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an adoptive family support center

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Who is Having Dinner at Your Table?



Without question, Caucasian parents who are raising adopted children of different races face the challenge of helping their children develop strong racial and ethnic identities, ensuring “regular and comfortable connections to the cultures with which society will identify them,” and also teaching them to embrace the culture of their adoptive family.

Accomplishing these tasks, which are key to helping transracially adopted children form cohesive, positive identities and self-esteem, begins with open, honest communication (typically initiated by parents) around three subjects: 1) the adoption story, 2) the reactions of others to their different family and 3) the racism that exists in today’s society.

As much as we wish racism didn’t exist, it does. Therefore, honest, age-appropriate discussions that depict both positive and negative racial stereotypes and biases are necessary. But providing “regular and comfortable connections” requires much more. The commitment to connecting transracially adopted children to the cultures with which society will identify them requires real lifestyle changes for parents, not to mention facing their own personal feelings of discomfort and fear.

To gain real-world insight into how families support their children’s racial identities, C.A.S.E. Executive Director Debbie Riley surveyed parents who have adopted children of a race that is different from their own. C.A.S.E. was interested to know how parents perceive the race of their children, how they ensure regular and comfortable racial connections for their children, what type of school/community environments they selected for their children, and what types of questions others ask them about their children/families. We would

like to thank all the parents who participated. Your openness will provide insights to others!

Of the 31 parents surveyed, 71% were mothers and 29% were fathers. The average age of mothers and fathers was 49.5 and 51, respectively. The total number of adoptees was 26. The average age of their children at the time the survey was administered was 15.6 years and had been placed from 10 countries, including: Brazil (1), Chile (1), China (6), Guatemala (3), Korea (1), Paraguay (3), Sri Lanka (1), U.S. (3 bi-racial and 2 African American) and Vietnam (1).

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Message from the Executive Director



I hope you all had a wonderful summer and had some time to relax and enjoy “quality” time with your families.

Summer months at C.A.S.E. have been very busy supporting families through our counseling services, training parents and professionals around the country, and planning what promises to be a thought-provoking series of educational programs for the fall.

Last spring, C.A.S.E. held a workshop called *Love is Not Enough: Parenting in Transracial Adoption* in response to the needs expressed by our families for insight and guidance on how to address the important and complex challenges that are inherent to transracial adoption. The feedback to the presentation, which featured a panel of highly articulate adopted adults who

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shared their experiences and wisdom, was overwhelmingly positive. We also conducted a survey of parents who have adopted children of a different race. In this issue, we will share information gathered.

For years, there were strong convictions against adopting across racial lines. The belief was that doing so yielded tragic outcomes. For decades, in fact, placements were grounded on minimizing differences and attaining “the best fit,” particularly with regard to physical characteristics.

Following World War II, the Civil Rights Movement, and other world events, attitudes changed. Single white women had access to contraception and legal abortions. The number of healthy white adoptable infants declined, just as the number of infertile couples rose. Naturally, couples wanting to adopt began to consider the idea of transracial adoption, both domestically and internationally. In fact, between 1971 and 2001, U.S. citizens adopted 265, 677 children from other countries. Over the years, studies have explored the impact that

“adjustment” has on transracial adoptees. And while the consensus of data reflects very positive outcomes in terms of emotional development and self-image, there is something missing: empirical research to explore the impact that being adopted across racial lines has on one’s own racial and ethnic identity.

Most adoptive parents understand and believe that it is up to children to decide when, how and whether or not to reveal their adopted status. But as Hannah Worthington, mother of four adopted sons explained, “Transracially adopted children don’t have that luxury. And every time they look in a mirror, they, too, are reminded about their adopted status... Does being raised by parents who have the luxury of being ‘color blind’ give them thicker skins?”

Along with our colleagues in the adoption field, C.A.S.E staff and I have seen the challenges adoptees face as they start to integrate their sense of self and formulate an identity. The process can be thwarted – or even impaired – when parents put on

“color-blind glasses” and, in effect, ignore their child’s innate need for a strong, positive, active racial identity.

We hope you benefit from reading the results of our recent survey (See “Who is Having Dinner at Your Table?”) and that you will attend one of our upcoming Love is Not Enough workshops this fall.

C.A.S.E. is pleased to announce its collaboration with faculty and graduate students from the University of Maryland, Department of Family Science to conduct research on adjustment in transracial adoptive families. Beginning this fall, the collaborative team will begin developing a research project that will focus on Caucasian parents’ experiences in raising children of different races and on the process of racial identity development from the children’s points of view. The study will likely include a national survey, as well as interviews with a smaller subset of respondents. More information will be forthcoming as the project gets underway.

Sincerely,

Debbie B. Riley M.S.

C.A.S.E. Will Launch Ground-breaking Research Project

The Center for Adoption Support and Education is looking for adoptive families, adoption agencies and child welfare professionals to help us launch a grant/foundation funded evaluation project to empirically assess the impact that adoption-competent post-adoption services have on children and families.

Unfortunately, accessible, comprehensive, adoption-competent mental health services and support services are not available to adoptive families, due to a lack of funds to sustain an effective service delivery model. The goal of C.A.S.E.’s research project is to provide the child welfare field at large, an evidence-based model for delivering post-adoption services that can help to support the expansion of services in our area and be replicated on a national scale.

We are very excited to announce that Jockey International Inc., The Dave Thomas Foundation, and the Montgomery County Council in Maryland have provided funding for this critical

initiative and that C.A.S.E. has partnered with Dr. Douglas Klayman, President of Social Dynamics, LLC to design and implement this evaluation study.

Using an 18-month longitudinal data collection process, the research project will assess the clinical efficacy of C.A.S.E.’s Therapeutic Adoption Program and its impact on the social and emotional well-being of adopted children and their families.

To ensure accuracy, it is imperative that we reach adoptive families whose children are between the ages of 5 -18 years old who will not be receiving services at C.A.S.E. We need your help to recruit these families.

All volunteer families will receive compensation (gift cards) for their in-person/telephone participation. Private adoption agency partners and child welfare agencies will receive preliminary and final reports, including reports on children/families they served.

For details, call Valerie Kunsman at 301-476-8526.

“YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE TRULY A FAMILY THAT EMBRACES YOUR CHILD’S RACE AND ETHNICITY WHEN YOU LOOK AROUND AND SEE WHO IS HAVING DINNER AT YOUR TABLE.”

Who is Having Dinner at Your Table?

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Some of the questions posed were “At what point did your child realize he/she was a different race?” and “At what age was it hardest for your child to handle being of a different race than you?” The answers were eye-opening.

All of the parents were able to accurately identify the race of their children. Sixteen parents (52%) described their neighborhoods as “mostly white,” while 15 (48%) reported living in very diverse communities. When asked about schools, 13 respondents (42%) described their child’s school environment as “very diverse;” one parent (3%) said “predominantly – but not exclusively white;” 10 parents (30%) said “mostly white” and 3 parents (9%) said, “I do not know.” (4 parents did not have school-aged children, one family was pre-adopt.)



Some parents did indicate at least some level of awareness about their child’s need or desire to connect to their race/culture. “My daughter wishes there was one other person in our family who was not white,” wrote one mother. “We try to celebrate with food and rituals,” wrote another. “We started going to a multi-racial church, seeking African-American hair salons, attending diverse schools.”

The survey asked, “Do other people judge your family because of skin color?”



Surprisingly, only 3 respondents answered yes. The remaining 85% either did not answer or offered some variation of “Not that I know of.” “Racism is pervasive,” one parent explained, “but I am not aware of people judging us in a negative way.”

Another said, “People judge my son more than us as a whole.”

According to the mothers, the average age at which children acknowledged racial difference was 5.8 years old. But many said awareness occurred earlier than acknowledgement. “I do not think she (3 years old) understands it is race but often she refers to our different hair and eye color. She knows she is Chinese and is drawn to other Asians – both children and adults.” Another explained, “I know my son knew early on. He always drew and colored himself as brown skinned.” Fathers answered either “very young” or “14 years old.” “Not sure she sees herself as different from her classmates or society, just not like us.”



What is important to convey is this: racial differences are known, felt and experienced. The fact that a transracially adopted child doesn’t bring up or voice feelings, concerns, confusions and/or injuries, does not mean they aren’t happening. As Love is Not Enough panelist Rebecca Jones Gaston so eloquently put, “You know if you are truly a family that embraces your child’s race and ethnicity when you look around and see who is having dinner at your table.”



Children who are adopted transracially need their parents to develop a new language – one that is rich with textures of racial threads of all colors, in order to succeed. Parents also need to engage in conversations with others who are different from them, and more like their children. They must also prepare for the reality that some topics, at least at first, will be uncomfortable: Racism, discrimination, profiling and prejudice – acknowledging that “white privilege” exists and then discussing what it really means to not be a part of that.

Research indicates that, to effectively promote a child’s racial identity, adoptive families must provide regular, comfortable opportunities for their child to interact with individuals of the same or similar race/ethnicity – by living in diverse communities and attending multi-cultural schools. However, only 50% of the families C.A.S.E. surveyed reported living in diverse communities. Fewer still sent their children to multi-cultural schools. More concerning was the number of parents who had detached themselves from their child’s experience with racism – acknowledging that something was happening to their child, but not necessarily to them.

It called to mind a passage from Jaiya Johns’ book, *Black Baby, White Hands: A View from the Crib*. “My family relied heavily upon stock responses to the struggle I expressed over being racially distinct. The message usually had to do with the idea that you can’t worry about what other people think about you... My parents wished, for my own peace and theirs, that I could ignore the attention directed my way and that I would find the strength to rise above the ignorance I tasted.”



We cannot expect our children, alone, to rise above the adverse comments and reactions they may experience. They need our help to assist them in charting these rough waters. Certainly, it’s best to start communicating and connecting early – but it’s rarely “too late” to begin the conversation about being in a transracial family. For the coming fall, we have created two more workshops to foster further communication. (See details on the calendar page.) We hope you and your teens will participate with other families to continue a dialogue that is so important.

Love is Not Enough: Meet the Panel

Joanna and Laura Blum

Joanna and Laura were adopted at age two months from an orphanage in Bogota, Colombia.



In 1997, Laura returned to Bogota to learn Spanish and to search for her birth family. She is now in reunion with her birth family which includes eight brothers and sisters. Laura is a social worker in the adoption field in Virginia, and Joanna is a college financial-aid counselor in New Jersey.



Rebecca Jones Gaston

Born in southern Minnesota, Rebecca joined her adoptive family at the age of four months, after several placement changes. Rebecca's birth mother is

Caucasian and her birth father is African-American. She grew up in a family and community that was exclusively Caucasian. A social worker in the adoption field, Rebecca works for Casey Family Services.

Matthew McGuire



Matthew was born in Washington, D.C. and was adopted at just over three months old. He has an older sister and younger brother, also transracially adopted and a younger sister by birth. His birth mother was Caucasian and his birth father was

African-American. Matthew holds an M.S. in Philosophy and Social Policy, and wrote his thesis on the ethics of transracial adoption. He is the Special Assistant to the Associate Commissioner of the Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau, United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Memi Miscally

Memi was adopted from Korea at four months old.



Since 1996, Memi has worked as a social science researcher in the field of public health. She earned her B.S. and M.P.H. at Tulane University and is currently working toward earning her doctorate degree in public health at George

Washington University. Memi is a member of the International Adoptee Congress.



Madeleine Krebs Named 2007 Angel in Adoption



Congratulations!

We are proud and excited to announce that Madeleine Krebs, C.A.S.E. Clinical Coordinator, has been selected as an Angel in Adoption™ award recipient and will be honored at the 2007 Congressional Angels in Adoption awards celebration and gala dinner in Washington, D.C.!

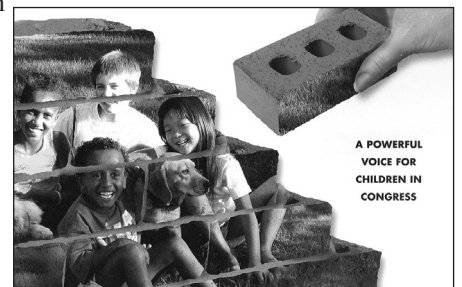


Each year, Members of Congress select individuals, families or organizations from their home state, who have demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of children in need of permanent, loving homes. Senator Ben Cardin selected Madeleine's nomination, which was submitted by Agnes Leshner, Director of Child Welfare, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, to honor her dedication to adoption and positive child welfare practices.

Madeleine and angels from all fifty states and the District of Columbia will be honored at the ninth annual Angels in Adoption gala on Oct. 4, 2007, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C., for their work in helping the world's most vulnerable children - those without the love and protection of a forever family. The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute will also host an Angels in Adoption awards ceremony on Capitol Hill to honor those chosen by their respective Member of Congress as a 2007 Angel in Adoption.

This event boasts more Congressional participation than any child welfare event in the nation, with 193 members of Congress participating and more than 850 guests in attendance at the gala last year. Along with the 2007 Angels in Adoption selected from all fifty states and the District of Columbia, National Angels in Adoption are awarded for their dedication to orphans and foster children on a broader, national scale.

Please save the date on your calendar - we will update you about gala tickets and other details in September.



11th Annual Kids' Adoption Network Conference

Island Adventure: Hunt for your Treasure... Saturday, November 10, 2007...9 am to 4 pm

Celebrate National Adoption Month with other adoptive families at our 11th Annual K.A.N. Conference, November 10th, at the University of Maryland, Shady Grove Center in Rockville, MD.

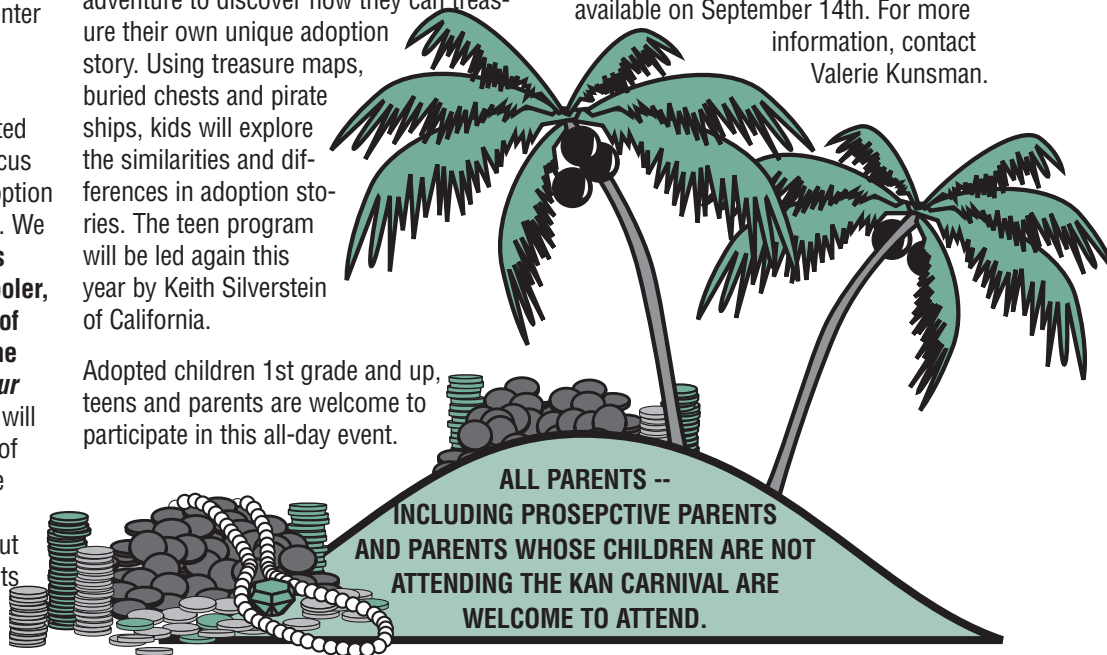
Information pertaining to their personal adoption experience is what most adopted children seek. This year's theme will focus on children's understanding of their adoption story from a developmental perspective. We are pleased to announce that **this year's keynote speaker will be Jayne E. Schooler, national trainer, author and co-author of several books on adoption including the award winning, *Telling the Truth to Your Adopted or Foster Child*.** Ms. Schooler will discuss the psychological complexities of adoption with straight-forward guidance using her "ten principles of telling" that will enhance family communication about adoption over a lifetime. Adoptive parents will treasure her insights into making

sense of the child's past in a manner that will lead to understanding, resolution and healing.

Children will use the theme of an island adventure to discover how they can treasure their own unique adoption story. Using treasure maps, buried chests and pirate ships, kids will explore the similarities and differences in adoption stories. The teen program will be led again this year by Keith Silverstein of California.

Adopted children 1st grade and up, teens and parents are welcome to participate in this all-day event.

This event is partially funded by the Freddie Mac Foundation and Dave Thomas Foundation. This year families can register on-line. All registration materials will be available on September 14th. For more information, contact Valerie Kunsman.



STAFF HIGHLIGHTS:

The Center for Adoption Support and Education's adoption-competent workshops, trainings and award-winning experts are nationally known and work tirelessly to benefit adoptive families and professionals across the country. To have C.A.S.E. present a workshop or speak at your event, please call Valerie Kunsman at 301-476-8525.

Beneath the Mask workshop for the University of Maryland - School of Social Work, Bethesda, MD (Debbie Riley)

Adoption Through the Eyes of Children workshop for the Falls Church Episcopal Church, Falls Church, VA (Daphne Saunders Johnson)

LIFELINES for Kids workshop and Beneath the Mask workshop for the Rutgers University Adoption Certificate Program (Debbie Riley)

Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute retreat leader for young adults in the foster care system, Pennsylvania (Debbie Riley)

Beneath the Mask workshop and Loss and Grief workshop for the Colorado Annual Child Welfare Conference, Keystone, CO (Debbie Riley)

National Foster Parent Association Annual Conference – Exhibitor, Washington, D.C.

Beneath the Mask workshop and Loss and Grief workshop for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (Debbie Riley)

Beneath the Mask and W.I.S.E. Up! workshops – North American Council on Adoptable Children – National Annual Conference, Tampa, FL (Debbie Riley)

Keynote and Loss and Grief workshop for the State of Alabama's first Post-Adoption Conference (Madeleine Krebs)

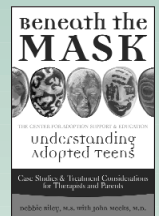
UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS:

Talking with Your Children About Adoption. Baltimore City DSS families (Ellen Singer, Sept. 8)

Beneath the Mask. The University of Maryland - Child Welfare Academy (Debbie Riley, Sept. 25)

Evan B. Donaldson Institute: Adoption Ethics and Accountability Conference (Debbie Riley and Ellen Singer, Oct. 15-16)

Ministry of Adoption Conference. Ontario, Canada. (Debbie Riley, Keynote Address, Oct. 22)





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Summer/Fall 2007 Program Calendar

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3. Register online at www.adoptionsupport.org
(see Program Calendar)
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You're Never Alone: It Takes a Village **First Wednesday of every month** **7:00 p.m. – 8:30 pm**

Burtonsville/Silver Spring

Raising a challenging teen/young adult with serious behavioral or emotional challenges? Join the parent support group specifically for you. Executive Director Debbie Riley and C.A.S.E. co-founder Kathleen Dugan lead this monthly parent support group. Connect with other parents who share and understand your challenges; benefit from effective parenting strategies; learn about community resources to help you take control of your family. Monthly attendance is strongly encouraged! Fee is \$25.00.

S.A.F.E. at SchoolSM – Training for Educators **Friday, September 28, 2007** **2:30pm – 4:30pm**

Burtonsville/Silver Spring

Once upon a time, secrecy and stigma shut down any conversations about adoption in the classroom. But times have changed. Did you know that nearly 60% of us are touched by adoption in some way? How is the issue handled at school? From fairy tales and family trees to holidays and genetics units, certain K-12 projects and activities can trigger uncomfortable situations for adopted students. Join Ellen Singer, LCSW-C to learn how educators and school counselors can apply the five principles of S.A.F.E. at School. Cost is Free. To find out how C.A.S.E. can bring this In-Service program to your school, call today.

Love is Not Enough - Parenting in Transracial Adoption (Part 2) **Saturday, September 29, 2007** **1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Burtonsville/Silver Spring

By popular request, this workshop delves deeper into the issues explored during the workshop held in April 2007. Parents and adopted teens (age 13 and older) will participate together for the first part of this workshop. Our panel of adopted adults will then meet with adopted teens to share experiences/feelings while the parents meet with Debbie Riley. Open to all teens, and to parents who participated in last April's workshop. Panel includes: Matt McGuire, Memi Miscally, and Rebecca Jones Gaston. Fee \$50 per person/family.

Love is Not Enough - Parenting in Transracial Adoption **Saturday, October 6, 2007** **1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

United Methodist Family Services, Alexandria, VA

What does it mean to be a multi-racial family? How does the loss of culture and/or religion impact adopted children? Get answers to these and other questions as our panel of adopted adults share stories and wisdom to help adoptive parents better understand the needs of their children. Learn how to help your child/teen with issues related to identity, self-esteem, peer relationships and racism. Teens invited. Led by Debbie Riley, M.S. Panel includes: Laura and Joanne Blum, Matt McGuire and Memi Miscally. Fee \$50 per person/family. 3 CEUs available (add \$5).

Sibling Connections in Adoption **Thursday, October 18, 2007** **7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Burtonsville/Silver Spring

In families formed by birth, sibling relationships are usually the closest, longest-lasting, and most important relationships of one's lifetime – even those that are marked by rivalry and conflict. Our siblings have a major impact on social/emotional development. When siblings are separated as a result of foster care/adoption, children face significant losses that must be addressed by parents. This workshop will explore the impact separation has on sibling relationships in foster care/adoption and what parents can do to address their children's needs around sibling issues. Featured will be a brief video on the topic, as well as a panel of parents who will address the issues surrounding open sibling relationships for adopted/foster children, moderated by Debbie Riley. Fee \$50 per person/family. Child care \$10 per child.

W.I.S.E. UP!SM For Parents and Children **(Grades 1 - 6)** **Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007** **10:00am – 12:00 noon**

Burtonsville, MD

Most adopted children are asked questions about being adopted. For some, it begins as early as age 3: "Why don't you look like your mom?" For others, not until age 6 or 7: "Why were you adopted?" "Where is your real mother?" Empower your child with W.I.S.E. Up! Learn how to help your child handle comments, questions and decide when and how to tell their story to others. Led by Valerie Kunsman, LCSW-C and Ellen Singer, LCSW-C \$60 per family. (No child care.)

Kids Adoption Network - KAN Carnival **Island Adventure: Hunt for your Treasure**

Saturday, November 10, 2007

9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Rockville, MD

The Kids' Adoption Network Group - Maryland **Begins Wednesday, September 26, 2007** **6:30pm – 8:00pm**

Burtonsville/Silver Spring

This 8-week series encourages children in 5th and 6th grades, from various adoptive backgrounds, to engage in art, games and discussions that explore their feelings about adoption. Kids will also learn skills to handle questions and comments about being adopted. Contact Valerie at 301-276-8525 to schedule and assessment. Fee \$50 per child/per session.

The Kids' Adoption Network Group – Virginia **Begins Thursday, September 27, 2007** **6:30pm – 8:00pm**

Burke, VA

This 8-week series encourages children in 4th and 5th grade(s), from various adoptive backgrounds, to engage in art, games and discussions that explore their feelings about adoption. Kids will also learn skills to handle questions and comments about being adopted. Contact Mari at 703-425-3703 to schedule an assessment. Fee \$50 per child/per session.

TEEN Group **Begins Tuesday, September 18, 2007** **7:00pm – 8:30pm**

Burtonsville/Silver Spring

This 8-week series addresses the "six stuck spots" for adolescents (13-18 years), such as identity and loyalty. Issues specific to birth parents, intimacy and relationships will also be explored. Contact Sean to schedule an assessment. Fee \$75 per teen/per session. In addition, a teen group may be forming that will be held on Thursday evenings. Call Sean for details.

All workshops require pre-registration.

Childcare is for ages 3 and older.

Programs are free to families who have adopted children through Montgomery County DHHS or who are part of the Virginia Adoptive Family Preservation program.

Parent meetings are held monthly for families who have adopted through Montgomery County, MD. See our website for information.

See Registration Form on back panel!

Space is limited and filling up fast.
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Special Events

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– by Carol Rollinson,
C.A.S.E. Volunteer Coordinator

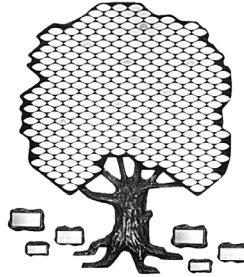
Are you a data entry whiz? Love graphics and design? Good at planning events, or prefer setting up and tearing down? Know how to find sponsors, goods and donations or are a natural at public relations and advocacy? Can you help with special projects and mailings? There is so much to do -- no job is too small.

We're always looking for good friends to help us raise awareness and funding for all the specialized programs, trainings and publications that C.A.S.E. offers! Did you know that C.A.S.E. is a non-profit organization with only 9 full-time staff?

Just imagine what we could accomplish, if we had more hands! We consider all abilities to be hidden diamonds, just waiting to be uncovered. Please join us Sept. 23rd at Kathy Dugan's house for a pool-side brainstorming and Volunteer Committee party. RSVP to Carol Rollinson at carol47del@verizon.net or call 301-476-8525 ext. 16.

DONATE YOUR CAR TO A WORTHY CAUSE

The Center for Adoption Support and Education is prepared to accept your generous tax deductible donation of automobiles, boats, motorcycles and RVs! For information on how to begin the quick and easy process, call Daphne Jones at (301) 476-8525 ext. 19.



2007 ANNUAL GIVING TREE

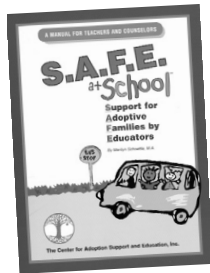
You can help C.A.S.E. deliver post-adoption services to more families. While our staff

works tirelessly to secure precious funding, our fees and grants cover only part of our expenses. As the number of adoptive families increases, so too will our operational costs. The C.A.S.E. Annual Giving Tree is a beautiful, symbolic and tax-deductible way to demonstrate your support for our mission – to all who pass through our doors. To make your donation online, visit www.adoptionsupport.org, click Support C.A.S.E. and select Annual Giving or call Glenda at 301-476-8525 and ask for a Giving Tree packet.

FREE SUPPORT FOR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES BY EDUCATORS

is available for public and private schools in D.C. and Montgomery County. Funded by the MEAD Foundation, C.A.S.E. offers S.A.F.E. at SchoolSM in-service training for educators and counselors. In addition each school will receive 10 S.A.F.E. manuals free. Parents, please contact your child's principal or guidance counselor to schedule this workshop that will help to support your

child in the classroom! Project ends Sept. 28, 2006. Contact Valerie today at 301-476-8525 or email kunsmann@adoptionsupport.org.



6TH ANNUAL C.A.S.E. GOLF TOURNAMENT - HUGE SUCCESS

Thanks to All of Our Friends and Sponsors for Your Support

Each year, The Center for Adoption Support and Education hosts a fun-filled day of lighthearted golfing competition that brings together our many generous sponsors and donors.

This year's event on May 7th at Renditions Golf Club was especially memorable and helped us raise \$50,000! Thirty-two businesses registered to play or sponsored four-somes, including fourteen new companies! Welcome and thank you to all of the new players. And, of course, our heartfelt thanks to the seventeen companies who have sponsored this event since its inception in 2001.

It was all in fun – but your generosity will help C.A.S.E. change children's lives for the better!

Special thanks to the following donors and sponsors:

Steve Batista, C.A.S.E. Board member – UnderArmour golf shirts

Chess Taylor, Regency Centers – event golf ball sleeves

Golf Committee: **Ellen and Steve Baron, Mike Dugan and Frank Watkins**

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eMail Address:

Number of Attendees:

Ages for Childcare:

Total Enclosed:

Form of Payment: VISA:

MasterCard:

Check:

Make checks payable to: C.A.S.E.

Mail checks to: 4000 Blackburn Lane, Suite 260, Burtonsville, MD 20866

Name on Card:

Card #:

Exp. Date:

Signature: