

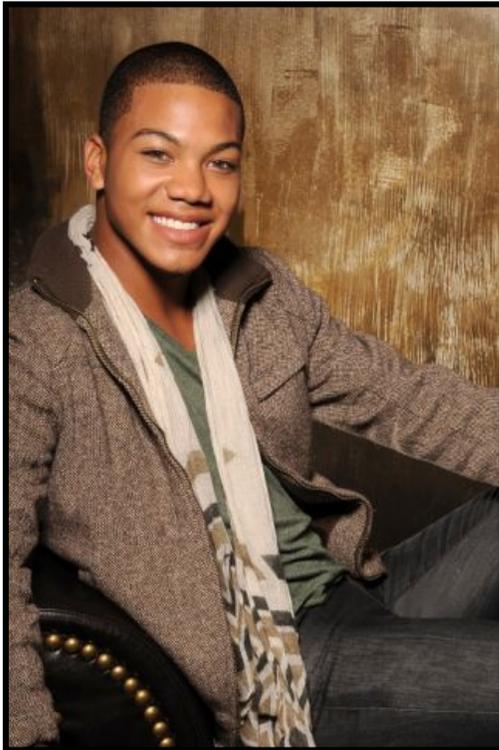


Wednesday's Child
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This week's Wednesday's Child story features Santos, a teen with a warm heart, a charismatic soul and model looks to boot. Born in 1995, Santos dreams of making a career as a model in the fashion industry and asked for a photo shoot for his Wednesday's Child dream day and as the backdrop for sharing his story.

And to make sure that the "backdrop" to Santos' story was no ordinary one, we connected with industry photographer Jody Domingue, who has shot ad campaigns for the likes of Christian Audigier, Ed Hardy and Paul Mitchell. We knew that Jody would not only bring her amazing talent to this project but her compassion as well, as she has helped with other Wednesday's Child projects in the past.

For Santos, It was a long day in the studio with makeup, hair, wardrobe, music and, of course, craft services to keep everyone's energy up. Total studio time turned out to be five hours, but that did not deter Santos. He worked hard and took direction well while proving to be a natural in front of the camera. Turned out that Santos came prepared with a few poses of his own and frame after frame it showed that this was truly a passion for him.





Santos tells us he's also considering acting as a career or even becoming a fashion designer himself. While Santos didn't need any help from us in selecting or coordinating outfits for the shoot, he knows that the fashion industry can be hard. Not being able to imagine himself in a career that didn't involve much creativity, Santos says that a back-up option for him might find him at culinary school.



Very open about his story, Santos shared with us his difficult journey in foster care and some of the disappointments he's experienced in his journey towards adoption. In spite of those things, he still wants to be a part of a permanent family and is hoping there will be someone out there who will embrace him and help him to flourish. Aside from his good looks and personality, there's still so much to get to know about Santos and he hopes someone will take the time to get to know him.

While we had a great time helping Santos get material for a portfolio and/or ZED card that may well catch some agent's eye, we're more focused on catching potential parents' eyes to find the family that's meant to represent Santos in the bigger picture of life. We're holding an open casting call for families that have a heart for older children and an understanding that these teens still need a safe and permanent place to call home. Don't delay, get more info today.



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