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COALITION TO OPEN NEW FOSTER AND ADOPTION RESOURCE CENTER

At every opportunity, the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition responds to gaps in services for foster and adoptive families with innovative programs designed to address their specific needs.

Over and over we have heard requests for a one-stop resource center for foster and adoptive families and youth – a community gathering place where families can access much-needed services like training, support groups, recruitment services, one-on-one advocacy, workshops, respite services, and more.

We are excited to announce that this Center will become a reality! It will be located at 1750 S. Brentwood Blvd., in the Joseph H. White Building. The Center will provide support and programming for more than 10,000 people each year!

The new location will allow the Coalition to expand its programming to include 24-hour crisis intervention and expanded recruitment services. The new Center will include a larger resale store to offer our families high-quality, low-cost clothing, generate income through sales to the general public, and provide on-the-job training and volunteer opportunities for youth.

Generous Grants Mean New Programs in Foster and Adoption Resource Center

Thanks to funding from the **St. Louis County Children's Service Fund**, the Coalition will now offer 24-hour Crisis Intervention services to adoptive families in St. Louis County! **Citi** generously funded the new on-the-job training program for foster youth, reinforced with financial education and a job fair!

More than 80% of Metro St. Louis' foster and adoptive families live within 30 minutes of the Center.



*The Foster and Adoption Resource Center will be conveniently located in the **Joseph H. White Building.***

This month, the Coalition is kicking off a \$700,000 Building Initiative to renovate the new space. We invite you to partner with us to open the Center as soon as possible! Please consider a financial gift today. For more information, please see the insert in this newsletter, or contact Melanie Scheetz at 314.367.8373.



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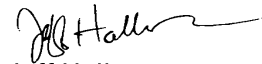
LETTER FROM THE COALITION PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the Coalition,

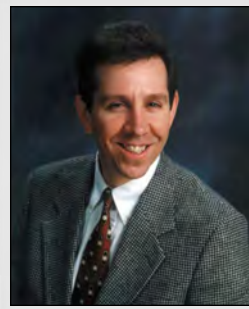
Did you read our exciting news on the front page? The Coalition is on the move! We are excited to open the region's first **Foster and Adoption Resource Center**. The new location will allow us to bring services for foster and adoptive families together in one very convenient spot. Our recruitment, retention, and support services (training, support groups, and more) will have room to expand. The new resale store will give foster youth the opportunity for on-the-job training and generate revenue to support our mission. And we are proud to announce that we will offer round-the-clock crisis intervention services for adoptive families in St. Louis County. Besides the convenience, our new location means increased visibility for our name and programs. More than 38,000 cars drive down this stretch of Brentwood Boulevard every day.

I hope you are as eager as I am to make the Foster and Adoption Resource Center a reality. Enclosed is an envelope to make giving a tax-deductible gift as easy as possible.

Sincerely,



Jeff Haller



WHOLE FOODS MARKET™

April 15th was Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition Day at **Whole Foods Market™** – the



Coalition received 5% of the day's sales from both the Town & Country and Brentwood stores. Thank you Whole Foods, for the generous gift of \$8,011! Thanks also to **Adam Goldberg** of the **St. Louis Rams** for joining us to sign autographs and pose for pictures with fans. It was a great day!



A SPECIAL THANKS TO KSDK NEWSCHANNEL 5

KSDK NewsChannel 5 hosted a fun day to celebrate the families who have adopted children featured on "A Place to Call Home". The families enjoyed breakfast, had professional family pictures taken, toured the station, visited with on-air personalities, and filmed additional segments! Then everyone cheered on the St. Louis Cardinals as they beat the Florida Marlins 4-2!



A SPECIAL BOY WITH A BIG HEART

To celebrate Mother's Day, **Marcus Hartland-Thompson**, who was adopted from foster care, donated \$100 to the Coalition in honor of his birth mother.



Thank you, Marcus!

We are so grateful to the following corporations and foundations that have provided generous support for Coalition programs in 2010:

Boeing —\$3,000	Philpott Family Foundation —\$2,500
Children's Service Fund —\$253,000	Pott Foundation —\$10,000
Citi —\$40,000	The Service Bureau —\$1,000
Gannett Foundation —\$5,000	100 Women Who Care —\$10,900
Jordan Charitable Foundation —\$3,000	The Saigh Foundation —\$5,000
Old Newsboys Fund —\$1,000	



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Help Get a Foster Child Settled Into a New Home

Often bedroom furniture needs to be moved into a pre-adoptive home before a foster child can move in. We need generous volunteers with a truck or large vehicle who could occasionally help transport and move furniture into these homes. If you can help, please contact Shelley Thomas-Benke at 314.367.8373 or shelleythomasbenke@foster-adopt.org.



Volunteer to Help Foster Children

Our Foster Friends volunteers enrich the lives of children in foster care by hosting fun events and activities for foster and adopted children and receive exclusive opportunities to help foster children being adopted. Upcoming Foster Friends events include a Parents Night Out at NASCAR Speedpark and a Lock-In at Boys & Girls Club. To learn more about Foster Friends, visit our website (www.foster-adopt.org/fosterfriends).

Catch Newschannel 5's "A Place to Call Home" on Tuesdays @6 p.m., Wednesdays @Noon, Thursdays @6 p.m., and Saturdays @10 a.m.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Allstates WorldCargo and our friend **Kelly Kern-Miriani** who have helped us many times by storing and delivering furniture to foster children getting ready to move into an adoptive home.

DataServ for continuing its generous support of the Coalition by donating a conference table and chairs.

Sandy Schrock with **Artistic View Photography** for taking gorgeous photos of foster/adoptive children at our May Training Extravaganza, and photographing youth in our Extreme Recruitment® program.

Steve Rosenblum for providing a twin mattress for a foster youth in our Extreme Recruitment® program.

All who volunteered at our May Training Extravaganza. We can always count on **Marcus Creighton** and **Kelly Kern-Miriani** to give great presentations to the kids about financial issues using the **Citi** curriculum.

Our scrapbooking friends, **Kathy Ziegler, Bobbi Musko, Alyse Johnson, Teresa Corgiat, Katie Corrigan, Mandi Voegele,** and **Britney Hawk** for helping the kids create beautiful pages for their Lifebooks. The scrapbooks were generously donated by **Monsanto**.

Employees at **Boeing Company** for donating many bags of new and like new children's clothing.

Bob Righter, Bonnie Dee, and **Kathy Ziegler** who donated bedroom dressers to help several foster children settle into their new pre-adoptive homes.

Foster Friend volunteers, **Jan Otto, Kelly Kern-Miriani,** and **Melissa Koven** for providing childcare.

Elise Ciapiak, who has donated many hours this summer to help with a variety of office projects.

Lucy Dolan for hosting a trunk show of **KM2 Shoes** and to **Katelyn, Megan,** and **Matty Gelber** for donating 10% of sales to the Coalition.

Linda Lewis and **Ted McDonald** for hosting a cocktail party for the Coalition.

Kelly Richert and **Parkside Financial** for hosting a luncheon meeting.

For more information on becoming a **Foster Friend**, visit www.foster-adopt.org/fosterfriend or call 314.367.8373.

SUPERSTAR SUPPORTER— MEDASSETS SUPPLY CHAIN SYSTEMS

Tom Emmerson, an Executive Director at **MedAssets**, rallied dozens of their employees from around the country to work on home improvement projects for several of our foster/adoptive families.

The group didn't stop there. They raised more than \$3,000 to grant wishes for foster/adoptive children, including season passes to Six Flags, St. Louis Cardinals tickets, bedding and room accessories, and more. They also granted the special wish of one of the youth in our Extreme Recruitment® program, enrolling him in a 3D Game Design course at Washington University. We feel so blessed to have the incredible friendship and support of MedAssets! They are already planning another big project for our families next year, and want to expand to help foster families in other states as well. Thank you, MedAssets!



OLD BAGS™ A GREAT SUCCESS!

On Tuesday, April 27th, about 350 people gathered at The Living World at the St. Louis Zoo. Guests were greeted at the door with a champagne cocktail and enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres, chocolates generously provided by **Lake Forest Confections**, and spirited bidding on great handbags by **Chanel, Coach, Fendi, Louis Vuitton, Kate Spade, Tory Birch,** and bags autographed by **Donatella Versace, Carlos Santana,** and **Katy Perry**.

Congratulations to **Stacey McCutchen**, who won the Kate Spade Mystery Bag and **Debbie Chervitz**, winner of the **Gucci** Raffle Bag. **Adam Goldberg**, of the St. Louis Rams, encouraged the bidding frenzy as Master of Ceremonies!

Special thanks to our sponsors, everyone who donated handbags, and to all our guests who raised **\$117,000** to help find forever families for children.

Our heartfelt thanks to Co-chairs, **Susan Block** and **Jackie Olinger**, and the entire Old Bags™ committee for a wonderful and successful party.



Lisa Williams, Charlene Stabbs, and Board Member, **Laura Mazzaresse**



Co-chairs, **Susan Block** and **Jackie Olinger** with **Jackie Knolhoff**, Marketing Chair



Adam Goldberg, ready to draw the winner of the beautiful **Gucci** handbag generously donated by **Neiman Marcus**.

If you spot a unique or fabulous bag, please consider donating it to the 2011 Old Bags™ Party - it's a tax deductible gift! Contact Debbie at debbiegenung@foster-adopt.org or 314.367.8373 for drop off locations or if you'd like to help plan next year's party.

days @5:30 a.m., and Saturdays @9 a.m.!



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition is a not-for-profit agency which strives to create permanency in every foster child's life by recruiting and supporting foster/adoptive homes in the St. Louis metropolitan community.



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OUR WISH LIST

For the KidStore:

- Boys and girls clothes—sizes 2T to 8 yrs.
- NEW socks and underwear of all sizes
- Baby items

For the Coalition:

- Great handbags for Old Bags™
- Prizes and give-a-ways for the kids at Training Extravaganzas
- Financial donations are always appreciated

SOCIAL NETWORKING

Join us on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **Flickr**! Visit www.foster-adopt.org.

UPDATE CONTACT INFO

Update your information or stop receiving newsletters by calling 314.367.8373, ext. 36.

JUNIOR BOARD NEWS

JUNIOR BOARD EVENTS

The Junior Board hosted their **Annual Trivia Night** on May 15th. More than 200 people played to win and the competition was fierce but friendly. This fun party raised \$8,000 for the Coalition! Thanks to Trivia Night chair, **Anne Rotermund** and committee members, **Suzanne Gillespie** and **Lindsay Larsen**, for a fun and successful evening!

Junior Board hosts the Annual **Red Ball Rumble Kick Ball Tournament** on Saturday, July 31st at Fenton Park.



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to these new members of our Junior Board:

Nick Smith — Nestle Purina
Mya Whitley — Boeing

SAVE THE DATE

Cole Haan and the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition invite you to an exclusive shopping event Thursday, September 2nd, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Enjoy \$50 off your purchase of \$250 or more during the event. Visit the store or www.foster-adopt.org to purchase raffle tickets for the chance to win a Cole Haan handbag.

Wine tasting and light fare compliments of **Pinnacle Imports** and **Cardwell's on the Plaza**.

OUR ERROR

OOPS—In our last newsletter, we inadvertently omitted thanking the hardworking employees of

Mercer who spent hours assembling bicycles for foster children. Thank you all for brightening the holidays for many kids in foster care!



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