

## The Forever Connection

December 2016

### Bonnie's Message

It's hard to believe that 2016 has come to an end and we are now into 2017! It has been another year of beautiful adoption stories and some difficult journeys as well. [Read More](#)

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### Conceiving Dreams Dinner ~ A Celebration of Adoption

Once again the Conceiving Dreams Dinner was a great success! We would like to thank the 308 people who joined us in celebrating adoption on November 5, 2016. It was an evening of memorable stories, intense trivia, and loads of fun!

Thank you to the very generous sponsors and those who donated to the rainbow, silent and live auctions! Please click on the link: [Thank you to all who supported the event!](#)

A special thank you to Janice Brisebois and Michel Roy, this event would not be what it is with out their continued dedication to AO and this event.

We are always looking for member feedback on the event. Whether you attended this year, previous years or have never attended please take a few minutes to complete this survey.

**[SURVEY](#)**



### 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](#)

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### **[2016 STATISTICS](#)**

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New and Improved Website - [adoptionoptions.mb.ca](http://adoptionoptions.mb.ca)

With support from The Edward and Gertrude Bell Family Fund and the Bell Family - Don and Terrie Bell and their children Matthew Bell and Michelle Welchinski,

Adoption Options was able to update our website. Thank you to the Bell family and the families who submitted photos and stories!

We are now able to upload our newsletters to the website so members can read past issues. These can be read on the Member Portal page using the password - portal.

If you would like to submit your story to be added on the Our Stories page, please email [andrea@adoptionoptions.mb.ca](mailto:andrea@adoptionoptions.mb.ca).

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## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Seeking New Board Members!**

Are you interested in sitting on the Adoption Options' Board of Directors? We are looking for individuals with experience working with not-for-profit agencies, fundraising, and marketing/social media. If this is you or someone you know, please submit your name to [reception@adoptionoptions.mb.ca](mailto:reception@adoptionoptions.mb.ca) and we will forward it onto the Board. New Board members will be considered prior to our AGM in March 2017. Please note, you cannot have an open file with Adoption Options if you want to be on the Board of Directors.

### **Are there any Social Media experts out there?**

If so, we would like to pick your brain to come up with strategies to enhance our Social Media presence. We are hoping to form a committee to first share ideas and then develop a plan on how to implement these ideas. Email [bonnie@adoptionoptions.mb.ca](mailto:bonnie@adoptionoptions.mb.ca) for more information.

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## What's it like being adopted?

When I was younger, I was always asked questions like "Why don't you look like your mom and dad?", "What's it like being adopted" and my favorite "Have you met your birth parents". As a younger kid I was never sure how to answer those questions. Even being 15 now I am still not 100% sure how to answer those questions. [Read more](#)

