



Wednesday's Child
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This week's Wednesday's Child is Maria, a beautiful young lady with a zest for life. Born in 1993, Maria has a good bit going for her – she's strong in academics and athletics, fully bi-lingual and naturally friendly. On the surface it might seem like she has it all ... but like many teens in foster care, Maria lacks a permanent family and home from which she can build a solid foundation for adulthood.

Maria was excited to get a make over as part of her Wednesday's Child shoot, but what she didn't know what she was going to meet and get made over by Hollywood's most sought after make-up artist and founder of LORAC Cosmetics, Carol Shaw. Carol is known as the Red Carpet authority in establishing "the look" for her clients, but today Carol said her job was made easier in that Maria was a natural beauty. And it became easy to see that Maria also possesses the thoughtfulness and intelligence that will be "the look" of success for her in the future.



Putting on make-up may seem like a no brainer to some and it may even come naturally to a few. But learning the skill of using make-up to tastefully enhance one's features in an age-appropriate way can often get missed for someone growing up in foster care. When asked what she felt is her best feature, Maria told us it's her eyes. We found ourselves agreeing as Maria's smiling eyes reflected a kindness and joy meant to be shared with others.



In addition to doing well at school, Maria is also athletic and plays soccer on her school team. When she grows up she would like to follow in the footsteps of someone who has been a constant in her life – her social worker. Maria wants to help others like those who have helped her. Maria has a genuine spirit of compassion and giving. We're looking for that family who can give her the rest of what she needs to succeed.



Maria walked away with a big bag full of LORAC Cosmetics and tips from the industry's ultimate pro on how to use them. But it was Maria who left a great impression on our celebrity host of the day, Carol Shaw. We know Maria's smiling eyes are going to make an impression on viewers and hopefully a connection with her future family, too.



Thank you, Ulta Beauty of West Hollywood for hosting the taping.

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