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I am writing to respectfully request your support of Adoption STAR, Inc., an agency headquartered in Williamsville, NY. Adoption STAR, (Support, Training, Advocacy and Resources) is a non-profit (501c3) adoption agency. **Adoption STAR is celebrating its tenth birthday year and would like you and your organization to share in this special celebration that will continue throughout the year.** This unique opportunity will allow your organization to be sponsors of some or all of the many events Adoption STAR has planned throughout 2010.

Adoption STAR is a compassionate and unique organization that offers people guidance. The agency offers comprehensive services to adoptive parents, birth parents and adoptees, including but not limited to domestic and international adoption placements, home studies, post placement supervision, counseling, education, support groups, social groups, etc. The mission of Adoption STAR is to create forever families through adoption.

When my daughter and her husband could not conceive after three years of fertility treatments, they turned to Adoption STAR. Our entire family was in pain. We felt lost and confused when it came to adoption. Adoption STAR guided us all and gave us the Support, Training, Advocacy and Resources we needed. Eighteen months after starting the adoption process, my daughter and son-in-law became parents to a two-day-old beautiful baby boy. Now Joshua is almost three years old and has changed the lives of our entire family. My daughter believes the reason she was unable to conceive was that she was meant to be Joshua's mother. I believe that too and I am so grateful and thrilled that this precious little boy is my grandson. That is why when the people at Adoption STAR told me that 2010 was their tenth birthday and asked me if I would be the Chair of the initial event of their special birthday year; this very proud Grammy said "Yes" without hesitation!

I am especially excited that we will honor Michele Fried with the first "Michele Fried Founders Award." Not only is Michele the founder of this unique agency, she has continued to be its guiding light and nurturer for ten years. This award will be given annually to an individual whose contributions, expertise, and dedication to adoption, mirror Michele's. We will also be awarding the first "Adoption Friendly Workplace Award" to a Western New York business that has established fertility and/or adoption benefits and loans for its workers. The recipient will be chosen from a list of six finalists.

For more information on Adoption STAR, email us at www.adoptionstar.com. You can also follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/adoptionstar or become a fan on Facebook.

We know how many times worthwhile organizations come to you each year asking for a donation every time they hold an event or fundraiser. (We know it gets to be a nuisance after awhile!) **That is why we are asking you for only one donation for the year that will entitle you to special recognition at all our events and special programs throughout the entire Tenth Birthday Celebration Year.** Sponsorship levels and benefits are enclosed.

If you have any questions you can reach me at home at 716-689-9533, on my cell at 716-695-4885, or at my email address at jsc978@aol.com. I hope I can count on you to join us. Thank you in advance for your commitment to help support Adoption STAR on its tenth birthday year.

Sincerely,

Judy Chick
A Proud Adoption STAR Grandmother
Chair, *Dazzling Decade – A Night of Stars*

P.S. You might like to know that Adoption STAR is the only Western New York Adoption Agency with a Haitian adoption program. Adoption STAR is pleased to announce that all of its clients in Western New York whose Haitian adoptions were underway at the time of the earthquake have been united with their children in the US through a humanitarian parole policy by the Department of Homeland Security in coordination with the State Department. Though additional Haitian adoptions are now on hold, Adoption STAR continues to monitor the needs of two Orphanages in Haiti and is sending financial support and necessary items to assist in the care and education of Haitian orphans.