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**FALL 2009  
NEWSLETTER**



Happy Holidays from the IA Social Workers!

This, our second newsletter, is one way of communicating with you no matter where you are in your adoption journey. We want this newsletter to be informative. If you find a helpful website, book or resource, please send it to us for inclusion in future newsletters. As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,  
Paula & Barbara



**OUR ANGEL IN ADOPTION**

Upon the nomination of Congressman Bill Cassidy, Barbara Thompson was honored with the prestigious Angel in Adoption award. According to its website, "The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute's Angels in Adoption™ Program provides Members of Congress the opportunity to honor an individual or entity from their district that has made an extraordinary contribution on behalf of children in need of homes."

Barbara has over 30 years of experience in adoptions and joined the Adoption & Maternity department in 2005. She is a licensed social worker, attended LSU School of Social Work and most recently completed a post-graduate certificate program in adoption practice.

Congratulations, Barbara, on this outstanding achievement!

**CCDIOBR ANNOUNCES  
TAIWAN PLACEMENT PROGRAM  
FOR OLDER CHILDREN**

In October, Paula traveled with a contingent of representatives from four Catholic Charities USA agencies to Taiwan with the goal of developing a placement program for child in need of families.

The group traveled to three orphanages: Cathwel in Taipei, The Sisters of Good Shepherd in Hualien (which is still under construction), and St. Lucy's in Tainan. To date, we have been asked to find families for eight children, aged 4-12. For more information about Taiwan's Waiting Children, please contact us at 336-8708 or [pdavis@ccdiobr.org](mailto:pdavis@ccdiobr.org)





## NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

### Interesting Facts about NAM:

- ◆ The Governor of Massachusetts first proclaimed Adoption Week in 1976.
- ◆ Later that year, President Ford, an adopted person himself, made it official.
- ◆ National Adoption Week became National Adoption Month in 1990. Today, National Adoption
- ◆ Its purpose is to provide awareness of the need for adoptive families, to celebrate children and families, and to ensure safety, permanency and well being for all of our children.
- ◆ For more information: <http://www.childwelfare.gov/adoption/nam/>



### ADOPTION CELEBRATION

Our Adoption Celebration is November 22 from 3-5pm at the North Sherwood Forest BREC Park. We hope to see you there.

Please RVSP to [kcoreil@ccdiobr.org](mailto:kcoreil@ccdiobr.org)

### Resources

#### Parenting:

Adoption Learning Partners

This website offers on-line courses, the featured course this month is, Ain't Misbehavin': Discipline and the Adopted Child.

<http://www.adoptionlearningpartners.org/>

#### Groups for Families in Louisiana

A listing of support groups for families

<http://www.adoptivefamiliesmagazine.com/support-group-results.php?country=D&state=LA>

#### For China( National):

Families With Children From China

<http://www.fwcc.org/>

#### For Korea (National):

Korean Adoptee Adoptive Family Network

Subscribe to receive a free weekly newsletter with lots of resources, articles, events, etc.

<http://www.kaanet.com/>

#### Asian Pacific American Society

A non-profit group whose goal is to preserve Asian Heritage and Culture through education.

<http://www.apasneworleans.com/>

### JCICS PHOTO CONTEST

Starting November 21, 2009, until the end of the year, Joint Council will hold its second annual photo contest: **Yesterday's Hope, Today's Family**. It's designed to show the many facets of families. Prizes will be awarded and some of the winning photos will also be displayed on the Joint Council website and at Joint Council's Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland from March 17-20, 2010.

For more information about the contest, please visit the website at [www.jcics.org/photocontest.htm](http://www.jcics.org/photocontest.htm)

### USCIS ANNOUNCES NEW FILING PROCEDURES

USCIS recently made changes to its filing procedures for adoption-based application approvals (Forms I-600A, I-600, I-800A, I-800). A new lockbox facility has been established in Lewisville, Texas for the filing of I-600A & I-600 Forms. The address for filing I-800A & I-800 Forms has also been changed to a new lockbox also in Lewisville Texas. The two lockboxes in Lewisville are different for Hague vs. non-Hague cases.

In some international adoptions, the filing of the immigration forms may involve more than just one initial application. The lockbox facility is used for some, but not all, filings.

USCIS has published instructions for the filing of forms and has issued a public announcement; and both are available on the USCIS web site at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) under the topics of "adoption" and/or "forms".

