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There are no unwanted children, just unfound families[®]

E-Newsletter

Winter Edition 2011



Dear Friend,

Happy New Year! I expect that the last month, for many, was spent celebrating together with friends and family. I hope for some families, brought together through adoption, that this holiday season marked the beginning of joyous traditions that will be repeated for many years to come.

I am thrilled to welcome you to the first edition of NAC's quarterly e-newsletter which will keep you up-to-date on Adoption Center activities, accomplishments and news. We hope you find this format informative and helpful and that you will share it with your friends and colleagues.

We are starting this New Year with a bang! NAC has been named the 2011 Outstanding Non-Profit of the Year by the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. We are extremely proud of this award, and share this honor with all of our partners, funders and volunteers who help us help the 115,000 children in the

country and 3100 right here in the Delaware Valley who count on us for their futures. We especially honor the adoptive families who make a difference in the way children are growing up.

"There are no unwanted children, just unfound families"

Warmly,

Ken Mullner
Executive Director



NEWS

PEN PAL CAMPAIGN



This powerful public awareness campaign was created and designed by University of Pennsylvania Wharton students for their Management class project. This image is one of 12 Pen Pal campaign postcards created. Students distributed the postcards at large public events and area churches throughout November, inspiring a lot of interest and awareness.

EVENTS

ANNUAL GALA

It's a whole new ballgame this year!

[Join us](#) for one of our most exciting events yet at Citizens Bank Park - Home of the Phillies! Enjoy a cocktail reception in the Hall of Fame Club...dinner and program in the Diamond Club....pose for pics with the Philly Phanatic...Impress your kids and bring them along for a once in a lifetime experience.



Also coming up....

March 10, 2011

LGBT Adoption Café

Please join us at the Commodore Barry Club in Mt. Airy, Philadelphia for a panel and educational session on LGBT individual and same sex couple adoption. Complimentary dinner will be served. RSVP to Beth Vogel, 215-735-9988 ext. 304 or email bvogel@adopt.org. Event is generously supported by the Wells Fargo Foundation.

Match Parties - The Adoption Center hosts matching parties several times each year. Center parties are designed for specific kinds of children - teens, siblings or for children of all ages. These parties give families, who are approved for adoption, an opportunity to meet available children and teens in person. Match parties can be an incredibly fun and rewarding experience for both prospective adoptive families and for the children and teens attending. The following match parties are scheduled for spring/ summer 2011.

March 26, 2011

Teen Match Party - Philadelphia

For more details or to register contact Julie Marks, Teen Project Coordinator at 215-735-9988 x 367 or pateen@adopt.org.

April 16, 2011

Teen Match Party - New Jersey

For more details or to register contact Crystal Allen at 215-735-9988 x 346 or callen@adopt.org.

May 7, 2011

Teen Match Party - Pittsburgh

For more details or to register contact Julie Marks, Teen Project Coordinator at 215-735-9988 x 367 or pateen@adopt.org.

June 4, 2011

Match Party - NJ, DE, PA

For more details or to register contact Sheina Martinez at 215-735-9988 x 311 or smartinez@adopt.org.

NEW PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

We're on TV!

NAC had the wonderful opportunity to have been chosen by Allied Pixel, an integrated media production company, to donate the cost of creating a public service announcement valued at \$25,000! We were told that Allied Pixel chose our proposal, one of seventy five, because those making the decision believed it could make a significant difference in the way children grow up. We felt fortunate to be working with such high caliber professionals and the results were even more impressive than we anticipated. Keep your eyes open you might catch us on TV!



FEATURED YOUTH

Sylek is Waiting



Twelve year old [Sylek](#) has a smile that will light up a room. He is interested in sports, music, and video games. He delights in swimming, reading, going to the mall, movies, and the library. [Sylek](#) is curious about the world and likes to try new things. In school, he has good peer interaction and keeps his grades up. His favorite subjects are Social Studies and Science.

A mature youngster, he has dreams of attending college and a career in business. [Sylek](#) would do best in a home where he was the only or youngest child. He longs for the day when he has a place to call home and parents to call family. Will you be that family for [Sylek](#)?

[Learn more about Sylek](#) call Sheina Martinez at 215-735-9988 ext. 311.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Wendy's Amazing Generosity!

This winter, children and youth from the Adoption Center of Delaware Valley's Wendy's Wonderful Kids program received an extra special holiday treat! Wendy's franchise employees generously volunteered and purchased incredible gifts from our children's wish lists. From the photos below you can see how happy and thankful our children were because of their gracious generosity!



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