



Weekend
Miracles

TY'S STORY

When Ty spoke at the Kidsave Gala to honor foster youth, his voice was heard by over 300 people – but most importantly it was heard by Mo and Jessica – his future parents.

Ty had been in and out of the foster care system his entire life. He came to Kidsave right before his 17th birthday looking for an adoptive family. With his birthday approaching fast, and the County pushing to have Ty leave high school early, Kidsave worked hard to find him a family. Ty began participating in Kidsave's Weekend Miracles program, which finds permanent families for older youth growing up in the Los Angeles County foster care system.

After attending a few of Kidsave's monthly events, Ty was matched for hosting with Lacey and Eric. But Kidsave did not stop there. Kidsave was determined to find Ty a permanent family. Speaking at Kidsave's LA gala in June 2018 was the platform that exposed Ty to a large network of people. At the gala Ty spoke of sentiments and feelings that hold true for many kids within the foster care system -- that all foster children want the opportunity to move on from their pasts and they deserve the chance to do so. Ty emphasized that he will not let his past define him and said, "I simply can't. I can't own up to those stereotypes people have. I am learning to trust and to believe in my dreams and make them my reality."





When Mo and Jessica Mora heard Ty speak, they opened their hearts to him. After some visits on weekends, so that Jessica and Mo and their sons, Isaiah and Joey, could get to know each other, they made the decision to have Ty move in and give him a fresh start as a junior in high school.

After the gala Kidsave's Weekend Miracles events helped build and strengthen the initial connection between Ty and the Mora family. Ty now proudly calls Mo, Jessica, Isaiah and Joey his family. Whether it's helping him finish homework or picking out the right suit for Homecoming, Ty has parents and brothers to cheer him on.

Ty found love and support through Kidsave and the Mora family, but many children are not afforded this remarkable opportunity.

Ty has big dreams and plans on becoming a nuclear and missile warfare operations officer for the Air Force or Navy. In the long-term, he plans to run for Congress – maybe even run for President one day. Keep an eye out for Ty in 2036!

But for now, Ty can be seen standing arm in arm with his new family, the Moras, enjoying the camaraderie and meaningful moments of belonging that every child should have the opportunity to experience.



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