



We're counting on your support!

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Dear Friend of Adoption STAR;

November is National Adoption Month, and for adoptive parents, every day brings a new opportunity to celebrate, reflect and give thanks. Children bring joy to a household and even when times are challenging, we're all stronger and more resilient when we're part of a family.

Adoption STAR itself is a unique agency, made up of families and families of friends, who believe - like I do - that there's nothing more precious than a forever family. Adoption STAR will mark its first decade creating forever families in 2010...and there is no time like the present to reflect on our past and dream of our future.

Our first STAR baby is almost 10 years old, happy, healthy and a big sister to another Adoption STAR baby. Since then, Adoption STAR has helped create more than 380 forever families. Each of our babies have their own special charm and I can't help but smile when I walk through our office and see their photos on our walls. I remember their stories. They're part of our history.

Please consider supporting Adoption STAR's future by making a gift to our Annual Fund campaign. Your donation will help Adoption STAR continue its mission to educate our community about adoption and the strength of forever families. [Even \\$25, \\$50 \(or more\) will help.](#)

Education has always been the hallmark of Adoption STAR's mission. Adoption STAR is committed to all parties in the adoption triad...and our commitment doesn't stop at placement. Our expectant families are offered counseling, support and membership in the Blue Rose Support Group where they meet other women who have made adoption plans. After the baby is born, we offer our adoptive parents free workshops on special topics. Even our social activities have the opportunity to network, share and learn from each other. Our families form a special community.

We don't stop there. We offer free in-service workshops to teachers, medical professionals and social workers about adoption options. Adoption STAR staff members are regularly invited to give presentations in schools - from elementary schools to colleges - about adoption, how it has changed through the years and how it is helping to change our society. It's good work.

[Your Annual Fund gift in any amount will help maintain this commitment.](#)

When our first 2010 STAR baby is born, he or she will be part of a legacy that reflects our diverse roster of adoptive parents, our strong and determined birth parents and a new generation of children with open minds and hearts. During our 10th year, we'll welcome our 400th placement - another shining star - a blessing into our often uncertain world. Your support is truly appreciated.

Cordially,

Michele Fried
Founder and Adoptive Mom

[P.S. Please send your Annual Fund gift as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting Adoption STAR and our commitment to babies and their forever families.](#)