

The Martin Family



Therapeutic Foster Care

Therapeutic Foster Care placed two young boys, ages 18 months and 3 years, with the Martin family. The boys came into care due to severe neglect. At the time of admission both boys were undernourished, encrusted with dirt, infested with lice and suffering from lead poisoning. The older boy was non-verbal and was not in the process of being potty trained.

“Since being in our home these boys have made extraordinary gains. The first week of being in our home the boys slept through the night until noon the next day. They ate constantly and aggressively whenever food was presented. We

couldn't believe how fast they were eating and how much they were putting in their mouths. We made sure they received medical attention as necessary and they adjusted to life in our home and with our family seamlessly.

Over the past year both boys have received speech therapy and made progress. The older one is able to put together 7 word sentences and the younger one has an expanding vocabulary. We're still working on potty training and making gains. Both boys are well nourished and healthy. Since being in our home the boys have been given the opportunity to be children. They play, laugh, enjoy family outings and have developed a strong bond with us."

The boys had visits with their biological parents on a weekly basis until just recently when parental rights were terminated. The Martin family has now taken in their infant brother and they are making plans to adopt all three in order to keep them together.



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