



# TODAY'S CHILD

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David, with that appealing smile and those beautiful eyes, is a five-year-old to whom fate has dealt several blows.

He has epilepsy, not yet controlled though doctors are working to seek the correct medication. He has a chronic ear condition called otitis media and frequently there is a discharge from his ears. Sometimes it clears up and then breaks out again. He has juvenile arthritis in one knee which occasionally swells with severe pain. In addition he is allergic to dust, feathers and animal fur. One positive feature of this medical catalogue is that weekly injections are helping the allergies.

David is considerably behind in his development and psychologists are not sure if their tests indicate his real potential or if his slowness is because of his many health problems. They are inclined to the latter view.

David gets on well with other children and loves attention and cuddling by adults. Parents with a strong desire to help a child will find a lovable challenge in David. Older brothers and sisters will be an asset in his adopting family.

To inquire about adopting David, please write to Today's Child, Ministry of Community and Social Services, Box 888, Station K, Toronto M4P 2H2. In your letter tell something of your present family and your way of life.

For general adoption information, contact your local Children's Aid Society.



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REGISTRATION FEE: \$15.00 (There will be an additional charge of \$8.00 for person's requiring skis, boots, and poles.)

For information on place and time for clinic, and registration please contact Gerry Dupas at the Recreation Office 825-3542.

NOTE: Refund of fees made only if course is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.