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Perspectives of.... Giving Back

by Alan Sweet



I was asked at our last Adoption Options Charity Golf Committee meeting “why did I start, and why do I continue, to volunteer my time and energy as an 8 year member of the Committee? Simply put, Adoption Options provided excellent services during the adoption of our youngest child; I enjoy playing golf; and I learned from my parents and life experience that giving is better than receiving.

For me, these events and values provide my motivation to give back to an agency that helped me to complete my family. Adoption Options depends on donations and fund raisers to be able to provide counseling and support at no cost to birth parents who are struggling to make the best choice for their baby. Sometimes that choice is to express their eternal love by giving their child up for adoption. I honor their heart-felt sacrifice with the time and talent I give every year to support this annual charity golf tournament.

And as Adoption Options approaches their 30 year anniversary, I ask you to reflect on their efforts to add to, or complete your family and ask yourself “what could I do to give back”? If your answer is simply ‘play golf’, then by all means sign up as a single or get a foursome together for July 25th at The Pinery Country Club. The 27-hole course and clubhouse are beautiful, the event can always use more players/teams, and a bad day on the golf course is better than a good day at work.

In closing, I am happy I found a way to make a difference for this well organized and well run agency. I know my volunteer efforts directly benefit the much-loved children placed into loving homes. If you believe you can give back in a meaningful way, read this newsletter and consider joining us this year to support the agency’s fund raising events. Thank you for your consideration and I hope to see you at an upcoming event.

~Alan S.

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DIRECTOR'S PEN

by Carol Holliday Lawson,
Executive Director



(photo circa 1995)

As we continue our 30th year celebrations, I want to thank all of you who have donated \$30 for 30 years. We have a long way to go to achieve our goal of all friends and families donating \$30 but we have made a good start. This year, though, is not just about raising money; it is about re-connecting with families, previous board members, previous staff members and cradle care families. I hope that some of you will pop by the office to see us and/or attend one of our events planned throughout the year. I hope that all of you golfers out there will join us for our special 30th Birthday Golf Tournament at The Pinery on July 25th — it should be a fun day on a beautiful private course. I also hope that as many of you as possible will join us for our upcoming 30th year Reunion Picnic on August 27th at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds (more details in the insert.) This is an opportunity to meet other adoptive families with children of all ages, and for the children to meet with other children who are adopted. It should be a great event with a variety of things for the children to do. Lastly, I want to remind families and friends that you will be receiving an invitation, later in the year, to our 30th Birthday Party at Denver Art Museum on October 15th. Again, it would be wonderful if as many of you as possible could attend. We want to celebrate our achievements with you all, because we could not do it without you!

Carol Holliday Lawson

Statistical update: Adoption Options has placed 22 wonderful children into new, loving families so far this year

WHAT DOES 30 YEARS LOOK LIKE?

This year we celebrate our 30th birthday, but just what does 30 years look like? Join us for a trip down memory lane...



← 1984 staff picture



↓ 2010 staff picture

Carol Monaghan,
Founder of
Adoption Options
and Executive
Director from
1981 to 1991 ↓



“An open heart is
an open mind.”
—The Dalai Lama

Early days, 1989 ↓



↑ Carol Holliday
Lawson,
Executive
Director since
1993



...Besides changes in staff and leadership, we have had the privilege of seeing hundreds of wonderful kids join their new families and grow up to be bright, happy and successful adults: graduating from high school and college, getting married and having kids of their own.

Whenever one of our caseworkers receives an update and a photo of a child we placed, everybody here loves to hear how the child is doing. The entire staff feels invested in your child's happiness and growth.

We recently received some graduation photos and thought we would share with you examples of two of more than 1,450 children Adoption Options has had the honor of watching grow and thrive...



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"Anything is possible. Anything can be."

— Shel Silverstein



"We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere."

—Author Unknown



Andrew



Late registrations
for our
Charity
Golf Tournament
on July 25th
at The Pinery
are still being accepted!

**Please register today
to join us for this fun
event supporting a
great cause!**

Call 303-695-1601
for more info,
or to have
a registration form
sent to you

**Remember to
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Invitation to our
October 15th
Birthday
Celebration
Gala Event
in your mail
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