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There are no unwanted children...just unfound families

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E-NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the Executive Director



Thirty years ago, Alison stood before those attending the National Adoption Center's anniversary party and whispered, "I want to thank the Adoption Center for finding me a family...because without them, I wouldn't have one. The Center had found a loving home for Alison with a lesbian from West Virginia.

Those were the days when social workers were reluctant to place a child with a gay man or a lesbian. Today, the climate has changed; the 2010 Census reveals that in some states more than 20% of children are being brought up by gay or lesbian parents. And studies consistently show that children raised by members of the LGBT community are well adjusted, have successful peer relations and do well in school.

The Center continues to be a leader in LGBT adoption. Its outreach program, funded by the Wells Fargo Foundation, encourages gay men and lesbians to consider adopting, and works with adoption agencies to help them create a comfortable environment for those considering adoption.

Our efforts are leading to more homes for children like Alison who wait for families to adopt them and to the creation of loving families no matter the sexual orientation of the parents.



WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

More than 40 cities in this country feature children waiting to be adopted in the media, mainly on television. The programs are generally called "Wednesday's Child." Because children in so many more cities could benefit from such programs, the Center has created "Wednesday's Child USA" to expand the feature throughout the country and is promoting an Adoption Community where adoption agencies with existing features can share best practice information.

The Center will be orchestrating quarterly webinars on such subjects as: Preparing Children for Media Recruitment; Tips on Working with the Media; Preparing Foster Parents for their Children's Media Appearances. Anyone interested in receiving the Center's new Wednesday's Child USA newsletter can contact Alexandra Buczek at abuczek@adopt.org

OF NOTE

Ken Mullner, our executive director, has been elected treasurer of Voice for Adoption, a national organization that develops and advocates for improved adoption policies with federal and state legislators.

Mullner is parent to two children, one of them adopted.

EVENTS

March 29, 2014
SWAN Older Youth Match Event
Philadelphia-area

During this event homestudied families and teens interested in adoption will get to know each other through fun, guided interactions. Location released upon registration.

[Click here to register](#)

April 10, 2014
Celebration of Family: the greatest gift on earth
Crystal Tea Room, Philadelphia, PA

- Adoption Hall of Fame Inductees Jay and Bridget Devine
- Entertainment by the Philadelphia School of Circus Arts



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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Playing Santa!

Below is pictured the Thank You sent to our local Wendy's franchisees. They generously raised money and then shopped for and wrapped hundreds of gifts to make the holidays even more special for the children we serve!

Thank You

The National Adoption Center would like to thank you for your generosity. You have touched the lives of foster children in need of forever families. Your gifts helped to give all of the children a great holiday and made each of them feel special! Thank you for keeping these children in mind as you celebrated the holiday season with your own families.

Wendy's

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BLOG CORNER

NAC's blog highlights the work we do, national adoption trends, advocacy alerts and anything else that we think you'd like to know or share. The blog is a result of the efforts of NAC's staff, interns and guest bloggers. [Visit us often](#). Tell us what's on your mind. Here's an example:

["Unadoptable is Not Acceptable."](#)

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