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Humberto and David
Adoptive Dads



"I Am Your Children's Aid."

"When we saw the profile of those three boys, we knew that they were our children. The process wasn't always simple, but with of our amazing worker everything has worked out. We do what all families do... go to amusement parks, camping, family get-togethers and cultural events. We talk, read and play with them. We go crazy at Christmas with gingerbread houses, decorations, fun in the snow, and lots of presents! We barely remember what it was like before we had kids -- *and we don't want to*. They have filled our lives with so much love, laughter, and joy that we can't imagine it any other way."

DAVID, HUMBERTO AND THEIR THREE SONS: A FAMILY LIKE ANY OTHER FAMILY

BY DAVID BURTON

Thank you, Durham Children's Aid Society. Without you, our wonderful family would not exist.

- David & Humberto

We're a same-sex couple and have been together for thirteen years. In February of 2005 we put in our application with Durham Children's Aid Society to become adoptive parents.

Two years passed before we were able to attend the adoption orientation course. During the interview process, our amazing adoption worker, Laura Jenkins-Pitt was able to get a feel for who we were and what we were capable of. We decided that we wanted to adopt two children (siblings) between the ages of 2 and 5. We felt that was the right fit for us. After this process, Laura recommended us as prospective parents.

In the fall, we attended the Adoption Resource Exchange Conference, in Toronto. At the conference, children awaiting adoption from all over the province are profiled (through displays, pamphlets, videos and pictures) for adoptive parents and workers. We wandered through the displays across multiple rooms, stopping here and there, meeting workers and getting information about various children.

And as we stepped into one of the rooms, across the way we saw a display of three boys. They had the look of little Huckleberry Finns. We'll never forget that moment as we muttered out loud, "Oh my god."

Believe it or not, we knew they were our children, and we made a beeline for the display.

We immediately hit it off with the workers, asking a million questions. We watched a little video they had brought with them that showed these siblings in stunning photos. The song "Little Wonders" by Rob Thomas played in the background. Our hearts melted.

They told us that the oldest was living in a separate foster home than his brothers, didn't attend the same school, and rarely saw them. He wanted to be with his brothers. They were 6, 7, and 9 years old.

They told us that if they didn't find an adoptive home for them at the conference, they were going to split them up, adopting the two youngest together and try to find a home for the oldest separately.

We told them we wanted all three. **Together.**

We got the information, filled out forms, gave them our own profile sheets, and made our way back to the auditorium to watch the video on this little trio. From that moment those boys had captured our hearts.

Then a very difficult wait began – *again.*

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DAVID & HUMBERTO, CONT'D

Multiple couples were sent information packages about the boys, and the list was slowly whittled down. Eventually it came down to us and one other couple. We were told that we and the other couple would be interviewed, and the decision would be made after that.

We were up against a heterosexual couple.

We also found out that this particular out-of-region Children's Aid Society had never adopted to a same-sex couple before. We wondered nervously if we would be chosen.

The interview was incredible. We talked with the same workers that we had met at the conference. We talked, and laughed, and shared plans and ideas.

After that, it was a few more days before we received the call. We had been chosen! Those three little boys that we had waited to hear about for seven weeks were going to be our children. We were beside ourselves with joy.

A time was set up for us to meet our new family, just after Christmas. We went shopping for gifts to bring with us. When we arrived we found the boys all sitting in a circle on the floor at one of the foster homes, playing Old Maid. We came in and said hello, bringing the presents with us.

The boys said nothing at first. They just looked up from their game.

The two of us took places in the little circle with them. We needed no introduction. Our oldest said not a word. He simply took half his cards and handed them to us. And as if we had always been a family, we played Old Maid, we chatted, we laughed, and the bonding began.

From there we spent the coming days getting to know our sons. We went tobogganing, swimming, bowling and to their hockey games. We had more than a few meals at McDonald's – *their favorite restaurant*.

A few weeks later, they moved in with their new forever family. Us.

It wasn't necessarily simple from there. Minor complications arose. Our oldest son had been living with an extremely religious foster family that had poisoned his mind. They led him to believe he would go to hell because he had two dads. It was something that no nine year old should ever have to deal with, not after everything else he had been through.

It took time to undo the brainwashing. Between a very supportive play therapist recommended by our worker, and children's books like "And Tango Makes Three", he was better able to understand what it meant to have two dads.

We've spent the last two and half years doing what all families do. We take them to amusement parks, camping, the cottage, family get-togethers, and cultural events. We talk with them, read to them, play with them. We go crazy at Christmas with gingerbread houses, decorations, fun in the snow, and lots of presents!

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November is Adoption Awareness Month

Children need roots; they need family to support, safeguard and love them, no matter how old they are. For healthy development and to create a sense of self-worth, children need to feel a sense of belonging, with a permanent family who cares for them.

Adoption gives children a new family when their birth families are unable to care for them. Finding a forever family provides children with stability and security.

If you would like to learn more about adoption please visit our website or call us.

FOSTER FAMILIES, WE THANK YOU

Every year, for one week in October we celebrate *Foster Family Week*, and we take the time to recognize the incredible contribution of our foster families. Of course, one week hardly does justice to the countless hours that foster families give and the incredible lengths our families go to for the children they care for.

At our annual Foster Parent Recognition Dinner, we also recognize families receiving long term service awards. This year we celebrated Ron and Dorthea McQueen, who have opened their home to countless children in the twenty-five years they have been fostering. Thank you, Ron and Dorthea.

Foster parents and their own children welcome foster children

into their home and do everything they can to make children in care feel welcome, and help them in every aspect of their lives.

Foster parents make an incredible contribution to our society by supporting our most vulnerable children and youth during difficult times in their lives. All young people need love, support, understanding and a nurturing home, and foster parents are committed to meeting these needs.

There is always a need for more families who can give a loving home to a child.

More foster homes are needed to match children with families in their home communities, keep siblings together and help children maintain important cultural ties.

If you have ever considered fostering, please call us.



From left: Annette Fegan, Foster Care Services Supervisor; Elizabeth Gregory, Resource Worker; Foster Parents Dorthea and Ron McQueen; and Wanda Secord, Executive Director

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN CARE

Every year we recognize the children of our foster parents, since they are often our forgotten heroes.

The children of foster parents play a vital role in the dynamics of a foster home by unconditionally welcoming total strangers into their lives and often becoming role models.



Alyssa, with worker, Aimee Yetman

As a token of our appreciation, we present scholarships annually to two such youth. We are pleased to announce the recipients of this year's scholarships: Alyssa Hines and Jennifer Woudwyk.

Alyssa is attending Wilfred Laurier University, working towards her Honours B.A. in languages.

In the future, Alyssa hopes to work as a French, Spanish or ESL teacher at the secondary level.

Jennifer attends UOIT, and is working toward a career in nursing. In the future, Jennifer hopes to work in maternity or labour and delivery nursing.

As part of the process, applicants tell us

about their experience growing up sharing their home and families with children in care. Not only do all the applicants invariably demonstrate wisdom and generosity beyond their years, they also exemplify compassion, strength and insight.

As Alyssa told us, "Being a part of a foster family has taught me a lot... It has taught me to be selfless and so I give myself to these children as much as I can.... I've truly learned what it feels like to make a difference in someone's life."

Like many applicants, Jennifer speaks about how her experience has influenced her plans for her future. She says "As I have seen what caring and love can do for a child, I want to make sure that as a nurse I use my experience in foster care to benefit my patients."



Jennifer with worker, Elizabeth Gregory

Thank you to all of the scholarship applicants who have made an incredible contribution to the lives of children in our care.

TEACHING LIFE LESSONS

WANTED: caregiver for 152 teenage girls.

Would you sign up for that job?

Julie Vendetti didn't either, but that's what she ended up doing anyway. Of course she didn't care for 152 girls all at once, but she has done exactly that over the last 28 years.

In 1982, when her own children were seven and eleven years old Julie applied to be a foster parent, thinking that it might work out well to have children around the same age as her own children. Just as she was being approved, Julie was asked if she would take a 15 year old girl – *only for a couple weeks*, because the girl was moving out of the province. Well, over a year later that girl was still there. And Durham CAS and Julie discovered that she had a hidden talent for reaching teen girls.

According to Julie's worker, Nancy Lessard, "Julie just has something... I can't put my finger on it, but if we could bottle it, we would." Nancy says that Julie has exactly what the girls need. She gives them a safe home, and the perfect balance between guidance and independence, between structure and freedom. As Julie says, she gives the girls a safe place to make mistakes. She allows them to make choices, but with a safety net. She also has infinite patience.

Because she only takes teen girls, Julie is there to guide them into adulthood. She's not taking care of sniffles and playing with play-do (*which is a whole different set of challenges*), she's helping them learn to cook, take care of themselves, clean, do laundry, budget and plan for the future. She also teaches them about respect, for themselves and for others.

Julie's house is planned perfectly for allowing the girls to learn and achieve independence. There are rules and chores, but she doesn't stand over the girls commanding their every move.



Everyone in the house has a role to play, and is expected to do their part and respect others in the house. The girls may not even realize it's happening, but Julie teaches them by letting them come to the realization on their own. Julie doesn't dictate; she lets life lessons happen.

As a testament to Julie's lasting impact, some of the girls who lived with her years ago, still help out once in a while – including that first girl, who stayed far longer than the originally planned two weeks. Others have stayed on, after age 18 when they are no longer in the care of CAS. They stay on as boarders while pursuing their own careers or education. And Julie keeps in touch with many others.

Some girls who lived with Julie may not have always thought they needed her, but even some of those who left early have come back to tell her that maybe they should have stayed longer.

They realize that perhaps living with her was pretty special -- and that maybe there was something they could learn from her after all.

Julie's philosophy was the same when raising her own son and daughter. She believes that "kids don't belong to us. We're here to teach them, to help them learn right from wrong, and how to be independent."

Along the way, they may just learn how to care for dogs and love Elvis too!

Have you ever thought about fostering?

If so, please give us a call.

We need homes for children and youth in our care. In particular, we need homes for older youth. Many homes specialize in infants or toddlers, but we are always searching for families for teens.

If you are up to the challenge, there are children and youth who need you.

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FINDING THE STRENGTH WITHIN

Alone, down, isolated, scared and tired. These are a few of the words that explain what many of the women felt before they came. At the end of the day those feelings changed. *Inspired, supported, motivated and reassured.* That's how the women felt after they attended the third annual *Phenomenal Woman's Conference*.

The conference, attended by approximately one hundred women was hosted by the *Substance Use and Pregnancy and Parenting Committee of Durham Region*, of which Durham CAS is a member. The conference focuses on developing the capacity for improving outcomes for women and their families who are affected by substance use.

Participants receive information that they can use in inspiring their own leadership and changing their own lives. They participated in workshops on such topics as coping with depression, healthy relationships, freefall writing and meditation.

Many women started the day a bit unsure of what to expect, and were quiet and nervous about talking in front of others.

But in all of the workshops, participants opened up and shared. And many shed tears too.

In one workshop participants wrote a story about themselves. Many wrote about the struggles in their lives and the changes they are hoping to achieve. There was a sense that many women overcame great hurdles in articulating their feelings, but there was also an overwhelming sense of relief and accomplishment when they shared those stories out loud. After every one, there was applause and words of encouragement and support.

In another workshop, women shared their struggles with mental illness and how they thought they were the only ones who had such challenges. They shared their stories of coping with depression and anxiety, and how the workshop gave them not only concrete information to help them on their road to recovery, but also the equally important emotional support to face that journey.

Some women were attending for their second or third year. They spoke of the change it has made in their lives. One woman spoke about how meeting one of the presenters

at the conference two years ago gave her the courage to leave an abusive relationship. Another spoke about how last year when she attended she was at a very low point in her life and all the workshops seemed tailor made for her; they gave her the support she needed to fight her battles. This year she brought her cousin.

While every woman has her own individual struggles, some things were shared by all. Everyone said that she felt supported and empowered... and many said that for the first time, they no longer feel alone.

Building Bridges

This year, the organizers added a professional component to the conference. The day before the Phenomenal Woman's Conference, was *Building Bridges, Changing Lives* for professionals working with women who may be pregnant or parenting and are experiencing challenges with substance use.

The organizers welcomed back keynote speaker, Cheryl Peever, who addressed the woman's conference last year. Cheryl is manager at the *Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)*, and in 2006, she received the *Courage to Come Back Award* after disclosing her own past struggles with cocaine addiction, alcoholism and depression.

Other presentations included topics such as treatment options, healing through relationships and an examination of CAS services.

The day was full of both concrete and inspiring information that ideally will encourage and empower those working with women at risk and their families.



HOLIDAY HOPE

Please join us to ensure that children, youth and families in need have a holiday season they can enjoy.

The Durham Children's Aid Foundation Holiday Hope Program provides packages of brand new toys, gifts, clothing and food vouchers to approximately 2,000 children, youth and caregivers every year. Last year, the program supported 650 families, this includes 1,098 children, 146 youth and 666 caregivers.

Sadly, the need for this program continues to rise. Without the support from the community, this program simply would not exist.

This year we are again highlighting the need to support youth who are living independently. We work with many youth who live on their own and do not have family to spend the holidays with.

We want to make sure that none of them feels alone this holiday season.

You can help in several ways, including,

- Sponsoring an entire family (family profile information is provided to you, including wish lists)
- Providing a monetary donation that will be used to purchase gifts.
- Donating gift cards and food vouchers.

To get involved, please call us.



FUNDING CHALLENGES CONTINUE

As reported in previous newsletters, Children's Aid Societies across the province remain in a challenging financial situation as a result of funding cutbacks by the Ontario government. Indeed some are in dire situations that have required some desperate measures.

Durham CAS continues to face a very serious financial challenge. We have implemented a variety of cost containment measures, and had to take the unfortunate and drastic step of laying off 31 staff members last spring, which has led to a reduction of our deficit. But none of these measures eliminates the fact that the funding framework under which CASs are funded, is inequitable and outdated, and is implemented unevenly.

Like last year, we have again submitted an appeal to the *Ministry of Children and Youth Services* of our funding allocation. We are also still pursuing a Judicial Review of our 2009/2010 funding allocation with ten other CASs. In this legal procedure, the court reviews a government decision to ensure that they have complied with the law in reaching the decision. This review is currently underway.

The Ministry's *Commission to Promote the Sustainability of Child Welfare* is also underway. Members of the commission have met with CASs across the province. While no final decisions have been made, we anticipate some very significant changes in child welfare services in Ontario.

While we continue to pursue all opportunities to contain costs, additional cuts are not being considered at this time.

Even with staff cuts, we are carrying a \$2.8 million deficit into next year; and we are projecting an additional \$2.5 million deficit for the 2010/2011 fiscal year. This problem will only compound if the Ontario government does not recognize the true cost of child welfare services.

This is an ongoing matter, and we continue to work closely with other CASs, our community partners and government representatives to ensure that we continue to provide quality child welfare services.

LETTER FROM MARIE

Marie was in the care of Durham CAS for six years. This is her story*

I'd like to start my story off by first saying that I love my parents very much, but to say that they raised me properly would be a lie. I don't hold a grudge against them because I don't have a full understanding myself of what it is like to be a parent. I believe my parents did what they thought was right.

I lived with my parents until I was twelve. Everything seemed to be fine until I was old enough to express my own opinions. Unlike others in my family, I voiced my opinions. They said I was a brat; I call it wisdom.

Although they would tell you a different story, I never asked for or deserved any of the physical and mental abuse. I became so stressed at the age of twelve, that I could no longer focus on the positive things I had going for myself; the positive things that life provides to everyone on this planet.

The next two years of my life are a blur. I've tried to piece the puzzle together, the timeline of exactly what happened, but I think my mind has blocked out most things as a defence mechanism. I remember telling a teacher what happened at home, who told Durham Children's Aid Society.

When two social workers asked me if I wanted to be removed from my parents and go into foster care, I was more than willing. I didn't like the idea of living with strangers, but it seemed a lot better than living at home.

That decision was one of the best ones I've ever made. I don't know if I really had a choice, I think CAS would have taken me no matter what, but I still like to believe it was my decision.

For two years, I lived in a small town, with a lovely couple and two other foster children. It was here that I experienced what it's like to live with a loving family for the first time. I learned that families should not consist of constant yelling and screaming. My opinions were heard, and I was encouraged to pursue my goals, and be the best that I can be. Having workers who came to my recitals, graduation, and other events, made me realize how much I needed CAS in my life.

After graduating from elementary school, I decided to move home because I thought things were going well with my family. I think I deceived myself because I really wanted to go to the high school in my parents' hometown. They had a performing arts high school; I auditioned and I was accepted.

During this time, I very clearly remember both my worker and family worker taking me to my high school audition. They wished me luck, cheered me on, and afterwards told me I would be famous one day.

I now know what it's like to love and feel like part of a family.

These workers did more than just their normal job expectations. They went out of their way to make me feel like I could do anything as long as I worked hard.

Living at home didn't work out. I ended up back in another foster home. This time around, I wasn't willing to live there. When I walked into the home for the first time, I said to myself immediately that I was going to get out of there as soon as possible.

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LETTER FROM MARIE ...CONTINUED

I had become such a negative person from living with my parents that I didn't really have goals anymore. This foster home changed my life again. I slowly became positive again with the help of workers and my foster mom.

When I was old enough to live on my own CAS provided for me through their Extended Care and Maintenance (ECM) program. I kept in touch with my worker frequently; and I worked hard. My goal was to go to university.

Now I'm in my third year university working my way to becoming a teacher.

When I tell people my story, they don't believe me. It's difficult to grasp that someone who has experienced what I have can become such a positive and independent person. I know that I can only thank the Durham CAS for this.

With wonderful workers, and families to take care of me above and beyond their regular expectations, I have become

someone who I am very proud to be. I now know what it is like to love and feel like a part of a family. I now know that this world isn't so cruel after all.

To anyone who ever feels like they're alone and trapped, do not be afraid. Get the help you need because I guarantee that although it might be stressful, it will be worthwhile in the end.

Thank you to everyone who changed me for the better and made a difference in my life.

**(name changed to protect privacy)*

COMING TOGETHER TO STOP CHILD ABUSE

On October 1, Durham Regional Police Chief, Mike Ewles and Durham District School Board Director of Education, Martyn Beckett joined us to launch Child Abuse Prevention Month. We were also joined by over a hundred other supporters including staff, foster parents, volunteers and board members.

We would like to make special mention of a group of children and staff from Adelaide McLaughlin Public School

who really infused the event with a lot of enthusiasm.... *and purple!*

Participants of the launch each received a purple balloon on which they wrote the name of a child they have protected or cared for. The event received some great media attention, helping us to spread the word of this important campaign.

We would like to thank all of our community partners who play a crucial role daily in protecting children in our community. We rely on everyone to be our 'eyes and ears.'

Children's Aid not only plays a critical role in protecting and caring for children, but also in preventing and educating the public about child protection and well-being. With this campaign, Children's Aid strives to educate everyone

about the role of Children's Aid, and ways they can get involved in protecting children and building strong families.

Everyone has a legal and moral duty to report child abuse. Not only is everyone required to report known incidents of abuse, but also cases of suspected abuse. Durham CAS relies on the community to be the voice for those children who are unable to speak up for themselves.

While the campaign has now wrapped up, we continue to raise awareness throughout the year. To learn how you can help, please visit durhamcas.ca.



Learn the signs of abuse at useyourvoice.ca



BEARS, BEARS AND MORE BEARS!



We are thrilled to be one of the beneficiaries of the Teddy Bear Toss hosted by the Oshawa Generals again this year.

This year, the event will take place at the Generals' December 2 game against the Kingston Frontenacs. Immediately following the Generals' first goal, fans throw teddy bears (and toy dogs, cats, elephants, zebras, raccoons, pandas, snakes....) on to the ice.

Please join us at the game with a new toy and celebrate the Generals' first goal, while also helping a child this holiday season.

Last year, we our received approximately 2,000 bears to distribute to children and youth served our *Holiday Hope Program*.

Thank you to event sponsor, RONA Whitby for including us in this exciting event!



NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

If you could support a project that helps kids learn new skills, make friends, feel secure, learn about leadership and respect, generate a positive identity, develop positive relationships and have fun while doing it... wouldn't you?

Well, that's what camp does. This past summer because of the growing support of several generous local businesses and individuals 394 kids went to camp.

On May 17, the second annual Durham Children's Aid Foundation *Camps for Kids Campaign* was launched with the generous support of RBC Royal Bank in Durham Region. The goal of the campaign is to ensure that no child involved with the CAS who wishes to experience a summer camp adventure is turned away.

RBC Royal Bank customers and staff helped in a variety of ways at twelve Retail and Commercial Banking operations in Durham Region. RBC employees also hosted a number of dress-down days, barbeques and bake sales.

We are delighted to announce that thanks to the support of RBC Royal Bank and everyone in the community who supported this campaign, we exceeded our goal of \$40,000.

This year, we were also pleased to have RBC Dominion Securities, Sharon's Kids and Mary Roy Re/Max join us in our campaign. We could not have done it without you.

Thank you for ensuring that no child is left behind.

RBC is committed to the health and well-being of Canadian children. This campaign is a great opportunity for RBC employees in Durham to unite to help those children in our community that are less fortunate.

- Travis Capes

Regional Vice President, Durham - RBC Royal Bank and Foundation Trustee





HONOURING OUR BRIGHTEST STARS



This year we were very proud to present bursaries to 36 youth who are pursuing a post secondary education. Many of the youth were able to attend the Society's Annual General Meeting in September for the formal presentation.

Many staff, board members, and donors were honoured to attend the very moving presentation, and to meet many of the youth who are all outstanding examples of the youth served by Durham CAS.

Bursaries for post-secondary education are one of the most important and popular programs provided by the Foundation. Our supporters have always recognized the importance of these bursaries, enabling us to provide over one hundred since 2004.

Bursaries are not only an affirmation of a young person's scholastic ability, but also of his or her determination to succeed in the face of personal hardship.

Thank you to the following for supporting this year's bursary program:

Auto Workers Community Credit Union
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RBC Royal Bank and RBC Foundation
Rory Brush and Marianne Miller
Rotary Club of Whitby Sunrise
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Steffler family
Tim and Linda Rider
The Yellow Bus Foundation

We have also received support from the community at large, as well as our very own Society and Foundation volunteers and employees.



NEW VISION STATEMENT AND EXECUTIVE TEAM

On September 27, our Foundation approved our new strategic vision statement, which will be the touchstone for all of our activities.

This newly crafted vision statement is the first of many deliverables of a working plan that has been the focus of our Board of Trustees and staff.

Many thanks to all involved with the months of efforts towards forging this strategic initiative. In particular, we would like to acknowledge John Rider and James Pelletier who provided leadership and expertise to the planning process.

In addition, the Foundation is proud to announce the election of our new President, James Pelletier and our new Vice-President, Susan Butson-Lewis. Kerri Novak will remain as our Treasurer and Judith Rundle remains as our Secretary.

Tim Rider, our out going President will continue on in the role of our Past President. Please join us in welcoming our new Executive Team and thanking Tim for his outstanding leadership.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank retiring board trustees Blair Walters and

to the successful development of the Foundation and the kids we serve.

To learn more about our efforts "to bring people and financial resources together to improve the quality of life for children and youth..." please visit our website at www.durhamcaf.ca

There you will find our sixth Annual Report, which lists a number of accomplishments, most notably our ability to send 364 kids to camp and offer 32 youth in care bursaries in 2009.

Why is that important? Over the past two years, thanks to a generous community and a tireless

team of volunteers and staff, we have managed to accomplish our vision. Please join us on our quest to "leave no child behind" in the upcoming years.

OUR VISION

WE WILL ENSURE THAT NONE OF OUR CHILDREN ARE LEFT BEHIND ON THE ROAD OF LIFE BY HARNESSING THE RESOURCES OF THE DURHAM REGION; PROVIDING HOPE THROUGH NEEDED PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION, WHEN OTHERS CANNOT.

Bob Brozina who have been with the Foundation from its early beginnings. Blair and Bob, your collective contributions have been invaluable

Thank you for your support!

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