



The Forever Connection

February 2014

Bonnie's Message

I just finished an enjoyable Education Seminar with 9 wonderful couples who are beginning their adoption journey. It is an honour to be part of the adoption process with prospective adoptive parents and birthparents. [Read More](#)

Update from the Board ~ Laura Morrison, Chair

The Board and Staff came together for a day of Strategic Planning on January 19, 2014. We identified what was working well in the agency and what we need to improve upon or expand. We re-evaluated our Vision, Mission and Goals and the proposed changes are as follows:

[Vision and Mission](#)

GOALS:

The three main areas of emphasis that we would like membership input include:

1. Public Awareness/Education - developing a communications plan, which includes social media, advertising, and expanding services outside Winnipeg.
2. Financial Stability - implementing a fundraising plan.
3. Service Delivery - establishing feedback/evaluation mechanisms, and enhancing post-placement support

It would be beneficial to receive feedback from members prior to implementing any changes to the above goals.

Please join us at the AGM to share your ideas for the future of Adoption Options.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ~ Wine and Cheese
March 26, 2014 5:30 pm
Adoption Options Office
Please RSVP at reception@adoptionoptions.mb.ca.

Division 3 Inter-Country Adoption Updates

We have had a few changes in the Intercountry Programs over the last few months. [Country specific updates](#)

If you are interested in any of our Intercountry Programs, we do have Information Booklets for several of the countries on our website, www.adoptionoptions.mb.ca.

The other information booklets are in the works and will hopefully be available soon. If you have any questions or would like to adopt from one of these countries, you can contact me Dawn Warkentin, Intercountry Coordinator, at dawn@adoptionoptions.mb.ca or 204-774-0511, Ext. 202.



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](#)



Question & Answer!

Do you have an adoption related question? Click on the link below and the answer will be in the next newsletter.

[Submit your Question](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday June 7, 2014 is the date for the AO Family Fun Day! More information will be emailed in the next few months!

Conceiving Dreams Dinner - A Celebration of Adoption

The Conceiving Dreams Dinner will be on Friday November 7, 2014 in conjunction with National Adoption Awareness Month.

Planning is underway and there will be some changes this year. If you would like to be involved in the committee please email andrea@adoptionoptions.mb.ca.

More information about the event will be emailed in the next few months.

An Adoption Journey

Oh my, what a journey it has been.

When my husband, Chris and I started the process of adoption, what spurred us on was our son's repeated question of when he was going to get a baby brother or sister. [Read more](#)



How You Can Help

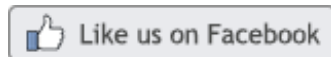
Charity Number

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.



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