



## January, 2018

*Roni and Stephanie Bhullar, Hope House Parents*

Our whole house had a lot of fun celebrating Christmas. It was even more fun this year because some of Steph's family (her brother, sister-in-law, nieces, and nephew) came to visit COTP that week. On Christmas Eve, we had our annual Hope House Christmas dinner. With the kids, visitors, nannies, and nannies' kids, we had 22 people here for that. It was a lot of fun and included a big turkey dinner, Chex mix, cookies, flashing necklaces, flashing Santa hats, lots of tinsel, Christmas music, and some gifts. On Christmas Day, we had a quiet morning at home to open the rest of our presents and then enjoyed leftovers for lunch. Fanelson loved all his gifts from his sponsors and special friends. His favorite was his remote control car that "Santa" (a sponsor) sent for him. It was especially fun because he wrote Santa a letter asking for this remote control car a few weeks prior. We got to have lots of fun with our visitors that week, which included glow sticks (a first for the Hope House), sticker books, painting, jumping on the trampoline, and lots of Christmas movies. Fanelson was able to get to the beach (Paradi) with Anderlin, Roni, Steph, and Steph's family that week as well. He had a ton of fun and liked showing Anderlin the ropes since he had been there once before. He loved all the seafood but said the crab was his favorite this time.

Fanelson continues to do well in school. He is taking weekly spelling tests and starting to sound out some three letter words. He breezes through his homework and still enjoys

completing it each week day. We still occasionally get a note sent home saying he needs to work on listening and following directions, but overall, we are getting good daily reports from his teachers.

Fanelson has always liked helping, but lately he has shown a new side of helping in the house. We had a cold that all of us seemed to have caught, and without prompting, he made sure the toddlers' noses stayed wiped with toilet paper. He loves to clean up after dinner and wipes down the table each night, usually without us having to ask. He also seems to like to rearrange the toys in our toy bins. He especially took time to do this before Christmas so that Santa had room to put our new toys. :)

## Medical Update

*Courtney Irwin, Medical Manager*

Current Weight	Current Height
39.46 lb	41.34 in

## Popular Creole Words

*Carla Lyster, Peace House Foster Parent*

**Creole:** Nwèl (pronounced similarly to Noel)

**English:** Christmas

The kids get very excited to celebrate Christmas and we do our best to make the holiday special for everyone.

**Creole:** Fèt (pronounced fet)

**English:** Party

We use this throughout the year for birthday parties, going away parties and other special occasions. The kids were very excited to celebrate the fèt of Christmas in December!

**Creole:** Kado (pronounced kah-doe)

**English:** Gift

We have heard this word a lot over the past several weeks as we celebrated Christmas and every child had gifts to open. They are always excited for any kado, so they could hardly believe their eyes when they saw how many packages were underneath the Christmas tree this year!

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