

Hello Adoption Friends,

Welcome to the May 14, 2007 edition of the ThinkingOfAdopting.com Newsletter. In this edition I want to share with you some adoption news and information 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:

1. Adoption Conference This Saturday & Sunday
2. Listen to Interviews with Dr. Jenista, Dr. Laurie Miller & Michelle Hughes, J.D.
3. What's going on with Guatemala?
4. Pull-Up Training Pants Reward Cards
5. Welcome New Subscribers

### **1) Adoption Conference This Saturday and Sunday**

Looking for help & advice on raising your adopted child to reach his or her highest potential? If so, don't miss "Raising and Healing the Adopted Child" this Saturday and Sunday (May 19 & 20) at the Holiday Inn BWI Airport just south of Baltimore, MD. Sponsored by Project Katherine & ThinkingOfAdopting.com, this conference has outstanding speakers who are nationally recognized experts in adoption including Dr. Ronald Federici, Dr. Patrick Mason, Dr. Alla Gordina and more. There's still time to register, but time is running out. You can learn more about the conference - and listen to a recorded interview with Dr. Federici that you'll want to hear even if you can't make the conference - by clicking on the following link. I hope to see you there.

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

### **2) Interviews with Dr. Jenista, Dr. Laurie Miller & Michelle Hughes, J.D.**

We're excited to be able to bring you three free interviews from speakers at last month's Joint Council on International Children's Services' (JCICS) 2007 Joint Council Medical Institute & Conference that took place in San Antonio, Texas. We interviewed Dr. Jeri Jenista who has reviewed over 20,000 referrals, Dr. Laurie Miller on the Health of Children Adopted from Ethiopia, and Michelle Hughes, J.D. on Race, Color and Culture in Adoption. You can listen to these interviews on the Thinking Of Adopting Podcast by using the links below:

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

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

### **3) What is going on with Guatemala?**

Tom DiFilipo, President of the Joint Council on International Children's Services (JCICS), was in Guatemala April 22-26, 2007 and attended meetings with UNICEF, representatives from the US Department of State, and members of the Guatemalan Government. You can read a report on his visit by clicking on the following link and scrolling down to the "Recent News" section:

<http://www.jcics.org/IRI%202006.htm>

### **4) Pull-Ups Training Pants Reward Cards**

Pull-Ups Training Pants has new "Reward Cards" for kids. The cards have pictures of

Disney Princesses. Cars, etc. Kids love them! Here is a link to learn more:  
[http://www.pull-ups.com/na/specialoffers/reward\\_cards.asp](http://www.pull-ups.com/na/specialoffers/reward_cards.asp)

### **5) 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](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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