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# Hope Child

*Children's Center for the Visually Impaired in Kansas City, MO*



# What is a Hope Child?

Hope Child will invite both members and potential new members to learn more about the Delta Gamma Schools for Children with Visual Impairments through the faces and stories of their students.

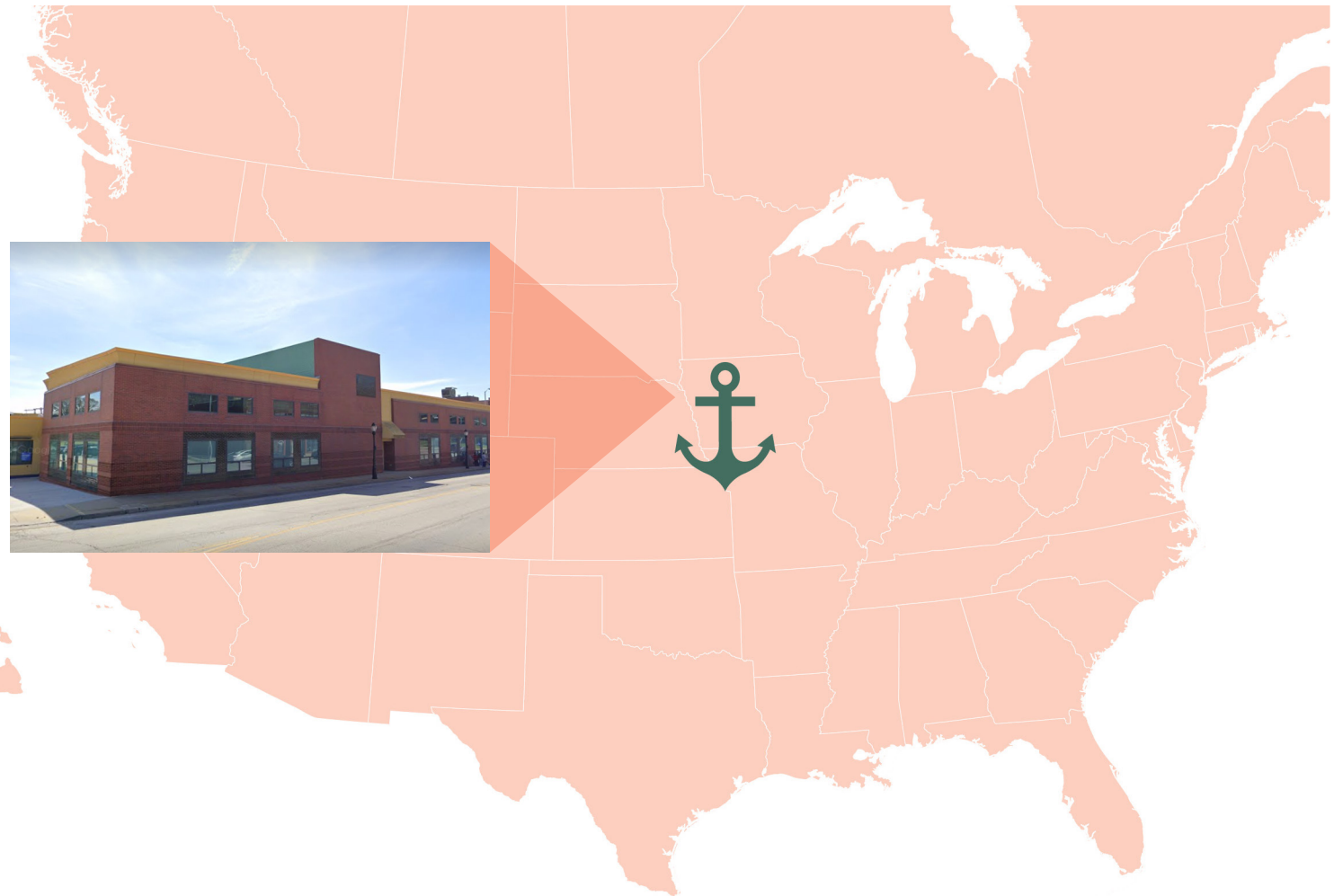
A Hope Child is another way to share the impact of the Delta Gamma Foundation and an avenue to spotlight the personal stories of Service for Sight.

This initiative is an opportunity to inspire our collegiate and alumnae members for increased fundraising and most importantly, a challenge to our members to do good for Delta Gamma schools.



# Meet “LoLo”...

*A student at Children’s Center for the Visually Impaired  
in Kansas City, MO*



Lawrence (Lolo) is a very smart and curious 4-year old. He loves to explore how things work, and problem solve. His current favorite topic is the alphabet! He is full of joy and enjoys imaginary play, books, and doing arts and crafts. He loves to play outside in the water and on playgrounds. Lawrence was adopted from China and brought home to our family in May 2019. Lolo has microphthalmia in his right eye resulting in no vision in that eye and his left eye has impaired vision due to an abnormally shaped retina. But this doesn't stop his learning! He has some good functional vision and uses it very well to explore his world. At CCVI, Lolo is in a small class size with other students with visual impairments including those with multiple disabilities as well as "sighted peers" who have no visual impairment or identified special needs. During his school day he receives lots of one on one interactions with his teacher, teacher aides, and therapists, and is a dual learner, meaning that he is learning to read and write in both print and braille. Learning to use a white safety cane to help him safely navigate unfamiliar environments is important for Lolo to gain independence.





# Facts about LoLo

***Favorite Free-time Activity:***

Puzzles, legos, and imaginary play

***Favorite Animal:***

Frog

***Favorite Food:***

Dumplings and fruit

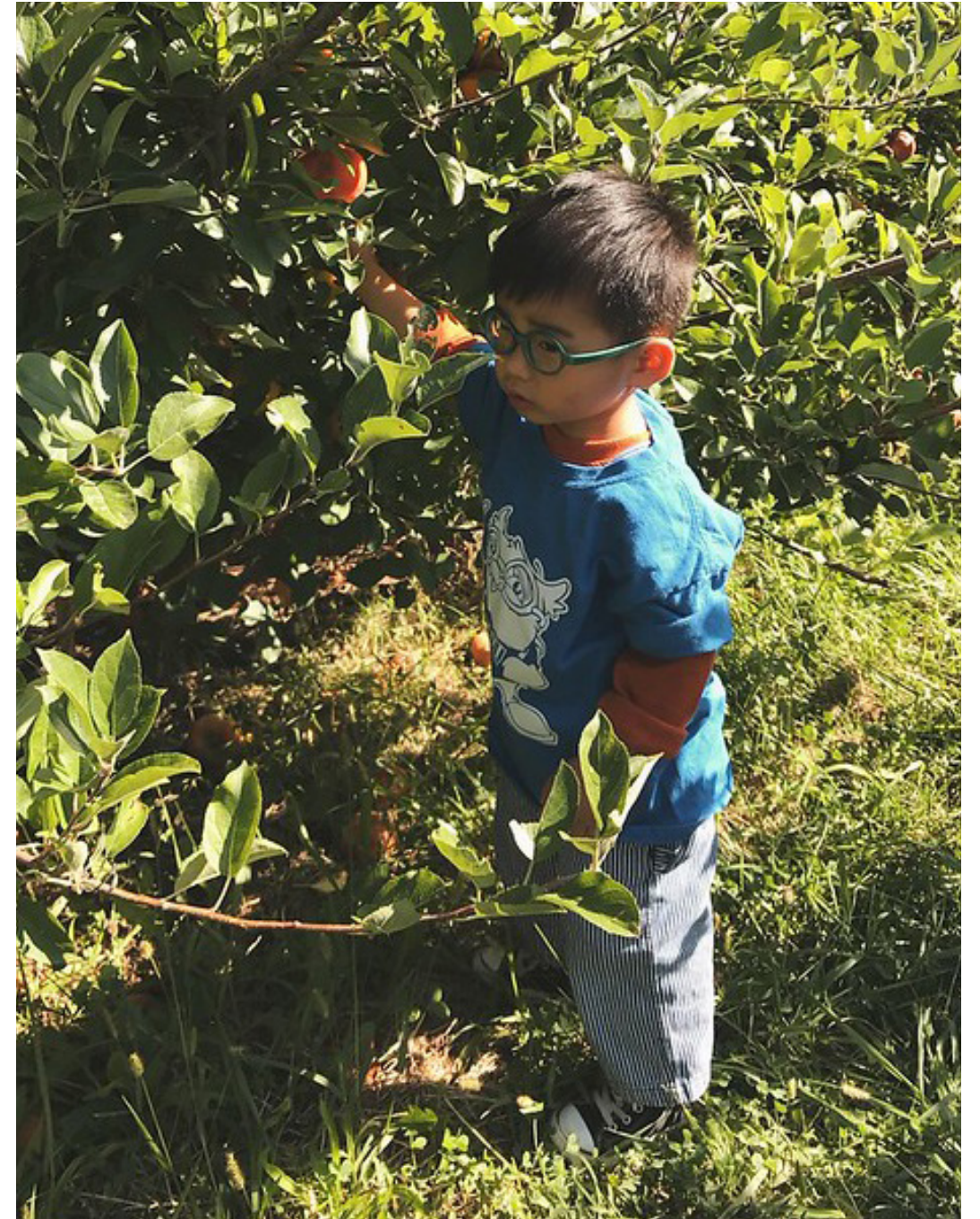
***Favorite Book:***

Frog and Toad



# LoLo's mom says...

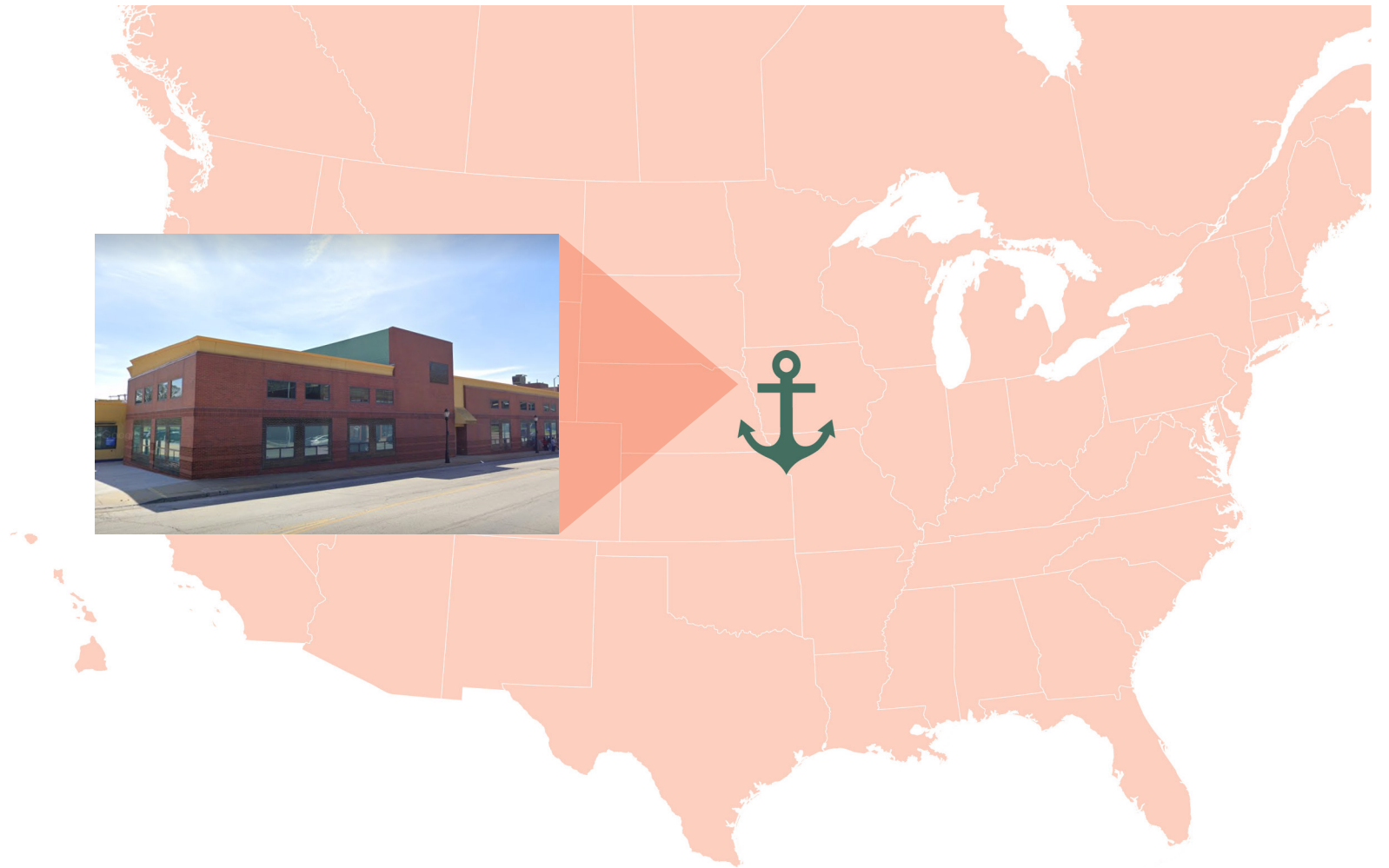
“Children’s Center for the Visually Impaired (CCVI) has given Lawrence so much confidence and rich learning experiences. He has not only learned to feel safe and secure, but has also been challenged in learning new skills and academics. His teacher Ms. Michelle works with him on maximizing his functional vision throughout the day. She creates a safe and fun classroom community and challenges her students while also meeting them where they are. Knowing how happy he is during his days at school, and how much he is learning and growing is invaluable. Seeing him meet his age-level potential with both a visual impairment and a background of international adoption is a priceless gift and CCVI definitely provided a place where he is truly loved and able to thrive! He loves going to school!”





# Meet “Tristan”...

*A student at Children’s Center for the Visually Impaired  
in Kansas City, MO*



Meet Tristan! This three-year old is smart, constantly learning new things, strong and caring. He loves to swim, plant flowers, and play with his toy school bus. At Tristan's 6-month check, his right eye was a bit lazy. It was then that an ophthalmologist diagnosed Tristan with nystagmus associated with albinism. Tristan uses glasses to improve his vision, and his play space is tilted and elevated. Tristan is also learning from his two older brothers!







# Facts about Tristan

***Favorite Food:***

Yoghurt with granola

***Favorite Animal:***

Elephant

***Favorite Color:***

Blue

***Hero:***

His daddy

# Tristan's mom says...

“Every aspect of Tristan’s daily life has been improved by being a student at CCVI. The school has helped Tristan navigate depth perception, which was most helpful when he was learning to walk and eventually run. He learned the skills to keep up with his big brother and cousins and loved the swim classes they offer. CCVI has helped to relieve our concerns with his development. There were aspects of his vision that I hadn’t thought to address, and they have helped us help him by giving us play ideas and ways to help him further develop his skills. I am very thankful for CCVI and all they have done for Tristan and our family.”

