



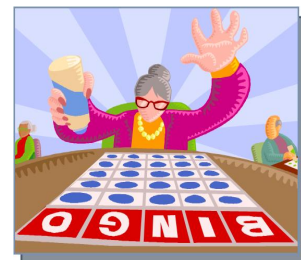
## The Forever Connection

Summer 2013

### Bonnie's Message

Summer has arrived (finally!). So far this year, we have been busy at Adoption Options with 9 Division 2 adoptions and 6 Division 3 adoptions. As many of you know, Dawn Warkentin has returned as the Inter-Country Adoption Coordinator after being off for a year on maternity leave. We are very happy to have Dawn back!

Our birthparent group is going strong. We plan to meet four times a year with the focus being on support and shared experience. It is a time of both tears and laughter, joy and sadness. I am forever humbled at the strength of birthparents. [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](#)

### **Dear Mom (Parent) of an Adopted Child**

I met you in adoption education class. I met you at the agency. I met you at my son's school. I met you online. I met you on purpose. I met you by accident.

It doesn't matter. The thing is, I knew you right away. I recognize the fierce determination. The grit. The fight. Because everything about what you have was a decision, and nothing about what you have was easy.

[Read more.](#)

### **Volunteers Needed**

Adoption Options is in need of 7 volunteers. The Manitoba Community Service Council (MCSC) has approved Adoption Options for a computer maintenance grant. In order to receive the grant funding the agency must provide 7 volunteers to work at a MCSC bingo on **Saturday August 21st** at the Club Regent Casino. For more information or to donate your time please contact

[jennifer@adoptionoption.mb.ca](mailto:jennifer@adoptionoption.mb.ca).

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## Adoption Options Family Fun Day

Please join us at this years Adoption Options **FAMILY FUN DAY**, on Saturday September 14, 2013. This is a celebration of Adoption and all members are invited regardless of your family status. Unfortunately we cannot extend this invitation to non-members or anyone outside of your immediate family.

There will be a hot dog lunch and all kinds of great activities - bouncers, face painters, cotton candy and children's entertainers "[Seanster and the Monsters](#)" will be performing.

This years event will be held at the [Assiniboia West Recreation Center](#) at 861 Buchanan Blvd from 11am until 2pm. The event is rain or shine and will take place inside the center if needed.

For more information about the Family Fund Day please email [reception@adoptionoptions.mb.ca](mailto:reception@adoptionoptions.mb.ca)

To Register for the event please complete the registration form below and return it by mail or email to Adoption Options before September 1st. [REGISTRATION FORM](#)

A big thank you to the Winnipeg Goldeyes foundation "Field of Dreams" for sponsoring this event.



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Agency Stats

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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.



## Summer Hours

The office will keep the same hours over the summer months (Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm) however there will be some weeks when we are short staffed due to staff vacations.

The office will be closed August 7th at 12:00pm until Monday August 12th while the staff attends an Adoption Conference in Toronto.

Have a great summer!