



Kennadi(left) and Kassadi(right) Oakes are now two years old. Kennadi was born 8 minutes before Kassadi.



Makayla(left) and Alyiah(right) Madk are now 8. Makayla is two minutes older.

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"I think society sees twins (at least those who live together) as two of the same people sometimes which is frustrating, but mostly I think they see two people with an amazing opportunity to be exceptionally close to another human being. In a society where everything is so individualized, I think it's unique that I have another human to take on the challenges of trying to find yourself with. Eventually twins do grow up and move apart from each other so the times that you share a room and a life should be cherished," said Evan Childerhose.

6,000 sets of twins are born roughly each year in Canada. These four sets are just a fraction of the 6,000 a year. Twins seem to be a common thing worldwide, and through talking to multiple sets of twins and par-

ents of twins, they seem to all have the same outlook on this. They love the fact their children will always have a friend. They will always have someone behind them, and they will never be alone.

With every pregnancy, there come complications. Twins on the other hand, come with double the complications. From being conjoined, heart problems, internal organ failures, or even stillbirth, twins have a higher chance of being either still born or miscarried in the first for months.

When talking to parents of twins, they seem to have all had some sort of similar story or experience when carrying twins; some more intense or frightening than

others, but still similar.

"I never thought I was built to have twins, but I am glad I have both my girls. They make my day so much brighter, and even though Kassadi had multiple problems, and they have just recently been cleared, I would not have wanted this any other way. It was hard, but made our family stronger and closer together." Sara Oakes said about her twins Kassadi and Kennadi.

Twins are people who get to experience always having someone by their side, and never have the fear of being alone.

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Lindsay(left) and Evan(right) Childerhose are 18. Evan is one hour older.



Darleen Borden(left) and Dorleen Legue(right) are now 66. Darleen is 15 minutes older.