

The PORSHIA S. Family

A TIPS On Art collaboration with Foundation Communities

Foundation Communities has paired us with a unique family again this year and we feel the deepest gratitude to now know each of the members of this unique family and their commitment to bettering their lives through hard work and perseverance. It is our intent here to describe them as individuals and as a family so you, too, can know and help support their goals, ambitions and current needs/wishes in this Holiday Season. Porshia is a single parent with one daughter, Yraina, and one son, Levi. This family was referred to Foundation Communities' housing support program by the SAFE Alliance. This family is creative and highly motivated to get back on their feet and achieve their on-going goals!

Porshia (35) is a survivor of domestic violence; she still carries emotional and physical trauma from the relationship, including a brain injury. Porshia is a fighter, survivor, and advocate. She is currently serving as an AmeriCorps member with the Goodwill BSS+ program. Porshia is an ambitious person with many aspirations ... including starting her own clothing business and pop up shop featuring creative up-styling of out of date clothing for resell. She has her business plan ready to go! She also loves showcasing her talents for creative makeup artistry and wants to start posting tutorials of her unique perspectives. She loves to bake with her daughter. She collects themed coffee mugs. And above all, she wants to provide for her children with whatever they need to thrive.

Yraina (6) is a "vibrant and curious child" who struggles with ADHD. She has lots of energy and bubbles with excitement at the mention of baking something (the real deal, not an Easy Bake Oven!) with her mom in the Kitchen! Yraina loves math and anything that helps her learn.

Levi (4) is on the Autism spectrum with difficulties in verbal and nonverbal communication skills. He, too, is full of energy and loves "noisy toys" (toys that sing & light up), according to his Mom to keep his attention. He loves to sing the ABC & Wheels On The Bus songs often. Levi also loves to chew on things so to keep him from harming himself by chewing on furniture & other household things, he enjoys chew necklaces recommended for kids with autism & special needs. Sammy's House day care has helped Levi make great strides in his learning capabilities in the past year. His birthday is December 10th!

This is a kind-hearted, hardworking family who very much rely on each other every day. They have a single vehicle that is often unreliable. So, in the spirit of asking for what they truly need, if anyone has someone in their lives that has (or knows someone who has) aged out of driving or simply have an extra vehicle they have been meaning to donate somewhere, please let us (TIPS On Art) help with that and let's get this family a reliable means of transportation so they can keep moving forward ... literally.

Family Statement: We truly are grateful to all who are helping us get back on our feet. As a family, we love watching movies together with lots of popcorn and having game nights. I have a dream of saving to launch my own pop up fashion & makeup business. Thank you so much! God bless.

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Family Household Needs: A More Reliable Car (or someone to look at their existing car & make repairs), Toy Organizer, Wall Décor, Food Storage Containers, TV Console w/ Storage, Cal. King Bed & Mattress, Dining Chairs (maybe a table too), Cat Scratch Tower & Toys (for their cat!), Laptop, Financial Assistance for Therapy Appointments for Family (including speech, occupational, and ABA therapy for Levi), Assistance with Medical Bills & Debt, Supplies For Home Office Goals, Sectional Sofa (not too large), End Table, Cookie Sheets, Foil, Ziploc (lots), Toaster Oven, Gift cards to Amazon, Walmart & Ross (for clothes), HEB, Fiesta, DD's Discounts & Gas cards would be much appreciated.

Amazon Links From The Family:

- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00302ICKU/?coliid=I2W23I1IHZLEQV&colid=1DVLHJF0LC3Z7&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it_im&th=1 (toy organizer)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B075KK3CNB/?coliid=I313WOZ4NBXNVP&colid=1DVLHJF0LC3Z7&psc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (wall décor)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08RLTN8JP/?coliid=I19A0AC1VUWEI8&colid=1DVLHJF0LC3Z7&psc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (wall shelf organizer)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08LZBZLBY/?coliid=I1X9JUZF2GZGWY&colid=1DVLHJF0LC3Z7&psc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (food storage containers)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B074ZHCLMD/?coliid=I12G8E7W6Q949P&colid=1DVLHJF0LC3Z7&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it&th=1 (bathroom storage)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08CK26M3B/?coliid=IT410VPOEG955&colid=2GLBVSD9U5OCF&psc=0&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (cat tower)

| <i>Relationship</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> | <i>Pants</i> | <i>Shirt</i> | <i>Shoes</i> | <i>Coat</i> |
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| Mother | PORSHIA | 35 | 12/13 | M/L | 8 – 8 1/2 | XL |

Wish List: Make-up vanity, Anything Makeup ... all kinds but especially NYX & Juvia's Place (a black owned company); Beauty Store gift card; Spa Stuff (incl. Tree Hut products); Comforter Set (hunter green) & sheet set for Cal King; Full Length Floor Mirror (for her clothing business goals), Red or Black Coat (mid-length), Desk/Craft Table, Amazon Gift Card, Beauty Store Gift Card, Sketch Books, Clothing Rack(s), Cricut Joy Machine

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- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07MCDJR23/?coliid=I2G0VUFAJ3UQ5T&colid=1DVLHJF0LC3Z7&psc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (comforter set)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B094YZ7PTL/?coliid=I5GIATOHDOIXH&colid=1DVLHJF0LC3Z7&psc=0&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (makeup vanity)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00BSY026E/?coliid=I39FTZHHFQOFJ&colid=1DVLHJF0LC3Z7&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it&th=1 (desk/craft table)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08KJP9VHN/?coliid=I2IY18SLDHSFQ&colid=1DVLHJF0LC3Z7&psc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it_im (floor mirror)

- https://www.amazon.com/dp/0143127748/?coliid=I14VXWJ22C9T5O&colid=2GLBVSD9U5OCF&pssc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (book)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/155643233X/?coliid=I1QN45N1BIHXW4&colid=2GLBVSD9U5OCF&pssc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it_im (book)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/157675944X/?coliid=I1HBH1Y6C3QMNK&colid=2GLBVSD9U5OCF&pssc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (book)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B089W7BQMD/?coliid=I3QKFZG6A98G4X&colid=2GLBVSD9U5OCF&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it&th=1 (dress)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B085S7HRX6/?coliid=I20TTBDULNGH70&colid=2GLBVSD9U5OCF&pssc=0&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (sugar scrub)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B084LMTR98/?coliid=IOVHVIEREJ7PA&colid=1K71J1JMNRZF9&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it&th=1 (Cricut portable machine)

Favorite Colors: Rose Gold, Forest Green

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| Daughter | YRAINA | 6 | 6 child | 6-7 child | 11 kids | (has one) |

Wish List: Barbie Doll, Comic Books (age appropriate), Balloons, Clothes, Socks, Pajamas, Twin Bed & Sheet Set (loves My Little Pony & Unicorns), Nintendo Switch Lite, Roller Skates

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- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08YRWWNXC/?coliid=ID28RNNF43GPU&colid=1DVLHJFOLC3Z7&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it&th=1 (comforter set)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0842VLY8X/?coliid=I35DHOEXLM8RIH&colid=1DVLHJFOLC3Z7&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it&th=1 (twin bed) (Maybe one of our talents donors can build this simple design!)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08L1CW1QB/?coliid=IDXMAHA09UG0M&colid=1DVLHJFOLC3Z7&pssc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (motivational wall décor)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/0451481089/?coliid=I2E4AZYMJK09H9&colid=2GLBVSD9U5OCF&pssc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (books)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08LL8H78D/?coliid=I1EIP9HEPWH72D&colid=2GLBVSD9U5OCF&pssc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (disposable face masks)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07YSVBYHW/?coliid=I3730ZKXZD592D&colid=2GLBVSD9U5OCF&pssc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (STEM toy)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B011X1KIP4/?coliid=I3MPI0K20E7VEZ&colid=2GLBVSD9U5OCF&pssc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (UNO Emojis Game)

Favorite Color: Yellow, Purple

Favorite Snacks: Fruit, Popcorn, Cheese Pizza

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| Son | LEVI | 4 | 4T | 4/5T | 10 child | 5T |

Wish List: Chewable Jewelry for Autism & Special Needs Kids, Bike (with training wheels), Bike Helmet, Bike Lock, Clothes, Socks, Pajamas, Toddler Bed, Mattress & Sheet Set (loves Paw Patrol), Sensory Appropriate Toys (like Baby Shark) That Have Sound (to stimulate & teach him)

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- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01LXVIT67/?coliid=I1VLVVIHQ4AAJW&colid=1DVLHJF0LC3Z7&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it&th=1 (toddler bed)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08NVYJ9QT/?coliid=IWYSLY88O9VL0&colid=1DVLHJF0LC3Z7&psc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (motivational wall décor)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09DMY5RYT/?coliid=IP8FILX50GD7G&colid=2GLBVSD9U5OCF&psc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (book)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/173441586X/?coliid=IRJ4EJMPEOL1M&colid=2GLBVSD9U5OCF&psc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (book)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/069284838X/?coliid=IEVFF1H24TTQS&colid=2GLBVSD9U5OCF&psc=1&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it (book)
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08L3J68MY/?coliid=I20EUEGNMRT9RG&colid=2GLBVSD9U5OCF&ref=lv_vv_lig_dp_it&th=1 (disposable face masks)

Favorite Colors: All Colors ... Especially Orange

Favorite Foods: Fruit, Pepperoni, Goldfish

Family Favorite Foods:

- All Fruits
- All Vegetables
- All Beans
- Fish & Chips
- Chicken Soup
- Pizza (DiGiorno & Mr. Gattie's) ... cheese, pepperoni, all meat, bacon
- Alfredo Sauce (Porshia loves to make!)
- Buttered Popcorn
- Gogurt
- Pretzels
- Donuts
- French Toast
- Croissants with Jelly

... let's see what we can do to fill their pantry with fresh & non-perishable goods!

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Family Favorite Places To Go For Fun / Family Favorite Places To Eat Out:

Watch Movies (at home)
Roller & Ice Skating
Trampoline Parks & Bouncy Houses
Play Board Games
Go To PlayMazing Amusement Center

Favorite Places To Shop (*gift cards appreciated!*):

Amazon
Wal-Mart
Ross
DD's Discount
HEB
Fiesta
Gas cards

Holiday Meal Preference:

Chicken (thighs & legs, uncooked)
Mac & Cheese
Stuffing
Green Beans
Rolls (King Hawaiian or HEB)
Apple Pie
Peach Cobbler
Vanilla Ice Cream

Special Request: Family Christmas Stockings Volunteer Needed:

Each year we love providing our Holiday Adopted Family with a personalized Christmas stocking for each member of the family ... something with their name on it and filled with items they each will love. If you would like to provide this fun and wonderful gift for Porshia and her kids, please let us know. Thank you!

Thank you for your interest & support for the TIPS On Art Holiday Family Adoption Annual Community Service of Giving Program. This is our 29th year of making new friends and uplifting their lives through our holiday giving efforts. And we could not be successful in changing lives without your support! Which is why our motto has always been ... we are better together. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

NEXT STEPS/DATES TO REMEMBER:

Time is short till Christmas is here ... so please act immediately if you are moved to support this effort!

A. Gift Donations Drop Off & Family Gifts Wrapping Party Location:

6017 Abilene Trail
Austin, Texas 78749

Donations: Leave On The Porch & We Will Find Them! Call Ahead If You Need Us To Meet You or To Arrange A Pick Up. ***All Donations Must Be Received By Wednesday, December 15th.***

- B. *Wrapping Party: Sunday, December 19th from 2:30-4:30 p.m.* ... soup & refreshments served.**
C. Family Gift Delivery: Monday, December 20th. If you would like to join us, give us a call!

... for any questions please call Donna Wetegrove at 512.288.4897 or email to tipsonart@yahoo.com.

LOTS OF WAYS TO GIVE:

- 1. Go to www.tipsonart.org to make a donation online via PayPal.***
- 2. Checks (made out to TIPS On Art) and cash accepted.***
- 3. If you work for a business who matches your donations, we are set up with Benevity. Please contact your workplace giving coordinator to make your donation so they can match it!***
- 4. Donations also accepted through I Live Here I Give Here.***
- 5. Long term giving your thing? Help us continue to support arts and culture by making any and all your purchases through AmazonSmile and select TIPS On Art to benefit a portion of the proceeds. Please set smile.amazon.com as your starting place for all your purchases through the link below (or with AmazonSmile turned ON in the Amazon Shopping app on your mobile) and select TIPS On Art as your favorite charity.***



<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-3010858>

LET'S DO THIS!

100% of all donations support TIPS On Art programs.

We are grateful for donations of all kinds AND all of you who support this opportunity to serve our community together!

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can." - John Wesley (courtesy of my dear friend, Bethlyn!)