Dear Friends,

Despite our small size we’ve prided ourselves on being an organization that can do a lot with a little. We have also worked hard to maintain long-term stability throughout the years. One of the reasons we have been able to remain relevant in an ever-changing world is our ability to balance flexibility in that changing environment while staying true to our core values and mission.

In 2016, we rejoiced in the fruits of our labor with remaining connected to thousands of Ohio adoptees who were able to meet family members after a lifetime apart due to antiquated laws. Hearing their stories of reconnection to their “Chapter One” – after they gained access to their original birth certificates – has been thrilling. The ripple effect of our work on that change in Ohio law continues to be felt. Our commitment to be there for support, education, and advocacy for the lifelong journey has continued to be strong and relevant as these adoptees face challenges along with the joys of knowing their own truth. We also continue to be there for adoptive families, birthparents, and youth in foster care who rely on us for guidance and a principled and compassionate approach to handling the ups and downs of their journeys.

When things change – laws, public understanding, funding streams – we change. Although we are reinventing ourselves at times, we steadfastly continue to advocate for the people we serve with a lifelong connection to the world of adoption and foster care. Thank you for being with us along the way. Your continued support of our work is at the heart of our success.

In the spirit of truth,
Adoption Network Cleveland
2016 Year in Review
(October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016)

Highlights
• 3,277 contacts were supported through our Adoption Helpline, via phone and email.
• 381 individuals were assisted in the adoption process by Adoption Navigators.
• 202 individuals attended General Support and Discussion Meetings, with a total annual attendance of 764.
• 151 volunteers completed over 7,632 hours of service, valued at over $168,362.

Programs
• Supported 186 adoptive parents through Post Adoption services with monthly meetings, social support activities, and workshops.
• Served 119 youth in foster care through our Permanency Champions Mentoring Program.
• Held 22 Get Real educational and supportive groups for teens in foster care which provides a safe place for them to share their experiences and explore their feelings about foster care and adoption with a total annual attendance of 72 youth.
• Hosted the 24th Annual Birthmother’s Day Ceremony with 26 birthmothers plus 47 supporters participating, including friends, family, and others.
• Participated in many community partnerships, including:
  * Community Endeavors Foundation (focusing on fatherhood) – Wellness and Men of Color sub-committees.
  * YWCA’s A Place For Me (focusing on ending youth homelessness) – Community Partnership Board
  * CASA of Cuyahoga County (Court Appointed Special Advocates) – Steering Committee
• Supported 71 adoptive parents with educational advocacy.
• Partnered with the Junior League of Cleveland for 2 life skills programs designed for youth in foster care – Cooking With Cuyahoga’s Kids – with a total of 18 youth participants.
• Continued the Weaving Cultures Transracial Adoptive Family Group, with a total annual attendance of 56 adults and 84 children participating in potlucks and activities.
• Produced 18 Digital Me’s, a unique multi-media recruitment tool for teens in foster care.

Advocacy
• Continued implementation of Ohio’s adoptee records law, through which over 9,000 records have been released. We also have been:
  • problem solving implementation glitches as needed
  • managing the “Ohio Adoption Search and Reunion” Facebook group with nearly 600 members.
• Participated in the National Conference of State Legislators, convening in Chicago in session on Access to Records, organized and moderated a panel presentation; helped to secure event funding; attended by 40 representing 15 states.

Awareness – Local, Statewide, National
• Participated in the successful effort to reject a proposal for Ohio to charge premiums to Medicaid recipients which would have had a negative impact on youth emancipated from foster care
• Presented at: NJ CARE in New Jersey, Indiana State Adoption Conference, Progressive, Medical Mutual, Sherwin Williams, Ohio Family Care Association Conference in Columbus, Cuy. Cty. Division of Children and Family Services Parma Collaborative, MetroHealth, CWRU Mandel School, Bellefaye JCB, and John Carroll University.
• Featured in the media 58 times and mentioned an additional 129 times. Highlights include:
  March 15, 2016 – Columbus Dispatch: A year later opening of birth records still solving mysteries
  March 17, 2016 – 90.3 Ideastream: Adoptees share reunion stories; Ohio adoption records one year later

Fund Development
• Raised funds to support a budget of $969,507 – including $85,588 from individuals, $307,573 through foundations, $21,787 through corporations and $66,748 from events.

Of Special Note
• Held the first Annual Adoption Gathering, a weekend conference, on the first anniversary of the opening of Ohio’s adoption records – with 100 in attendance.
• Selected in the inaugural group to receive data collection and review services from the Partnership for Evaluation, Research, and Implementation (PERI) at Case Western Reserve University.
• Met with the cast of Luna Gale at the Cleveland Play House to provide the actors and directors with insight into the foster care experience as well as the social work role.
• Celebrated with Judge Kristen Sweeney and board member Lisa Buescher in Nov. 2015, and board member Cathy Belk and mentor Jim Belk in Sept. 2016, for receiving Congressional Angels in Adoption Awards in Washington, DC.
• Co-Sponsored the 8th Annual Foster Care Alumni Thanksgiving event.
• Continued board service by Executive Director on the national Donaldson Adoption Institute Board of Directors.
2016 Donations

Report reflects donations of $100 or more from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

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