



The Forever Connection

February 2015

Bonnie's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying a positive start to 2015!

Our Conceiving Dreams Dinner this past November left me thinking a lot about birthparents. What a beautiful and touching story shared by a birthmother about her adoption journey. I have been reflecting on the birthparents who changed my life just over nine years ago. [Read More](#)

Annual General Meeting

Join us for our Annual General Meeting on March 25, 2015 at 6pm. Come and enjoy some wine & cheese and chat with the Staff and Board of Adoption Options. We look forward to seeing you! Please [RSVP](#).

Board Update

We have a new addition to our Board of Directors. Kim Senkiw joined the Board of Director in November 2014. Kim works for Corus Entertainment and brings with her knowledge in Marketing and personal experience in adoption. Welcome Kim!

Conceiving Dreams Dinner ~ A Celebration of Adoption

The Vision: To take a successful fundraising event and turn it into something more...something that celebrates how far we've come, and where we are going. Make it something that raises awareness...about the celebrations, the hopes, the dreams and most importantly about the journey.

The Outcome: On November 7th at the Canad Inns Polo Park, the 2014 Conceiving

Dreams Dinner (CDD) allowed our vision to become a reality as we celebrated adoption with 343 people in attendance. [Read More](#)

[Thank you to all who supported the event!](#)

SAFE Homestudies

In September 2014, Adoption Counselors at Adoption Options took part in a training session on SAFE (Structured Analysis Family Evaluation) Homestudies. As a result, starting in January 2015, we have begun to change the way we conduct homestudies. [Read More](#)

Division 3 - Intercountry Updates

Intercountry adoptions are continually changing and we must ebb and flow with them. As the wait times increase in some countries, we look to new opportunities for families. Already in 2015 we have added a new program with adoptions from Lithuania. This is a brand new country choice for AO, so we are still developing the program along with our facilitator, Loving Heart International Adoption Agency in Ontario. [Read More](#)

Waiting Families

Are you a waiting family ? We know that the **waiting** can be a difficult time for many families and we would like to help you through this part of your adoption journey. This year we are looking to facilitate a waiting families group. We hope the group will provide an opportunity for waiting families to connect with one another to provide support, encouragement and new friendships. We would like to see how many of our waiting families would be interested in joining this group. If you are interested please email reception@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](#)

Follow Us On Twitter!

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

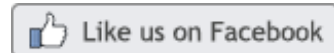
Charity Number

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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