

Thank you for coming to our 2011 Benefit!

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Tonight's contributions allow our staff to secure a brighter future for children like Deante.

Twelve-year-old Deante loves to play baseball.

He wants to play for his home team, the Washington Nationals. Having a home team has been important to Deante ever since he entered foster care six years ago: it gave him roots, a place to belong at a time when *he feared he'd never have a permanent home.*

Deante was placed in foster care after his mother was unable to care for him, but a series of foster homes didn't work out. School was a challenge too; teachers didn't notice his severe learning disability and Deante didn't want to admit that he was struggling.

Children's Law Center has been in Deante's life for two years, and everything has changed.

His biggest wish – having a “forever” family – will soon come true. CLC is helping Deante's fifth foster family navigate the adoption process. This is possible because CLC secured special education services for Deante, and found therapists who support the whole family.

Deante is thriving. He just got his first A, and as a reward his new dad took him to a baseball game. Deante's so happy that there will always be someone to play catch with him.



Children's Law Center works to give every child in the District of Columbia a solid foundation of family, health and education by providing free legal services and advocating for citywide changes.

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