

September Adoption STAR NEWSLETTER

September 2010

Dear Friends,

Before we begin to share this newsletter with you, we would like to ask you a very special favor. If you have a blog or a website, please include Adoption STAR's url: <http://www.adoptionstar.com> on your blog and websites. Just by linking us to you, you are helping increase our popularity on the Internet, thus providing the Adoption STAR resource to so many others nationwide, specifically pregnant woman who may be considering adoption as an option. Thank you in advance!

Please also drop our founder an email at michele@adoptionstar.com so she can thank you for adding us!

Also if you have not joined us on facebook, please do by becoming a fan of Adoption STAR: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Adoption-STAR/110156193216?ref=ts>

If you have any other ideas about how to get us more attention on the worldwide web, we would love your suggestions. In addition, Adoption STAR may be posting a job opening for a Technical Writer with SEO experience soon!

OUR PICNIC WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH OVER 300 ATTENDEES.
For a brief glimpse, please visit this link to view just some of the photos taken at the picnic:

<http://2010adoptionstarpicnic.shutterfly.com/>

Thank you Patty, Steve and Matthew Spear for chairing our Picnic committee and for all the wonderful volunteers that assisted the Spear family and the agency. Thank you also to all the generous sponsors of this year's picnic:

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Sharon and Lowell Chick

If you are not yet apart of the Adoption STAR family, we hope you will consider joining us. **The next adoption informational session will be held in the Buffalo area** on September 12, Sunday, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Join us for this free orientation session to learn more about adoption and the Adoption STAR Agency. 47 Plaza Drive, Williamsville. Please call 716-639-3900 to RSVP or email info@adoptionstar.com.

PLEASE KNOW YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN INFORMATIONAL SESSION BEFORE REGISTERING WITH THE AGENCY. HOWEVER IF YOU ARE STILL RESEARCHING YOUR OPTIONS, WE HOPE YOU WILL TAKE THE TIME TO JOIN US AT THE ABOVE SESSION. Please check out our calendar of events to find additional orientation session being held in various locations:

<http://www.adoptionstar.com/participate.php>

Our next set of set of Home Study Classes will be held in Western New York beginning October 19. Another October start date option will be our Weekend Home Study Classes that will be held in the Albany area and are open to all registrants of Adoption STAR who reside anywhere in New York State. For those of you interested in attending this weekend series of classes, there are economical overnight accommodations available. Please contact the agency for more information.

IF YOU WISH TO BEGIN THE ADOPTION PROCESS BEFORE 2011, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REGISTER NOW.

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If you scroll down to the bottom of this email you will see an unbelievable listing of events this September and October. Please challenge yourself to identify at least one activity that you will attend. You will be happy you did! Please share them with co-workers, family and friends!

Adoption STAR has helped create **more than 428 forever families**. Each of our children has their own special charm and we can't help but smile when we walk through our office and see their photos on our walls. We remember their stories. They're part of our history. **To read stories from some of our STAR families and birth mothers, please visit:** http://www.adoptionstar.com/agency_stories.php

If you have adopted from Adoption STAR and have not yet shared your story, please, please ADD your adoption story:

http://www.adoptionstar.com/agency_story.php

The adoptive family support group, Adoptive Families of the Capital Region, will be presenting to upcoming workshops for adult attendees considering adoption as well as those who have already adopted:

Lifebooks: Preserving Your Child's Story

Monday, September 27, 2010

7:00 – 9:00 PM at McKownville United Methodist Church

Join the **Adoptive Families of the Capital Region** to learn what a Lifebook is, and why it is important for foster and adopted children and their families. Lifebook creation is a useful tool for documenting a child's history, satisfying a child's natural curiosity, working through old hurts, building attachment, developing identity and a sense of pride in who they are. This workshop will provide foster and adoptive parents with practical tips for getting started or for continuing a Lifebook they have already started. The workshop is free and reservations are not required.

Adopted: The Movie

Monday, October 18, 2010 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

University at Albany - UAB - University Auxiliary Building

Fourth Floor, 1215 Western Ave., Albany

This is not the main campus of SUNY Albany. It is the former Picotte Building (name is on the building) located next to the Sunoco Station.

Join the **Adoptive Families of the Capital Region** for a viewing and discussion of *Adopted: The Movie*. This 80 minute movie shares the very personal thoughts and feelings of two well meaning families—one family as it starts their journey as they adopt a daughter from China and a second family as a 32 year old daughter from Korea reaches out to her parents to work through painful adoption issues. Viewers of *Adopted: The Movie* will learn how love isn't always enough and the types of supports individuals who were adopted need from their families.

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Adoption STAR has added a new feature to our website in honor of our 10th birthday. Please visit the home page: <http://www.adoptionstar.com/index.php>

On the right hand side you will see: **Happy 10th Birthday Adoption STAR! Click Here for More Information!** Click and you will see a series of new web pages created in honor of our 10th birthday. *This section will be up for our entire 10th birthday year!* Or go directly to this link:

http://www.adoptionstar.com/agency_10th.php You will see the following sections **10 Years: A Look Back; The Next 10 Years; Share Your Story; Stories** and a **Donate** link.

Bulgaria

Adoption STAR is excited about our Bulgarian adoption program. There are many children ages 3, 4 and 5 including sibling groups available. If you are interested in considering Bulgaria as an international adoption option, please contact Lisa Geiger at 866-691-3300.

Haiti

While the U.S. Department of State reports that Haiti has reopened for adoption, the orphanages we work with feel the process is still quite slow and they are still healing emotionally and especially physically from the earthquake. We will be keeping you informed of the application process should you be interested in adopting from Haiti in the future.

In the meantime, Adoption STAR is committed to not forgetting Haiti, especially the children. Adoption STAR continues to monetary support to orphans in Haiti. AT THIS TIME ONLY MONETARY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED.

Please continue to support our continuing efforts in Haiti by making a tax-deductible donation by mailing in your check to Adoption STAR, Inc. and putting Haiti in the memo line. Please mail checks to the agency's Williamsville, NY office. Thank you. *Please share this information with family, friends, co-workers and any others you feel that can assist with these efforts.*

Hungary

Michele Fried, the agency's founder and CEO recently visited Hungary and met with the adoption team, visited a very large orphanage and had an opportunity to speak to individuals at the US Embassy in Budapest. Michele has been to Hungary many times over the years in a personal capacity and is thrilled to be professionally apart of adoptions. The Hungarian adoption program is open to all US residents residing throughout the country. Couples and singles will be considered. Healthy children ages 4 and up are available, most of Gypsy descent. Many younger children are available via sibling groups. Also those interested in adopting babies and toddlers with Down Syndrome should consider Hungary as there are many very young children with Down Syndrome in need of a forever family. For more information on adopting from Hungary, please contact Michele at 866-691-3300 or email her at michele@adoptionstar.com.

Nepal

No new applications are being taken for the Nepal adoption program.

New York State

The IAATP grant that Adoption STAR has had for several years is happy to share

that several training sessions are on the calendar and are located throughout the state of NY. These FREE professional development opportunities are designed to help health care and helping professionals serving pregnant women, teens and men discuss adoption as an option with patients and clients who are not sure that they are able to parent the child. Contact hours and CEUs are available for attendees. Meal provided. For more information or to register for this training, please go to www.iaatp.com. Please contact Michael Hill at 716-639-3900 or at michael@adoptionstar.com with questions or for more information.

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Ohio

If you reside in Ohio and are considering adoption, either now or in the future, we encourage you to learn more about Adoption STAR Ohio by emailing info@adoptionstar.com or by calling 513-631-6590.

Florida

If you reside in Florida and are considering adoption, either now or in the future, we encourage you to learn more about Adoption STAR Ohio by emailing info@adoptionstar.com or by calling 954-566-6055.

Connecticut

ADOPTION STAR IS NOW CONNECTICUT APPROVED THROUGH MAY 2012. THIS MEANS THAT WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO PLACE CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION WITH CONNECTICUT FAMILIES.

Older Child Adoptions

If you wish to receive emails about older children available for adoption, please

provide your full name and email address and send it to: zachary@adoptionstar.com. At least one time per month you will receive photos and information on older children who need forever families.

On-line Profiling

It is not unusual for expectant parents or their family members to search the Web for adoptive families. One of the most effective ways to reach a potential birth mother is to post your profile on the Internet. The online profiling offers expectant parents an opportunity to get-to-know some of the wonderful adoptive parents who are waiting to adopt. By posting your profile with Adoption STAR you are allowing information about yourself and your desire to adopt to be available to all expectant parents who visit the site. This is an incredible opportunity for waiting adoptive families to present themselves online in a Dear Birth Parent letter and photos.

This online profiling will offer a unique environment created for expectant parents and hopeful adoptive parents to find each other, establish relationships, and create adoption situations that meet the needs of everyone. As you know we share hard copy profiles with our birth parent clients, but often there is a birth mother who feels more comfortable by seeking out an adoptive family on her own. Your profile can be the one that makes her feel comfortable about her adoption decision.

Only Adoption STAR adoptive parent clients are eligible to participate in the online adoptive parent profiles. Fee for participation is reasonable and competitive. Rather than the typical monthly fee with other Internet adoption sites, our fee is only \$99 for a three-month period. There are also no application fees or additional Internet service fees. It is also very easy to do!

[Please click here to start the process by filling out our Adoptive Parents Profile Form](#) or cut and paste this link onto your browser:

http://www.adoptionstar.com/adoptiveparents_profile1_form.php

We will contact you when we receive it and we put it live on our website!

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, IF ADOPTION STAR DOES NOT HAVE A COPY OF YOUR HARD COPY PROFILE VIA A PDF (OF LESS THAN 5 MG) PLEASE IMMEDIATELY BE SURE THIS IS EMAILED TO YOUR FAMILY ADVOCATE. MANY TIMES WE DO NOT HAVE TIME TO EXPRESS MAIL YOUR PROFILE OUT AND THESE PDF PROFILES COME IN HANDY!

Our Email/Mailing List

If you would like any of your family or friends to receive our newsletter, email updates and mailings, please email Zachary@adoptionstar.com with their names, mailing addresses, and email addresses. If you are a client of Adoption STAR, we would like to remind all of you to provide the agency with updated telephone numbers (work, home, cell, pager), mailing addresses and email addresses. If you

have switched jobs, left a job, moved, etc., please email Zachary with your most updated contact information!

Have you joined these groups yet?

SOFIA

There is NO membership fee! SOFIA means supporting our families interested in adoption. It is a special group. The focus is educational and social. It is for those families who are waiting to adopt and those families who have already adopted through STAR or through another entity. Please visit SOFIA by going to their website at <http://www.wnysofia.com/>

FACEBOOK

It is so easy to do. Just visit <http://facebook.com/> and search for the Adoption STAR fan group. We hope to see you online!

TWITTER

Follow Adoption STAR on Twitter! <http://www.twitter.com/adoptionstar>

BLOG

Read what has been posted on the blog, make comments or add your own articles, stories, poetry to the blog.

<http://adoptionstar.blogspot.com/>

Adoption STAR YAHOO Online Groups

We highly recommend that once your home study is approved that you log onto and join the Adoption STAR adoptive parent's yahoo group. It is easy to join, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/adoptionstar/> There are so many Adoption STAR clients (those who adopted and those waiting to adopt) who all have access to each other.

Another online group is the Adoption Star Parenting Site <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/adoptionstarpaparents/> for those who already adopted from Adoption STAR. Please join this group to connect with other parents about the different stages of parenthood. No agency staff are members of the online groups ~ only adoptive parent clients.

Please utilize this resource to post a message, to learn from others, and especially to receive support and connect with new friends and past home study peers, etc. When you join, please list your name and your home study group's name so others will be able to welcome you to the group.

Messages from the Adoptive Family Department for prospective adoptive families:

1. **Emailing:** If you wish an update on whether or not you have been profiled OR to check on the outcome of a recent profiling please CALL the agency rather than emailing us for an update. Also if you wish an update on your file to see if you are missing

paperwork, etc., please contact us via telephone and not email. We receive an overwhelming amount of emails each day and cannot always get back to you timely.

Also email can be lost or bounce to spam files and never be received. In addition, questions that are specific to your file and profiling are important to us and we would prefer personal contact with you.

2. Profiles: If you hoping to adopt a baby domestically and are just beginning to create your profile and need assistance there is an online company founded by Adoption STAR adoptive parents who can assist you with the process: www.petitepublishing.com. Even if you have already created your profile and handed it in, but feel it needs a “face lift” consider Petite Publishing for this as well. Also a terrific way to make your profile unique is by having it “come alive” in a DVD presentation. There are two companies, both founded by adoptive parents who could help you with this project. For more information visit: <http://www.littlelambvideo.com/> and <http://www.customvideomemories.net/> (*Adoption STAR does not receive any compensation or any portion of fees paid to any of these businesses.*) **As you know we request only five profiles (for expectant parents) to be kept at the agency. Be in touch with the agency to be sure we have more than one profile remaining.** Often we run out of our clients' profiles and if this occurs you may lose out on being considered for potential adoption situations. We will not accept more than five profiles at one time (we just do not have the space to accommodate this.) Do not get discouraged if we ask for more profiles as it means your Family Advocate is working on your behalf to get your profiles viewed. Remember we cannot profile you without profiles, so if you have not handed in your profile and your home study is done, precious time is passing.

3. Profiling Opportunities: It is sometimes difficult for families to "hear" or "read" about available children and come to learn they can not be considered unless they are home study ready. "Home study ready" means that your home study or home study update is less than 12 months old and that no paperwork has expired such as fingerprints and child abuse clearances. It also means that we have your profile too. Without these items, we are unable to consider you for domestic adoption situations in-state or out-of-state.

4. Home Study Expiration: If your home study is coming up on expiring there is a good chance your fingerprint clearances and SCR (child abuse) clearances have already expired or will soon expire. The date of your clearances is listed in the body of your home study document. It is important to keep this up to date. Please contact the office if you need more information. We are recommending that you begin processing your update within two months before it expires so there is no lapse. Those with expired home studies (and expired SCR clearances) are unable to be considered for potential placements.

5. Second Adoptions: Many Adoption STAR families who have adopted previously from us have adopted again! If you are considering adopting again, it is important to begin the process to update your home study. We just want to remind those of you who wish to adopt again, the process does not require home study educational classes.

6. Fingerprinting: For our NY families, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services has recently implemented the use of a LiveScan digital fingerprint imaging process for the submission of fingerprints for all prospective adoptive parents and anyone in your household over the age of 18. You will receive information in your home study packet of paperwork at your initial consultation with your Adoption STAR Family Advocate including the required Fingerprint Information Form which needs to be completed and brought to the LiveScan center when fingerprints are taken. Individuals must also bring to the fingerprinting appointment appropriate forms of identification, as indicated on the back of the Fingerprint Information Form. An appointment to be fingerprinted is necessary and can be scheduled online by going to www.L1enrollment.com or by calling 1-877-472-6915. The website will list locations in your area that provide this fingerprinting service. There is no fee to be fingerprinted and the turnaround time for the results tends to be quicker than the previous fingerprinting program. Once you are fingerprinted and receive approval from both NY and FBI you do not need to be fingerprinted again! If your fingerprint clearances expire before you adopt, the agency will just need to request a summary update judgment report. We expunge records after finalization so any of our previous families who return to adopt again will need to be re-fingerprinted as we do not have the option of requesting the summary update report.

7. Waiting: Your Family Advocate understands that waiting to adopt is emotionally draining and difficult. We have a growing list of recommendations to ease your wait time. The agency's educational credit system for both domestic and international adoptions has been created to assist you while you wait to become an adoptive parent. Adoption education is a life-long process, what better way to prepare for adoptive parenthood than to continue your adoption education! We highly recommend that once your home study is approved that you log onto and join the Adoption STAR adoptive parent's yahoo group. Finding a creative outlet often assists with one's wait. If you are planning to adopt domestically, there are a number of creative ways to help in your pursuit. One of those ways is to place your profile online at the Adoption STAR website. Here is a link to learn

more: http://www.adoptionstar.com/adoptiveparents_profile_form.php

Another way is to arrange a training session with our staff to begin the Agency Assisted private track program and attend the special training.

And yet another way is to have your profile come alive by creating a DVD presentation. See # 2 above. *These are just a few ideas to think about, and again, if you are struggling with the wait, we encourage you to contact the agency as we are here for you!*

Messages about Post Adoption for families who already adopted:

1. Open Adoption Contact: Just a reminder that you signed an agreement to supply the agency with photos and letters for your child's birth family whether or not the birth parents wanted an open adoption. It is imperative that you provide these photos and letters in a timely fashion. If you haven't it is not too late to do so now. It is very sad to have to inform a birth mother or a birth father that there are no photos waiting for them in their file. Even if you have not heard from the birth family, it is still important to keep to the schedule provided to you. Many of our schedules fall into the following category (but

check your placement paperwork to be sure that your agreement is the same or if it requires more frequent contact): photos/letters to be sent the first two weeks after placement, one month after placement and then every month through six months after placement, then 12 months, 18 months and 24 months, and then yearly thereafter until age 18. PLEASE also remember to also include photos for Adoption STAR. We update your files with these photos, pass them around to the staff as we all love to see our babies growing up and we continuously like to update our bulletin board! Please send all photos via regular mail attention: Emma at Adoption STAR, 47 Plaza Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221.

2. Staying Connected: Time passes so quickly and our children grow up so fast. We are working, playing, parenting... we are so busy! Even with our busy lives, we need to remember that our adoption journey has continued from waiting, to placement, to parenthood and continues forever. Adoption does not end at the placement of our children but rather it continues. What does this mean for us adoptive families? It means that your children may have unique issues due to their adoption experiences, questions about themselves and their birth families, etc. Adoption STAR can provide you with a list of professionals who provide post adoption counseling to provide you with the support and counseling necessary when dealing with unexpected special needs or other parenting issues.

3. Newsletter: This monthly email newsletter is a special way to stay connected. If you know anyone who would like to receive this newsletter, please provide us with their email address. You do not need to be associated with the agency to receive this newsletter.

4. Support groups: Adoption STAR has several support groups including online groups for you to become involved with before, during and after you have a child placed in your home. Support after adoption is encouraged and enhances the well being of the adoptive family. For more information on the agency's support groups, visit the agency's website.

Please stay in touch and get involved!

Your Friends at Adoption STAR

P.S. View our calendar online: <http://www.adoptionstar.com/participate.php>

SEPTEMBER

SOFIA - Waiting Families Group

September 01, Wednesday, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Provides an opportunity for prospective adoptive families to receive support from one another during their wait to adopt.

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Adoption Informational Meeting - NYC area

October 07, Thursday, 8:00 pm -10:00 pm

Adoption STAR will be speaking at WANNABE DADS AND MOMS - A support group for LGBTQ people exploring the possibilities of becoming parents through adoption. To register or for more information contact: Megan at the LGBT Community Center cmfisk@gaycenter.org or 212.620.7310 ext. 401. The event will be held at: 208 W. 13th Street NY, NY 10011

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SOFIA - Halloween Bash

October 23, Saturday, Time TBD

Rochester and Buffalo, locations TBD.

Exploring Your Adoption Options

October 27, Wednesday, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

This free workshop will introduce many adoption options including international, private, older child, etc. It will also provide ways to enhance your profiles with an abundance of creativity. For all those who are currently waiting to adopt!

**Understanding Infant Adoption Training - Winthrop University Hospital,
Mineola, NY**

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