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# Michael and Allen, ages 6 and 5

...Are just 2 of the over 250 children  
available for adoption in Oregon.

**T**hese brothers' favorite things are playing with cars and rice crispy treats! Michael and Allen are just 2 of the over 250 children available for adoption in Oregon.

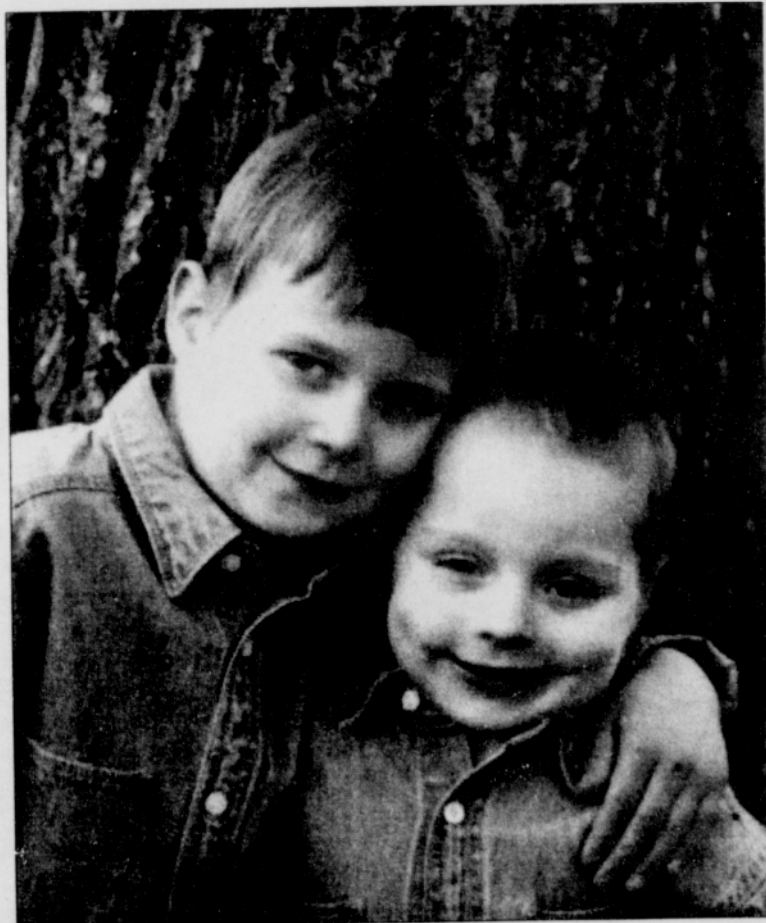
Michael is a tall youngster with big dimples and an adorable smile. He enjoys playing in his sandbox with trucks and cars. He likes trips to the parks and sleepovers with friends. He hopes to learn to fish. Michael is in need of an adult he can trust. He enjoys being around other children and a country environment. In his present foster home, Michael is accepted and given positive, yet firm guidance. He has been able to learn to trust and obey his foster parents. He needs a family that will continue to encourage him to express his feelings.

Allen is a vivacious young man with a bright and cheery personality. Allen likes to draw and to look at books. He also enjoys playing

with Lego's and pegboards. He seems to learn by watching other children and copying their actions. Allen needs a family who can provide him with clear boundaries. He can be overly stimulated and requires vigilant supervision.

Michael and Allen have just recently learned that that they can rely on their caregivers. These boys have a desire to please, and are making progress around love and trust issues. Both boys' ability to test limits can be overwhelming at times and they will need a family who can provide a structured environment.

Single adults as well as couples are encouraged to call to consider adoption. Oregon agencies waive or reduce fees for the adoption of children in state custody. To learn more call the Special Needs Adoption Coalition at The Boys and Girls Aid Society, 1-800-342-6688 or 503/222-9661.



Michael (left) and Allen (right) are 2 of over 250 children available for adoption in Oregon.

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