

Hello Adoption Friends,

Happy Easter! Welcome to the April 9th, 2007 edition of the ThinkingOfAdopting.com Newsletter. In this edition I want to share with you some adoption news and information (and a special offer) that I hope you'll find helpful for your adoption journey, no matter if you're thinking of adopting or you're an adoptive parent. The topics include:

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1) Looking for Help to Raise and Heal Your Adopted Child?

ThinkingOfAdopting.com and Project Katherine are presenting a special, two-day conference on May 19th and 20th at the Holiday Inn BWI Airport just south of Baltimore, MD titled, "Raising and Healing the Adopted Child: Effective Solutions and Practical Strategies in Helping Your Child Reach Their Highest Potential". We feel very blessed to have outstanding speakers and nationally recognized experts including Dr. Ronald Federici, Dr. Patrick Mason, Dr. Alla Gordina and more that can help you help your child reach their highest potential. As a subscriber of our Newsletter you can receive a total discount of \$75.00 off the registration fee if you register before Monday, April 16th, 2007. Please note! To obtain the special discount you must be a newsletter subscriber and register using the following link (do not use the "register online" button on the conference home page):

<http://www.ThinkingOfAdopting.com/adoptionconference/special/special>

To learn more about the conference including the agenda and speakers as well as to print a conference brochure, go to the conference home page by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.ThinkingOfAdopting.com/adoptionconference>

2) Adoption Inspiration - Single Woman Shares Her Adoption Story

As part of our mission to provide you with information and inspiration for your entire adoption journey, I'm excited to announce our new recorded telecourse, "True Blessings: A single mom reflects on adopting two at once" with Margaret Schwartz. Margaret is the mother of two boys from Ukraine, and she reflects on her experiences of adopting as a single woman - and especially adopting two children at the same time. To listen to this free telecourse, go to our Adoption Telecourses Page by clicking on the following link:

http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption_telecourses.html

3) What is Sensory Processing Disorder?

Are you wondering what sensory processing disorder is and why you should care as a

pre- or post-adoptive parent? If so, listen to my interview with Carol Stock Kranowitz M.A., author of *The Out-of-Sync Child: Recognizing and Coping with Sensory Processing Disorder*, on the "Thinking of Adopting Podcast" by using one of the following links:

Using iTunes: <http://www.itunes.com/podcast?id=137549502>

Using Your Web Browser: <http://feeds.feedburner.com/thinkingofadoptingpodcast>

4) ThinkingOfAdopting.com in Texas at JCICS

The Joint Council on International Children's Services' (JCICS) 2007 Joint Council Medical Institute & Conference "Building Bridges for Children: Navigating the Waters of Change in Intercountry Adoption" will take place this week from April 11 - April 14, 2007 in San Antonio, Texas. ThinkingOfAdopting.com will have a table at the conference for the first time, so if you're going to the conference please stop by and say "hello". Since we know that all of our adoption friends can't attend, we're planning to interview a number of the speakers and make the interviews available via the "Thinking of Adopting Podcast" (if you're not familiar with the podcast see item #3 above). We currently are scheduled to interview Dr. Dana Johnson and Dr. Jeri Jenista. If you have someone you'd like us to try and interview please send me an email and I'll see what I can do. You can look at the schedule for the conference by clicking on link below:

http://www.jcics.org/AC2007_Schedule.htm

5) Build-A-Bear Workshop Adoption Event

Build-A-Bear Workshop, in conjunction with JCICS as it's charity-partner, is sponsoring a special adoption event on Saturday, May 19th called, "Stuffed with Hugs: Hugs Sweet Hugs" to make bears for children in need of a family and to celebrate adoption. You can help! To learn more click on the following link:

<http://www.jcics.org/babw.htm>

6) Inspiration for those Adopting from China & Kazakhstan

Share in the joy of Steve and Catherine who have recently brought home their new daughter, Rebecca, from China by reading their wonderful blog, "Our Daughter from China". It has some wonderful photos of their new daughter! You can also follow the story of Joe and Steph who were recently in Kazakhstan and are waiting to return to bring home their new son, Brogan, home by reading "Our Kazakhstan Adoption". My congratulations to Steve & Catherine and Joe & Steph, and my sincere thanks to them for sharing their inspirational stories with us. You can read their blogs by clicking on the following link:

http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption_blogs.html

7) Attachment Conference in Lancaster, PA on April 19th & 20th

Wanted to let you know about an outstanding opportunity to learn about attachment from some of the most respected leaders in the field on April 19th and 20th in Lancaster, PA. The Institute for Children and Families is presenting "The Face of Trauma, the Heart of Healing", a two day conference led by Daniel Hughes, author of "Building the Bonds of Attachment: Awakening Love in Deeply Troubled Children" and "Facilitating Developmental Attachment: the Road to Emotional Recovery and Behavioral Change in

Foster and Adopted Children." Also appearing during the conference are Art Becker-Weidman, Janice Goldwater, and Lark Eshleman. You can learn more by reading my post on our "Adoption News and Information Blog" using the link below:

<http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/blog/2007/03/attachment-conference-april-19th-and.html>

If you're unable to make the conference, you may want to watch her excellent webinar, "Attachment & Adoption: What is it and why is it so important". For more information or to register click on the following link:

http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption_telecourses.html#AttachAdopt

8) Giardia - What is it?

An intestinal parasite that is unfortunately not uncommon for internationally adopted children - my son had it big time! It is often caused by poor water sources and is also occurs in part of the United States as well. Here's a good link to learn more:

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/giardia-infection/DS00739>

9) Guatemalan Recipes with Pictures

We had such a great response to the links to Russian recipes that I thought I'd share a link for all our adoption friends who have (are in the process of) adopting from Guatemala. And, this link actually lets you select recipes from many different countries:

http://whats4eats.com/4rec_guatem.html

10) Welcome New Subscribers

If this is your first issue of the Newsletter, welcome! I'm glad that you joined us and hope you find the Newsletter helpful to you on your adoption journey. If you'd like to read some of the past issues of the Newsletter you can do so by using our Newsletter Archive. You can access the Archive by using the following link:

http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/newsletter_archive.html

Help Spread the Word

As always, I'd certainly appreciate if you would help spread the word about adoption and ThinkingOfAdopting.com. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone who you feel would be interested. I'd sincerely appreciate your help in getting the word out. There are so many children who need homes!

My best to you on your adoption journey. If there is anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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