



## The Forever Connection

November 2013

### Bonnie's Message

November is Adoption Awareness Month - A great time to reflect on the joy of adoption. As part of our ongoing effort to increase adoption awareness we once again have Adoption Options information on Winnipeg Transit Buses throughout the city. I'm excited every time I see one! [Read More](#)

### AO on the Radio

Wednesday November 27th from 1:00pm - 2:00pm. AO Program Supervisor, Bonnie Snow and an adoptive couple will be discussing adoption. Tune into CJOB tomorrow at 1:00pm.

### Updates from Dawn

In September of this year I attended training in order to become a certified Circle

of Security Educator. This has given me many more tools to help families identify ways that they can encourage a strong attachment with their child or children.

I will be holding a 10 or 20 week course on the model for parents. This model is very helpful for parenting no matter how your children joined your family: birth, adoption as an infant, intercountry adoption as an older child and fostering. Please contact me at [dawn@adoptionoptions.mb.ca](mailto:dawn@adoptionoptions.mb.ca) if you would be interested in this course.

As a result of this training, I've added another day onto our Intercountry Adoption Education Seminar, making it two full days. I believe this will be a huge benefit to the program and will enhance the education we already provided.

We have had a few changes in the Intercountry Program in the last few months. [Read more](#)



#### **New Arrivals**

Today I kissed an Angel, we knew it from the start. The first time our Angel smiled at us, we gave away our hearts.

[Arrival Announcements](#)



#### **Pasta Fundraiser**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Pasta Fundraiser at Mona Lisa Ristorante on November 3, 2013.

185 people enjoyed the lunch and atmosphere!



#### **Social Work Student**

Adoption Options is happy to once again have a student from Booth University College completing her practicum with us.

[Introducing Sandra.](#)



## **Adoption Options Family Fun Day**

Our annual picnic was held on Saturday September 14th at the Assiniboia West Recreation Centre. This was a great day enjoyed by 179 AO Members, Board & Staff!

This years event was extra special as we received a generous donation from the Winnipeg Goldeyes Foundation "Field of Dreams" for the food, bouncers, professional face painters, crafts, and a live band "Seanster and the Monsters" that entertained the children all afternoon. Thank you to Canada Safeway for donating the snacks and drinks. A special thank you Darren & Chad for cooking the hot dogs in the rain.

[Family Fun Day pictures.](#)



## **At the Movies**

The staff attended the advance screening of [Philomena](#), starring Judi Dench and Steve Coogan.

We all gave this movie a thumbs up. It was incredibly thought provoking, emotional and funny. Judi Dench's performance was great.

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## How You Can Help

### Charity Number

Remember that you can direct your donation by using AO's charity number *13323 1233 RR0001*. This charity number can be used to direct donations to AO through the United Way and All Charities Campaign.



### Red River Co-Op

When you fuel up your vehicle at any of the 28 Red River Co-Op gas bars in Winnipeg consider using AO's number *243700*. AO receives a rebate cheque at the end of the year based on the amount of fuel purchased.

