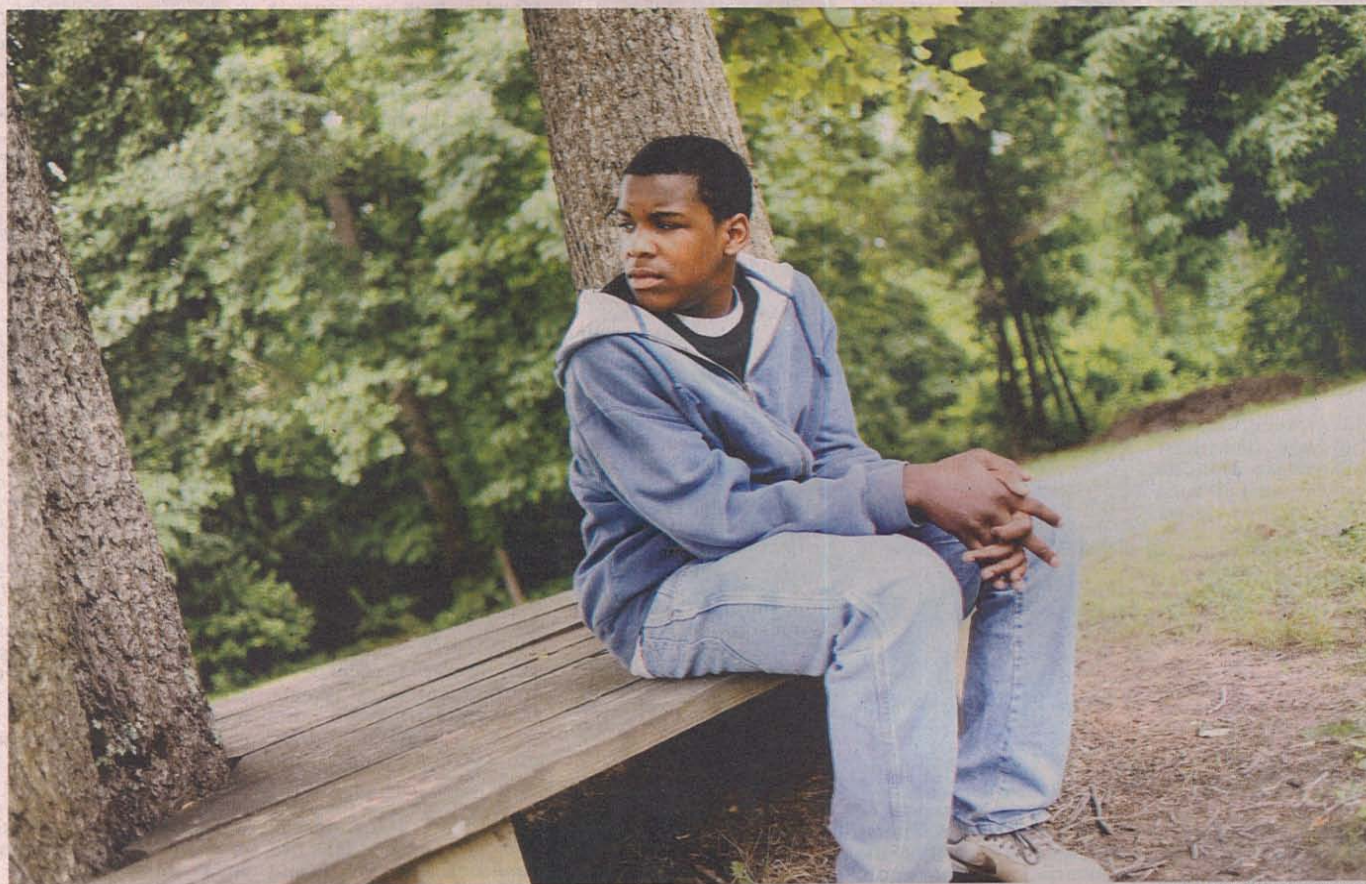


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At 15, Anthony is a two-year veteran of Virginia's foster care system. He hopes a family will provide him a permanent place to call home.

# Sports and gaming fine, but family would be best

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Like many teenage boys, Anthony isn't much on talking.

But bring up football or the Wii, and Anthony lights up.

He enjoys playing football, especially quarterback. And he loves the New York Giants.

He's not so fond of foster care, and doesn't like talking about it much, except to say he would like to have a family.

At 15, Anthony has been in foster care in the Richmond area for two years. While he wishes for a family, Anthony has spent this time studying hard, learning to bake and playing Wii with other foster youth.

## CONSIDERING ADOPTION?

Interested in adopting Anthony or any of the other children waiting? Contact Kristy Taylor at Children's Home Society of Virginia at 804/353-0191, ext. 17.

To learn more about children waiting for adoption, visit [chsva.org](http://chsva.org) or [adoptuskids.org](http://adoptuskids.org).

He especially enjoys the gaming system's sport simulations, particularly boxing, tennis and bowling.

When he's not on the Wii,

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On any given day, 1,600 Virginia children seek an adoptive family.

The Free Lance-Star joined with the Children's Home Society of Virginia, a private adoption agency offering foster-care services, to spotlight some

of these children. First names are used, but no last names are published to protect their identities.

The newspaper will periodically feature a Virginia child available for adoption.

Anthony loves playing basketball and football and swimming.

He also likes to get creative in the kitchen, and loves trying new recipes.

But he doesn't want to be a chef when he grows up. Anthony would rather fix cars.

For now, he loves to build them

and makes model cars in his spare time.

And he hopes to get a family. The best part, he said, would be "just knowing there's someone there who cares."

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