

Family Fosters and Adopts Medically Complex Children



A mom and dad in Tennessee has been called “angels on Earth” by filling their four walls with children who have complex medical conditions.

Caleb and Ruchala Bone were just at a district court to seal the adoption of their fourth child, Isabella, who like their biological son Griffin, was born with a heart condition and has spent much of her early life in a hospital.

The couple decided that the big family they always wanted would be filled with kids like Griffin that needed that extra degree of care and had no one around to give it to them.

Griffin needed open-heart surgery at just 3 months old, and the family spent a lot of time in and out of Vanderbilt children's hospital where they learned how many kids in the foster system have complex medical issues.

The Bones have now either fostered or adopted four children with complicated medical situations, reports Forrest Saunders for Channel 5, many of whom through a foster program called Youth Villages, whose director Suzanne Jones called the couple "angels on Earth."

"They are just the best kinds of people," she said. "Foster parents have to go through training at the hospital, so sometimes that can be daunting. They have to go through the full medical training to know how to care for their medically needy child."

"I don't know if we'd say we feel chosen or we're the right people," Ruchala told Channel 5, "but we said yes!"