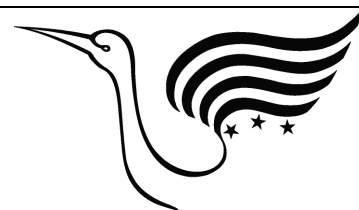


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KFAF Fall Craft Sale

Come join us on Saturday, November 5, 2005, at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Rockville, Maryland, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, for our fall crafting event. Mike LaBelle, our craft sale coordinator, recently returned from a shopping spree in Seoul and has lots of great gifts for kids, family and friends.

This is a great chance to buy that special Korean gift you've been having a hard time finding. Some of the great things we have include five kinds of large Korean calendars (about 18" by 30") with beautiful photos; new Mashimoro dolls with Korean dress (cute Korean marshmallow-like cartoon figure); formal chopsticks sets; new dolls, puzzles, kid books and posters; many traditional games such as yut, konggi, and jaegi; decorations such as norigae (traditional knotted wall hangings); fans, pens and pencils with Korean decoration; wallets and purses; and, the favorite of kids, drums for mom and dad's enjoyment. Our craft sale items go fast, so don't miss this opportunity!

Bring your kids! They'll be busy making fans, paper lanterns and other great things. While you're having fun craft shopping, they'll be having fun craft making.

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church is on Old Georgetown Road between I-270 and Tuckerman Lane. Exit I-270 onto Democracy Road going east. Follow to Old Georgetown Road, turn left. Church is on right just past I-270 spur to the Beltway. Please let us know if you need more information, or are planning to come, by sending an e-mail to us at info@koreanfocus.org.

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Who: Parents (to buy)
Kids (to make)

When: Saturday, November 5, 2005
2:00 - 5:00 pm

Where: St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
10701 Old Georgetown Road
Rockville, Maryland 20852

ASIA Holiday Party

The Adoption Service Information Agency (A.S.I.A.) holiday party will be on November 19, 2005, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at the Global Mission Church in Silver Spring, Maryland. Additional information about the party may be found at www.childrenshomeadopt.org. The website address may be new to some KFAF families as A.S.I.A. has merged with Children's Home Society & Family Services (CHSFS).

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KOREAN FOCUS FOR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES is an all volunteer, Federal 501(c)3 non-profit organization funded and directed by adoptive parents. We are committed to providing cultural and educational programs to help adoptive families support one another and to learn more about the Korean culture to which they are so closely bound. We welcome families from all stages of the adoption journey.

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President's Corner

Dear Korean Focus Members:

With the start of the school year Korean Focus program committee members start planning fall and winter events for you and your children. We're happy to be able to have a pre-holiday event for kids and parents that will enable the kids to craft a gift or two and the parents to do some early holiday shopping! We will also be beginning to prepare for the Lunar New Year Celebration with our partners at the Korean American Youth Association (KAYA).

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! I'd like to thank our most creative and active program committee members, Katie Ziegler and Margie Perscheid, for all the work they have done and are planning to do on upcoming programs. But, **THEY NEED HELP! YOUR HELP!** Programs like the Lunar New Year and April's Turtle Ship program take the combined efforts of a number of people in finding a venue, testing the design, putting together the materials and being available on the day of the event to help out! We can have lots more programs with a few more hands! Please contact Katie Ziegler at (703) 820-1171, send a note to us at info@koreanfocus.org, or indicate how you can help on the membership renewal form on page 6 of the newsletter. We have lots and lots of ideas, many of them easy to actually implement with your energy.

WE NEED BOARD MEMBERS! This is the time of year when we search for additional talent and enthusiasm for Board Member vacancies. We especially need a new Treasurer (since we don't keep much money around, it's not a time consuming job), we need a Membership Coordinator who would get the membership renewals and maintain our member database, we also can use Members at Large - and we are especially looking for Board members who have younger children - the children of current Board members are teens now and have outgrown many of our programs.

- Debbie Dalton

And So Flows History: **A Book by Hahn Moo-Sook**

Hahn Moo-Sook (1918-1993) is one of Korea's most celebrated writers of modern realist literature. She received many awards for her writing, including the 1986 Grand Prix of the Republic of Korea Literature Award for her novel *Encounter*. *And So Flows History*, Hahn's first novel, received first prize in a 1947 contest organized by a major Korean newspaper.

And So Flows History (*Yöksanûn hûrûnda*, 1947) is a deeply compelling saga of love, jealousy, honor, and greed, depicting the relentless power of exterior forces on the individual lives of three generations of the illustrious Cho family - from the waning years of the Choson dynasty in the late nineteenth century to the tumultuous postliberation era.

And So Flows History was translated from Korean into English by Young-Key Kim-Renaud, the eldest daughter of Hahn Moo-Sook. Professor Kim-Renaud is a theoretical linguist with broad interest in the humanities and Asian affairs. She has been the director of the Korean language and culture program at George Washington University since 1983. She is Chair of the East Asian Languages and Literatures Department and a faculty member of George Washington's Linguistics Program. She teaches all levels of Korean language and literature courses, and a course in Asian Humanities. Before joining GW, she worked as Assistant Program Director for Linguistics at the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF). In 1986-87, she taught at Harvard University as a visiting lecturer. She is a past President of the International Circle of Korean Linguistics and of the Washington Linguistic Society. She is the Korea Book Review Editor for the *Journal of Asian Studies*, the Executive Editor of *Korean Linguistics*, and an Editor of the *International Journal of Korean Studies*.

And So Flows History is available from the University of Hawaii press (<http://www.uhpress.hawaii.edu/>) or from Amazon.com and other booksellers.

National Adoption Information Clearinghouse Adoption Assistance Resource

A new resource on adoption assistance and post adoption information by State is now available on the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse website. Developed by the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance and the American Public Human Services Association, the Adoption Assistance database allows users to select a State to view the answers to 13 questions regarding State policies on adoption assistance, or they can select a single question to find out how it is addressed across all States. The database include information about the fair hearing process, as well as contact information for key State personnel handling specific aspects of adoption assistance or post adoption services. The Adoption Assistance database is continually updated and is available at <http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/parents/>.

Call for Submissions

Across the Loss: Adoptive Parents Speak to Korean Birth Parents

By Margie Perscheid

Have you ever wished you could address your child's Korean birth parents? Ever felt a need to express to them your thoughts, feelings, questions or even concerns about the adoption of your children? I have, and I'd like to invite you to join me and your fellow adoptive parents in sharing your thoughts.

I am an adoptive parent who, with this project, hopes to convey to the adoption community the range of emotions and real issues that touch all those who are involved in the adoption journey. Because this book will be published in paperback form in English and Korean, it will share heartfelt communication from adoptive parents to Korean birth parents, as well as enlighten adoption professionals and government officials here and abroad. It will be a very personal journey for adoptive parents, those who contribute to the project and those who read it.

Your thoughts might take the form of a letter to your child's birth parent(s), an essay, a poem, or a drawing. Some topics to consider might include parenting and attachment; role of birth parents in your child's and/or family's life; siblings - lost and/or gained; Korean culture and language in our lives; anticipation, arrival, and reality; joy and celebration; loss and grief; birth parent loss; the adoption triad; racism in America and its impact on our children; openness toward reunion.

Please draft your personal reflections and submit via email to mperscheid@cox.net, or by mail to Margie Perscheid, 1906 Sword Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308.

The above topics are suggestions - feel free to write whatever is on your mind or in your heart. Written submissions should not exceed 1000 words. Graphic arts should be in a format that can be reproduced in a typical paperback book. Your submission and identification will not be shared outside of the project. Your submission can be published anonymously if you desire. The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2006

"Across the Loss" is dedicated to my fellow adoptive parent and dear friend, Merrie Gilbert, who passed away unexpectedly in February 2005. Merrie and I first began to talk of this project after we had the opportunity to meet and speak with birth mothers at Ae Ran Won Home for Birthmothers in Seoul while our families visited Korea in 2001. All profits from this project will be donated to Ae Ran Won in support of birth mothers. I am eager to hear from you and look forward to moving forward with what I believe will be an important book for those of us who have experienced Korean adoption first-hand. For more information, please write or call me at mperscheid@cox.net or 703-799-4945.

CHINGOO

by **Andrea Brenner**

CHINGOO Faculty Advisor
and Korean Focus Board Member

CHINGOO is a group of undergraduate students at American University in Washington, DC, who have initiated a program to give young Korean adoptees (up to approximately age 6) a chance to experience Korean culture with "big brothers and sisters" who become one-on-one mentors. We are a mix of Korean American, Korean International and Korean Adoptee college students, ages 18-22. As the name CHINGOO, or "friend" implies, we hope to form irreplaceable bonds between ourselves, your family, and your child.

CHINGOO strives to provide adopted Korean children in the DC area with resources to expose them to Korean traditions, songs, games, stories, language, crafts, and people. We expect that this "big brother/sister" relationship will continue for years to come. Through both individual and group activities, CHINGOO will offer your child a nurturing environment in which to spend time with her/her mentor, family, and other same-age Korean adoptees.

The program also serves to develop awareness within the Korean student community at American University. Not only do fellow Korean students get to meet each other, but they are also given the opportunity to share their feelings and perspectives on Korean international adoption. CHINGOO hopes to provide the means by which everyone will bond and thrive to become a strong and connected community. There is a small fee for participating families to cover expenses.

Come join us on Saturday, October 29th, from 10:00-11:30 am at American University's Child Development Center Playground on the Main Campus (4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC). Come paint your own kite, jump in the leaves, share a Korean snack, learn Korean songs and play traditional Korean children's games. Children are welcome to come in their Halloween costumes; siblings are welcome! For more information or to RSVP, contact Andrea Malkin Brenner, Faculty Advisor at artbrenner@aol.com.

KFAF Families Provide Hanbok Help

We're not entirely sure how Christy found Katie Ziegler, the KFAF Program Chair; we think the KFAF website played a role. Christy's brother was about to marry a beautiful Korean-American woman and Christy wanted to outfit her three girls in hanboks in order to honor her soon-to-be sister in-law's cultural heritage. Katie called around and managed to find them in the correct sizes. The following note is from Christy:

Oh my goodness --- they looked absolutely GORGEOUS!!!! I was so disappointed when her mother walked in and greeted everyone, smiling and saying "Cue-tee" but not reacting to the hanboks. Then 5-10 minutes later, she suddenly "SAW" them for the first time and went about madly retying their bows, which I had done incorrectly. She lined the three girls up several times throughout the night to retie their bows. She called the Bride over and asked how we ever got hanboks for the girls; when Hyunah told her we wanted to honor their culture and tradition, her mother cried and would not stop hugging me! She was initially so overwhelmed that she didn't even notice what they were wearing; it was priceless.

I cannot thank you all enough for everything: your incredible kindness and generosity, inviting a stranger into your very home! It was such a blessing to us and our family --- THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Korean Central Presbyterian Church Donates to \$400 KFAF

This past August, the Korean Central Presbyterian Church donated \$400 to Korean Focus. We are very grateful for the moral support they have given us in the past and grateful for this financial contribution to our programs. The KFAF Board is considering applying these funds to one of several projects, including a resource book on Korean culture, Korean cultural opportunities in the Washington, DC, area for adoptive parents, a book or movie club for teens, and several cultural crafts programs. It is very important for us that Korean American families in the Washington, DC area are interested in participating in programs with us and our children. We are delighted that the Korean Central Presbyterian Church is helping us with moral and financial support in this pursuit and look forward to a continuing relationship with them.

Bone Marrow Registry – Please Help!

by Gie H. Kim

Please consider becoming a potential bone marrow donor and registering with the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry. The process is fairly simple; after filling out a short questionnaire, a small blood sample is taken. The Registry is open to anyone between the ages of 18 and 60 and is in good health.

I was adopted from Korea at a young age. Although I was able to locate my birth mother and some other relatives in Korea in 1997, many other international adoptees are not successful due to a myriad of reasons. As adoptees who do not know their biological families, family medical history is something of a myth and when fatal diseases such as leukemia arise it makes it even more difficult to find a matching donor for bone marrow transplants. The next step in locating a possible match is to find a donor with a similar ethnic background. However, Asians and other minority populations still only make up a small percentage of the National Marrow Donor Program Database. This is why we need your help and the help of your friends and families.

I registered to be a bone marrow donor on my 18th birthday in 1996 along with my older brother Ross, who is also adopted from Korea. At that time, a fellow Korean adoptee, Brian Baumann, was desperately seeking a donor to help him fight his battle against leukemia. Brian was able to use the Korean media to conduct searches in Korea since there was no match in the US. Brian was successful in finding a match and has been triumphant in his battle against leukemia. However, another fellow female adoptee from Minnesota was not so successful and passed away a few years ago because she was not able to locate biological family members, nor was she able to find a suitable match from other parties.

The National Marrow Donor Program website, www.marrow.org, contains detailed information about bone marrow donating and the donor registry. Please take a look at the information and register. You may save a life! The registry in the DC area is:

National Marrow Donor Program - DC Metro Region
400 Seventh Street, NW, Suite 206
Washington, DC 20004
(202) 638-0753
(888) 814-8610

Editors Note: *Though we ran this article in the last newspaper, we decided to run it again in order to highlight the importance of the National Marrow Donor Program. We hope you will participate.*

KAC-DC Announces High School Mentorship Program

The DC Chapter of the Korean American Coalition announced that it will coordinate a mentorship program with high schools in the Northern Virginia area. The program will begin in October 2005. However, mentorship relationships may start and end at any time of the year. If have questions about the program, or you or someone you know is interested in being a mentor to a high school Korean American student in need of guidance, friendship, and positive influence, please contact:

Julie Park - juliepark@kacdc.org

Bob Choi - rj_choi@yahoo.com.

KAAN: Success in Detroit in 2005, Headed to Korea in 2006

The 2005 KAAAN Conference took place in Southfield, Michigan in July 2005. The conference was planned by a group of adoptees and adoptive parents, with help from Dr. Sook Wilkinson, a clinical psychologist whose practice focuses on adoption. This year's conference was rich in content, with sessions offering a wide range of topics and lots of opportunities for attendees to talk and share experiences. Conference reflections and photos can be found at <http://www.kaanet.com/conferences/>.

Next year the KAAAN Conference fulfills a wish expressed early in its history: The 2006 conference will be held in Seoul, South Korea. *Han Ma Eum: One Heart & One Mind* will take place at the Renaissance Seoul Hotel, Seoul, Korea from June 30 to July 2, 2006. Homeland tours and exchanges are already lining up their schedules to allow families to attend the conference while on tour, and California Pacific Tours is offering a consolidated airfare rate to individuals and groups that would like to work with them to arrange air transportation.

Conference fees will be \$170 per adult, child, or teen, which includes the following: conference sessions; Friday dinner; Saturday continental breakfast, lunch and dinner; and Sunday continental breakfast. Special programs will be planned for adult adoptees, teens and children.

The 2006 KAAAN conference will be an amazing opportunity to visit Korea and attend what has become one of the greatest annual gatherings of adoptive parents, adoptees and adoption professionals. Visit the conference website often for details about the program, and to register at <http://www.kaanconference.com/>.

Please Renew Your Membership

Please renew your KFAF membership for 2006. Fill out the form below and send it with a \$20 check made payable to Korean Focus to the address below. You can also email the form to membership@koreanfocus.org and pay dues via internet at <http://www.koreanfocus.org/membersupport.html>



Her name: _____

His name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Home tel: _____

E-mail: _____

E-mail is used for announcements only and never shared!

Please tell us about your children:

Name

Birth date

Birth country or birth child

_____	_____	_____
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Please share any ideas you'd like and let us know if you would like to help in any way:

I would be interested in serving on the KF Board of Directors: _____

I'd like to see Korean Focus work on the following activity or kinds of activities: _____

I can help plan one event or activity. _____

I would like to help on the day of one event or activity. _____

Something I would like to get involved in: _____

ANNUAL DUES: \$20 (Checks payable to Korean Focus)

Check enclosed _____ Dues donation made online _____

Send forms and checks
(if applicable) to:

Korean Focus
c/o Margie Perscheid, Membership Coordinator
1906 Sword Lane
Alexandria, VA 22308

Kids Page

KFAF Kids Make Turtle Ships!

This past April, about 30 KFAF kids and their parents made Turtle Ships at the Washington Navy Yard Museum. The older kids made them from a paper kit, the younger kids made them from baked potato containers, popsicle sticks and paper.



KFAF extends its deep appreciation to Captain Kim, the Naval Attaché from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, for his help in assembling our turtle ships, giving us a quick history lesson on Admiral Yi, and describing turtle ship fighting strategy. Captain Kim sailed on a turtle ship as a young midshipman at the Korean Naval Academy!

Also, KFAF wishes to thank the staff of the Washington Navy Yard Museum for their help in hosting the event, and for a great tour of the Museum. Finally, KFAF gives many, many thanks to the members of the Korean American Midshipmen Society from the U.S. Naval Academy that spent a very rainy Saturday afternoon with us helping assemble our turtle ships. It was an honor and pleasure to have their help.



White House Official to Deliver Keynote at 5th Annual Korean American Coalition Gala Awards Dinner

Join KFAF President Debbie Dalton and husband Mike LaBelle, KFAF founder Margie Perschied and husband Ralf, and KFAF Program Chair Katie Ziegler and husband Conway at the KFAF table at the Korean American Coalition, DC Chapter (KAC-DC) annual Gala Dinner on October 28, 2005, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Pentagon City. The reception begins at 6:30 pm, dinner begins at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$125. KAC-DC has co-sponsored several KFAF events and is very supportive of the adoption community.

Victor Cha, Director of Asian Affairs at the National Security Council and one of the highest-ranking Korean American appointees in the Bush Administration, will serve as the keynote speaker at our upcoming Gala Awards Dinner. He is one of the country's leading experts on security matters and U.S.-Korea relations. You won't want to miss his timely insights and observations.

The gala will also feature a rising star in the world of broadcast journalism – **Sonya Crawford of ABC News** – who will serve as emcee.

In addition, we will honor a distinguished group of individuals:

Governor Mark Warner (invited), who will receive KAC-DC's Special Recognition Award for his dedication to the Korean American community during his four years as Virginia's governor.

Harry L. You, CEO of BearingPoint, Inc., this year's recipient of the Business Leadership Award.

Daniel Choi, former President of the Korean American Federation, who will receive the Bridge Builder Award.

Jayne Park, Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, will be recognized through KAC-DC's Community Service Award.

Thomas Lee, National Asian Marketing Executive, Coca-Cola North America, who will receive this year's Corporate Leadership Award.

It'll be an evening of great fun, enjoyment, all while supporting KAC-DC's efforts to highlight our emerging Korean American community. To reserve a seat, contact KAC-DC at (703) 725-7773 or via email at kacdc@kacdc.org.

KAC-DC's Congressional Reception

KAC-DC held a Congressional Reception on September 21, 2005, in the Rayburn House Office Building, and it was a rousing success! They greatly appreciated the support and attendance of their many friends, including KFAF.

Numerous Members of Congress, hill staff, community members and many others attended the reception. Congressman Mike Honda (D-CA), Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, served as the keynote speaker and provided inspiring remarks. Several Members of Congress delivered remarks to the attendees. Speakers included members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and members of the U.S.- Korea Interparliamentary Exchange, including:

Congressman Xavier Becerra (D-CA)
Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)
Congressman Lane Evans (D-IL)
Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)
Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ)
Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA)
Congressman David Wu (D-OR)

Local Maryland and Virginia Members of Congress in attendance included

Congressman Tom Davis (R-VA) and
Congressman Chris Van Hollen (D-MD).

Other Members of Congress representing large Korean American communities included

Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY).

The night's gathering enabled KAC-DC to take another step towards enhancing their visibility and effectiveness on Capitol Hill. Based on comments made by Congressional participants, it is quite clear the Korean American community is making its presence felt.

Korean Focus Welcomes Northwest Chapter

Korean Focus has added a new chapter - Korean Focus Northwest - Mugunghwa. The Mugunghwa chapter's member families live in Seattle and the surrounding areas. Many of the members have known each other for years, from playgroups and other activities they have organized informally or through other organizations in the area.

“Our group has been active for many years with playgroups and ongoing activities and support for our 70 plus families. Becoming a chapter will help with outreach to newly formed adoptive families and extends our mission to welcome Korean Americans as members as well. One of our goals is to build a bridge and foster goodwill between our adoptive families and the Korean American community,” says Lauren Soliday, chair of the newly formed board.

On October 8, the new chapter came together formally for the first time to celebrate Chusok at the Morning Star Korean Cultural Center in Lynwood, Washington. Mrs. Jiyeon Cheh founded Morning Star in 1985, and has worked closely with adoptees and adoptive families to teach many aspects of Korean culture, music and dance in particular. While Korean Focus Mugunghwa celebrates its start, Morning Star celebrated its 20th anniversary. Together, the two organizations offer the community an opportunity to enjoy Korean food, culture, and camaraderie.

Korean Focus Northwest - Mugunghwa is one of four Korean Focus chapters across the country. The first two are here in the DC - Baltimore area: Korean Focus Metro DC and Korean Focus Northern Maryland. The third is an active Korean Focus chapter in Cincinnati. Contact information for all the chapters can be found at <http://www.koreanfocus.org/chapters.html>.

Korean Focus Honors Ted Kim with ESWS Sponsorship

Ted Kim, the founder of Adoption Service Information Agency (ASIA), retired this year after over 20 years of service. At February's Lunar New Year Celebration, Korean Focus honored Mr. Kim for his years of service to our families. In addition to a plaque expressing our thanks to Mr. Kim for his contributions to our families, we offered what we believe is a special tribute to someone whose life's work focused on the well-being of children: Sponsorship of a child at the Eastern Social Welfare Society school for handicapped children in Pyongtaek, South Korea.

Mr. Kim's sponsored child is Lee Sang-Hyeok, a nine year old boy at the elementary school for handicapped children in Pyongtaek. A recent update describes Sang-Hyeok as a mischievous little boy with an attractively bright smile, which his photos clearly shows. Sang-Hyeok likes to play with puzzles, blocks and balloons, but especially enjoys coloring with crayons. The progress report also says that Sang-Hyeok enjoys riding his bike and running, and also that he had a great time at a recent outing to the amusement park Everland. It also says that he is a curious boy who loves to talk to the other children about school activities, and that he is kind.

Sponsoring a child like Sang-hyeok is easy, and the benefits to ESWS and the sponsored children far outweigh any sacrifice we might make to assist in this way. In addition to sponsorship of a specific child, for which the sponsor will receive regular updates and photos of their sponsored child, ESWS offers other ways to support their work through regular donations and general sponsorships. Sponsorship pledges are paid via US check and sent directly to Eastern in Korea. The ESWS website describes all of these sponsorship opportunities in detail, and an online sponsorship application is also available there. Visit ESWS at http://www.eastern.or.kr/eng/htm/e_spon1.htm.

Associated Catholic Charities National Adoption Month Celebration

Join Associated Catholic Charities for its annual National Adoption Month Multicultural Celebration on Saturday, November 12, 2005, from 1200 to 400 pm, at the Beth El Korean Presbyterian Church, St. John's Lane, Ellicott City, MD. Cost is \$15 per family (or \$10 per couple). The fee includes a "Taste of Korea," a chance at the Goodie Bag raffle, and admission to crafts and cultural performances from many nations. The annual Silent Auction fundraiser will also be held at the event. For more information, contact Ellen Warnock at ACC via email at ewarnock@catholiccharities-md.org, or by phone at 410-659-4050.

Center for Adoptive Families Fall Programs

The Center for Adoptive Families is offering a number of informational meetings about international and domestic adoption this fall. For more information, contact Jennifer Klotz at jklotz@adoptiontogether.org, or 410-869-0620, or visit <http://www.centerforadoptivefamilies.org>.

International and Domestic Adoption Information Meeting
October 6, November 3, and December 1, 2005 in Herndon, VA

International Adoption Information Meeting
October 11, November 1, December 13 in Silver Spring, MD
November 9 in Baltimore, MD

Barker Foundation Fall Programs

The Barker Foundation will hold several programs for adoptive parents and children this fall. All programs will be held at the Barker Foundation, 7979 Old Georgetown Rd., 1st Floor, Bethesda, MD. For more information about the Barker Foundation, visit <http://www.barkerfoundation.org/> or contact Colleen McLain at cmclain@barkerfoundation.org or 301-664-9664 for details.

Loving and Launching Your Teen: What's Adoption Got to Do with It?

Tuesday, November 1 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Fee: \$20 per person

Kid's Adoption Groups

3rd-5th graders

3 Saturday sessions:

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM: October 22 & November 19

10:00 AM to 12 Noon: December 10

Fee: \$55 per child for three sessions

1st & 2nd graders

2 Saturday sessions

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM: October 22 & November 19

Fee: \$30 per child for two sessions

Adoption Information Seminars

Monday, November 7, 6:30-9:00 PM

Monday, December 12, 6:30-9:00 PM

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November Is National Adoption Month