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E-Newsletter

July 2012



Dear Friends,

This month marks exactly 40 years since the Adoption Center opened its doors. Its vision was that if people knew about the children in foster care waiting to be adopted, they would be willing to welcome them into their families. That dream has become a reality; since 1972, we are happy to have helped create loving families for more than 23,000 children.

Kevin Mosley is one of those children. Kevin-his name then was Billy -was a Friday's Child, the title of a column in The Philadelphia Inquirer. Billy was adopted by Joyce Mosley, one of the first two single women to adopt in Pennsylvania. Kevin was two; today, he is 41, is married and a father. He is grateful for his mom, his grandmom and his large extended family. We were pleased that The Philadelphia Inquirer [shared his story](#)...and ours...in the paper this month, letting readers know about the meaningful work we do.

Kevin is one of the lucky ones. So is Jamie, a little girl with developmental delays who was adopted last year by Marianne Cadieux after she saw her at one of the Center's adoption "match" parties. Marianne wrote a letter to the Inquirer after she read the article; in it she wrote, "I will always be grateful to the Center for my family and for the work they do to bring children and parents together. "

Ken Mullner
Executive Director



Jamie on the day she was legally adopted.

EVENTS

Coming up.....

September 20, 2012

LGBT Adoption Cafe

William Way Community Center, 1315 Spruce St., Phila., PA

Please join us from 5:00pm - 8pm to learn about the adoption process, listen to a

panel discussion with adoptive parents from the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community, and enjoy a complimentary dinner. To RSVP contact Beth Vogel at 267-443-1873 or bvogel@adopt.org . To register online [click here](#).

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2012 Golf Classic: Tee-Off for Kids!

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Tee-Off for Kids Annual Golf Classic
*Corporate Chairman Phil Barnett,
SVP & Chief Financial Officer, PECO*

**SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 3, 2012**

**Radnor Valley Country Club
Villanova, PA**

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PRINCESS FOR A DAY, QUEEN FOR A LIFETIME

Four lucky teens get treated to a day at the spa!



L to R: Cheilin, Karimah and Cassandra.

NAC and Delta Sigma Theta sorority sisters arranged a special day for four beautiful teenagers - Cheilin, Ashanti, Karimah and Cassandra. This past Spring these girls, all of whom had been previously featured on [Wednesday's Child](#), had the opportunity to spend a day at the Louis Christian Wayne Robert Salon & Spa and had lunch at the Capital Grille! Although they were not used to all of the attention and intense pampering, they had a fabulous day. The girls are in need of a forever family, for more information contact Sheina Martinez at 267-443-1872.

[Click here](#) to read more about their day on NAC's blog.

ADOPTION MATCH PARTIES

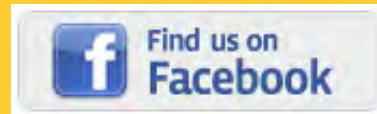
Christina was nervous - this was her and her partner Kristin's first match party. They didn't know what to expect. What will the day hold? Will they connect with a child? How should they act? Most are a bit nervous - adults and youth alike - in the beginning.

After a full day of summer fun designed to break down barriers, elicit pure joy, and create some "matches", Christina says, "This is the real experience...this is where you really get to know them and you let your guard down for a few minutes and they let theirs down and.....nothing beats this."

Four prospective adoptive families talk with NAC staff about their experience at the June match party sponsored by [Jaws Youth Playbook](#).



For more great videos and to hear about NAC's events please join us on



[Click here](#) to read more about the Match Party on NAC's blog.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Our Extraordinary Partner: Wendy's!



L to R: Sam Scott, Regional Director for Briad Group, Roberta Drakes, General Manager for Wendy's, Mushtaq Abdullahi, District Manager for Wendy's and Ken Mullner, Executive Director for NAC.

In addition to being Lead Sponsor for our 40th Anniversary Gala and Golf Tournament, Wendy's also designated us as beneficiary of the proceeds from its Frosty Key Tag Campaign. Wendy's restaurants in the tri-state area sold key tags for one dollar during January and February, allowing buyers to get a free Frosty each time they made a purchase throughout the year. Wendy's important partnership supports the work we do expanding adoption opportunities for children living in foster care.



ACTION ALERT

Report's Goal: Reduce Adoption Barriers & Increase Number of Children Adopted from Foster Care

[Listening to Parents](#) works to eliminate the barriers that prevent children in foster care from being adopted. This past April the organization released a Blueprint for Reform - Eliminating Barriers to the Adoption of Children in Foster Care, which resulted from an Executive Session of 18 national experts in adoption and family policy. It serves as a reform roadmap to turn the recommendations below into federal legislation.

Recommendations include:

- Reward both sending and receiving states for creating interstate adoptions.
- Establish national standards for home studies and for descriptions of waiting children.
- Eliminate long-term foster care as a goal.
- Emphasize funding for post-adoption services.
- Encourage development of a robust, comprehensive practice model of adoptions from foster care.

The Center supports the recommendations and urges that they become part of federal legislation.

[View the full report](#)

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