



The Forever Connection

July 2015

Bonnie's Message

Summer in Manitoba.....Let the warm weather begin!

Unfortunately, the air conditioning is blasting in the office, making it feel like winter. At times Andrea can be seen wearing 2 or 3 sweaters at a time plus a blanket wrapped around her like a fleece skirt! [Read More](#)

Worth the Wait

Being asked to submit a 1 page submission to the AO newsletter to summarize our domestic adoption experience is an honor. I asked Bonnie - what do I touch on? She replied "you can include things like the wait, the call, meeting the birthparents, meeting your child". I thought - how in the world do I summarize all of the feelings.... all of the thoughts.... all the emotion.... Into a 1 page newsletter submission.

So here is my best shot at a very BRIEF overview of our experience and how my husband and I feel truly blessed to welcome an amazing baby boy into our lives through adoption and how we are forever grateful to his birthparents.

[Read more](#)

Conceiving Dreams Dinner ~ A Celebration of Adoption

Registration is now open for the 14th annual Conceiving Dreams Dinner and Trivia Night to celebrate adoption and Adoption Awareness Month on Friday, November 6th at the Canad Inns Polo Park.

The CDD committee is always looking for donations to add to the rainbow and live auctions. Please see the [Donation Request Letter](#) for more information.

Family Fun Day 2015

The AO Family Fun Day was enjoyed by 40 families (approximately 150 people) on Sunday June 14, 2015.

Thank you to the Winnipeg Goldeyes Field of Dreams Foundation for a wonderful day! The children were thoroughly entertained by Seanster and the Monster, the face painters and the bouncers!



Reflections at the One-Year Mark

"How big was he when he was born?"
"8 pounds 7 ounces and just over 21 1/2 inches".

Even though I was not present for his birth, I know these birth-related statistics by heart. You could shake me awake from a deep sleep and I would correctly provide these statistics as well as others related to my son's birth. Because I am his mother. [Read More](#)

Waiting Families

Are you a waiting family? We know that the wait can be a difficult time for many families and we would like to help you through this part of your adoption journey. We hope the group will provide an opportunity for waiting families to connect with one another to provide support, encouragement and new friendships.

The waiting families group will have their first get together in the fall. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please email Jennifer Squirrel at jennifer@adoptionoptions.mb.ca.

Walking with someone who understands makes the journey a little easier.

Submit Your Adoption Stories

We are looking for families to share their adoption story which will be featured in one of our upcoming newsletters.

If you are interested in participating please e-mail reception@adoptionoptions.mb.ca!



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](#)



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We have just joined Twitter! Follow us for updates on our events as well as read articles on adoption and parenting!

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How You Can Help

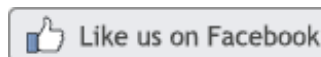
Charity Number

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.



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