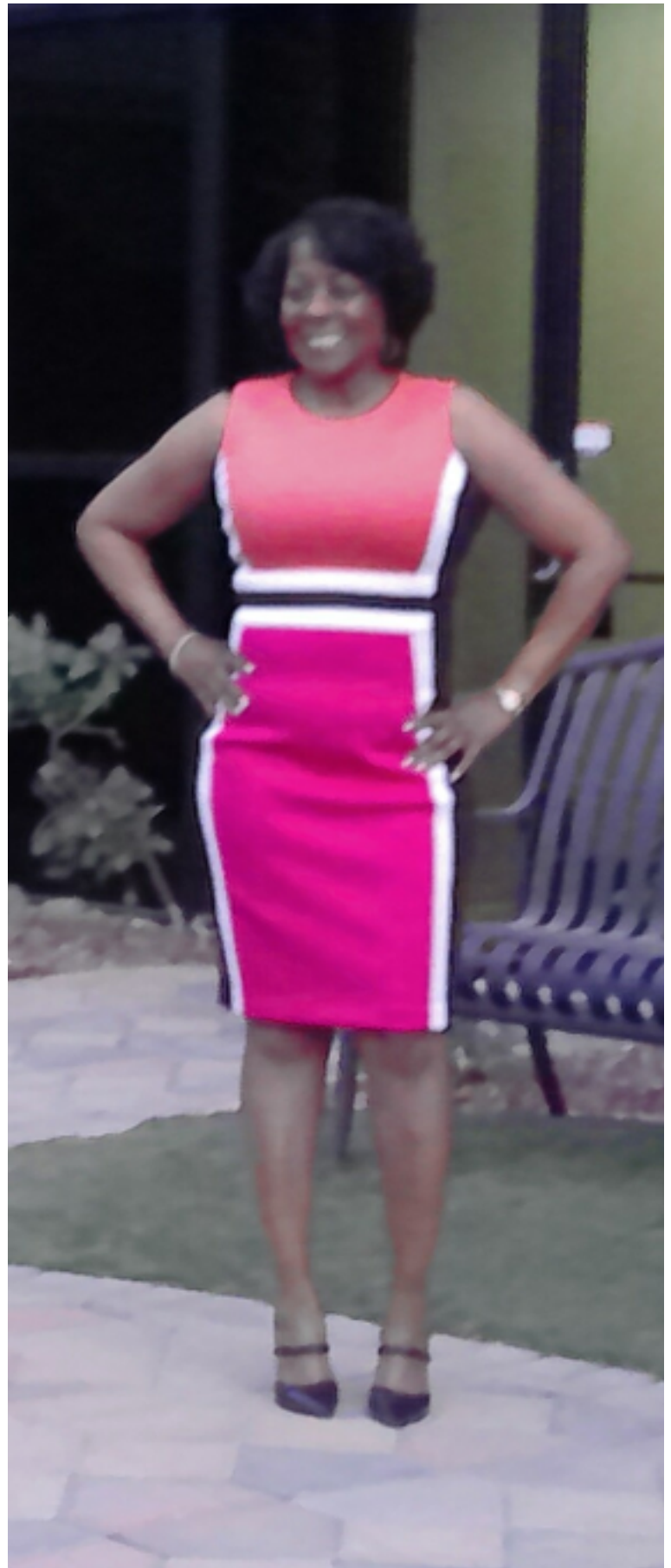
She has five sons, two grandkids and two goddaughters, Her sons are now 38, 36, 35, 32, and 14. Ms. Lynne travels across the Las Vegas community speaking to groups of people about her story and the need for foster parents.

Lynne L. Jasames, MBA and Author:

- It's Okay to Cry, with the forward by Les Brown
- How to Beat The Odds
- Bet On Yourself

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Youth Nomination Form *(250 words or less)*

Categories include 1) Academics, 2) The Arts, 3) Athletics, and 4) Civic Engagement.

Return completed nomination forms to admin@whalers-creation.us or mail to: WHALER's Creation, 8550 W. Charleston Blvd #102, Las Vegas, NV 89117, by 5:00pm, March 2, 2024. One winner from each category will be announced at the Outdoor Community BBQ. All students **12th grade and under are free. Adults-\$15.00, Couples-\$25.00.**

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1. Contact your local foster care agency: The first step is to get in touch with your local foster care agency. You can find the agency in your area by searching online or contacting your state or county department of social services.
2. Attend an orientation session: Most agencies require prospective foster parents to attend an orientation session to learn about the foster care system, the needs of children in foster care, and the process of becoming a foster parent.
3. Complete the application process: After attending the orientation session, you will need to complete the application process, which includes background checks, home inspections, and training.
4. Complete training: Foster parents are required to complete training before being licensed. The training covers topics such as child development, the impact of trauma on children, and how to work with birth families.
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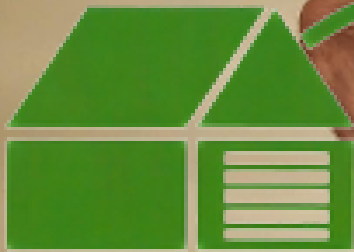
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- AdoptUSKids.org
- Child Welfare information Gateway
- Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI)

Additional Resources

- Adoptive Families Magazine
- Adoptive Parents Committee
- American Academy of Adoption Attorneys (AAAA)
- Child Welfare League of America
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- Dave Thomas Foundation
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