

When I read the paper and saw the story "Falling in love with foster children" (March 8), I thought the community might like to hear about our daughter and son-in-law, Philip and Shelli Olson, who have been doing foster care for years. They have adopted six of their foster kids. They have one little girl they had from birth who has Cornelia de Lange syndrome and when they found out about her sister, who also has it, they adopted her as well. She lived in Oklahoma in foster care, so they got hold of the foster care there and went there to get her. After having her for about a year, they went back this summer and were able to adopt her. This little girl, who was 6 years old at the time, never talked before and in such a short amount of time she has been talking like crazy. I can't even tell you how wonderful it was the first time she called me "Grandma." Philip and Shelli also adopted two other sisters at different times, so it is so nice they can grow up together. They also adopted another girl and boy. They also have five biological children who are now all adults except a 16-year-old. They are such wonderful and loving parents and would love to have even more room to take in more foster kids. I am so proud of them and so happy for any child they get because they are the most loving and caring people. They live in White Bear Lake.

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