

Ten Years Celebrating

Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things

2008 *Angels in Adoption*TM Gala

August 11, 2008

Dear *Angel in Adoption*TM,

On behalf of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI), I would like to congratulate you on being selected as a 2008 *Angel in Adoption*TM award recipient! Each year, Members of Congress are given the opportunity to 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. Your Member of Congress has chosen to honor you because of your dedication to adoption and positive child welfare practices.

The tenth annual *Angels in Adoption*TM reception and gala will take place the evening of **Tuesday September 16, 2008**, at the **Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.** We are pleased to honor you and the other *Angels in Adoption*TM from all fifty states and the District of Columbia for your work in helping the world's most vulnerable children, those without the love and protection of a forever family.

Other events will include:

- White House Lawn Celebration
- *Angels in Adoption*TM Pin Celebration
- "How to Share My Story" Seminar
- Member of Congress Visitation

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 2008 *Angels in Adoption*TM selected from all fifty states and the District of Columbia, National *Angels in Adoption*TM are awarded for their dedication to orphans and foster children on a broader, national scale.

Over the years, it has been tremendous to see so many of the Angel stories highlighted in the media. These stories have helped to raise public awareness about children in need of permanent homes and loving families; we hope to see your stories in print this year. We have enclosed a drop-in press release form, which you can use to generate local media. Please send us a copy of any press you receive so we can keep it on file for future events.

We commend you for your commitment to children and look forward to honoring you at the gala this September! If you have questions about the event, please feel free to contact Chelsea Cathcart at (202) 544-8500 or Chelsea@ccainstitute.org.

Congratulations!!!



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