

May 2021 Boys & Girls Aid Article for the Charbonneau Villager

This is the most beautiful Spring I can remember. What I see on my walks has survived the ice storm. Seeds that were planted have sprung up, bulbs have come to life and leaves have grown. The experts tell us that seeds should be pre soaked, seedlings should be pre watered and after transplanting must be watered generously. The soil should be good and full of fertilizer. This is a new year and a new life for all we see. Wonders are produced with water, the soil in the earth and the sun.

The earth has gone around the sun more times in my life than I admit. I have had many birthdays and just as many birthday parties. I love my birthday because I feel like a special person on that day.

But there are children living in foster care who have never had a birthday party and some don't even know when their birthday is. They are growing up like seeds not having the soil in which to grow well and not having the love that waters their lives. These are children who have never even had the care that we give our plants.

However, when they come to Boys & Girls Aid things change. One thing that happens at Boys & Girls Aid is that the children are given birthday parties, for many of them the first time in their lives.

Let me tell you about one of these lucky children. His name is Jason. When this boy was told he would have a birthday party he jumped for joy. This would be his sixth birthday but his first birthday party. Now Jason was nuts about Spider Man. An Agency board member wanted to give Jason the gift of a life time. So Spider Man came to the party. When the boy saw him he immediately went to his back pack, took off all his clothes and put on his own Spider Man costume. As you can see from the picture not only Jason but all the staff members were excited about this party. What a party they had! Since that time Jason will never forget his very first birthday party.

There are many children out there, who like this six year old have never had a birthday party and have never felt special, even for one day. However, those who are cared for by Boys & Girls Aid find their lives transformed. They are 'watered' with love and 'fertilized' with good care and birthday parties.

To find out more about the children whose lives are transformed by Boys & Girls Aid go to

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