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From the Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition

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Adoptive Care Coalition - just by shopping for groceries! Please visit the Customer Service Desk of your **Schnuck's** store and ask for an **eScrip Community Card**. After you receive your card, activate it by calling 800-931-6258 or visit www.escrip.com. Our group ID # is **500004839**.

Tell them you are supporting the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition. Then, every time you shop, present your card. Up to 3% of your total monthly purchases will be donated to the FACC.

If you already have an eScrip card please consider adding FACC.

It's free - it's easy - it's powerful!

Every time you shop at Schnucks, you will help us find homes for kids! Please ask your family, friends, and neighbors to do the same!

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FREE Night at the Theatre

Each year, FACC celebrates Adoption Awareness Month by offering foster/adopt/relative families a night at the theatre. The one-hour children's theatre production is always a hit with children of all ages.

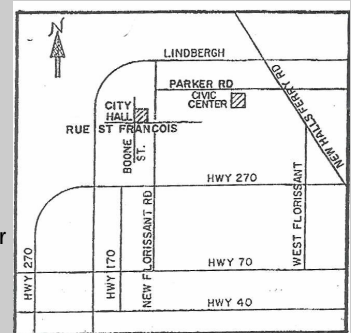
The **8th Annual Family Ties** event will take place **November 24th, 2007** at 6:30p.m. This year's production is a children's favorite, the "**Max and Ruby Show**," based on the Fox TV series and books.

Make sure to bring your cameras, as costume-characters will arrive at 6:00p.m. to meet your entire family!

To reserve your tickets, call FACC at 800-FOSTER-3.

Directions to Florissant Civic Center Theatre

- Take Hwy 270 to New Florissant Road
- Travel north on New Florissant Road
- Turn right on Parker, and follow one-mile to the James J. Eagan Center (formerly the Florissant Civic Center)



FREE FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



This coupon will admit ___ to the performance of "Max & Ruby" on Saturday, November 24th.

FAMILY TIES Exchange this coupon for tickets at the box office the night of the event. This is a sold out event... please arrive early to ensure ticket availability.



Upcoming Foster Parent In-Service Training

DCFS Office of Training has many opportunities coming this fall for you to receive your in-service training hours. You can also view the training schedule via their website: www.state.il.us/DCFS/library.com-communications/train.shtm. Click on "Foster caregiver in-service training" and "Class description for foster caregiver in-service training" for details regarding upcoming classes. To register, call DCFS Office of Training at 1-877-800-3393. If you have any additional questions about in-service training, please contact your licensing representative.

- **Using Discipline to Protect, Nurture and Meet Developmental Needs** (9hrs), Fairview Heights, Ramada Inn Rt. 159 & I-64, Fairview Heights, IL 62208; October 20 & 27, Nov 3, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00p.m.
- **Sexual Development of Children & Responding to Child Sexual Abuse** (9hrs); Fairview Heights, Ramada Inn Rt. 159 & I-64, Fairview Heights, IL 62208; November 7, 14, & 21; 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- **Child Trauma** (4hrs), Fairview Heights, Ramada Inn Rt. 159 & I-64, Fairview Heights, IL 62208; October 20, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m.



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Foster and 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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KidStore Happenings

The KidStore, a resale shop open exclusively to foster/adopt, relative caregivers, caseworkers and GALs/CASAs, announces that fall/winter items will be on the racks starting September 29th. The KidStore is **in need of good, quality gently used shoes**, all sizes. And boys clothing sizes 6-12.

**Hours: 1st & 3rd Wed. & Sat.
9:00a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Directions: From Illinois, cross the Poplar Street Bridge. Take the 2nd exit to I-55/I-44. Take I-44 West to Grand, Exit 288. Take the exit, then turn left on Grand and travel south. Take the first right onto Shaw. Turn left on 39th, left on Flora, and left on Spring. It is located at 2109 South Spring, on the second floor of Tyler Presbyterian Church. Our entrance and parking are at the back of the church.

Holiday Wishes Deadline is October 22nd!

Yes, it's still 80 degrees outside, but it's time to plan for the big Holiday Wishes program! Thanks to **KSDK-TV** and thousands of generous donors, children in foster care will receive special Holiday gifts. Children are eligible if they live in Metro St. Louis and:

- are currently in the foster care system,
- or were in foster care, and now live with their adoptive or guardianship family.



The fastest, easiest, and most fun way to request gifts for your children is to log onto:

www.foster-adopt.org/littlewishes/holiday

Before you log on, make sure that you have your **FACC Caregiver ID**, which can be found above your address on the outside of this newsletter. The deadline is **Oct. 22nd**. Don't have access to a computer? No problem! Fill out the enclosed forms and return it to our office by Oct. 22nd.

A couple of things to know:

1. gifts will be shipped to your home and **cannot be shipped to a PO Box**
2. name of **current case manager** or subsidy worker must be provided, and **WILL be verified**

How many gifts can your child request? Each child that qualifies for Holiday Wishes may choose a **total of two (2) gifts from the white pages** of the enclosed catalog. Please indicate which is the child's first choice, and second choice. Children ages five and older who are **CURRENTLY IN FOSTER CARE** may also choose one (1) wish from the blue pages.

How many gifts will your child receive? That depends upon how many donors grant the wishes. **All efforts will be made to fulfill at least one (1) request per child.** One last thing to know: **children currently in foster care always receive priority.** We will contact you by mail when your children's gifts have been fulfilled. For more information, please contact Barbara Kane at 314-FOSTER-3 x26, or email littlewishes@foster-adopt.org.