

SUMMER 2014

Changing Our Name Reaffirming Our Mission Leaving a Legacy

THE
BARKER
ADOPTION
FOUNDATION since 1945

It was an idea whose time had come! First the Board of Trustees, and then the Barker membership at the May 27th Annual Meeting, voted unanimously to modify our agency name to **“The Barker Adoption Foundation.”** Of course, we indulged in a moment of nostalgia first. Over the past 69 years, what an impact the agency has had in our community – and yes, in our world – with over 7,000 adoptive families created, and more than 30,000 birth and expectant parents counseled. So we felt it was important to retain the name of our visionary founders, the Barkers, as well as keep the word “foundation,” that aptly conveys our strength, gravitas, longevity, in our amended name.

Yet as we looked forward in this Age of the Internet, we wanted to be easily found by all those using

search engines to seek critical services. It became clear that our mission of adoption needed to be more prominently highlighted in our name.

This name change is more than cosmetic tinkering. The change symbolizes a whole new generation of community supporters coming forward who believe that a caring society always includes adoption as a way of creating safe and loving families.

In the spirit of our new name, we also have the opportunity to carry Barker into the future through gifts to our Endowment Campaign, *Legacy II: The Next Generation*. Every Barker family and individual has the opportunity to keep the dream of family alive for those whom we serve now – and those we will continue to serve in the

future. Every endowment gift will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous Barker family. Endowment contributions can be given as a one-time gift or spread out in installments over a 5-year period. Please visit our website at www.barkerfoundation.org and click the Legacy II Pledge Form button on the homepage. If you would like to discuss how you can contribute to the fund and have your gift matched for twice the impact, we would gratefully receive your calls (301-664-9664) or your emails to our Development Director, Heather Gleason (hgleason@barkerfoundation.org), or our Executive Director, Marilyn Regier (mregier@barkerfoundation.org).

The name has changed, but with your support, the mission endures. ■

Chair Gary Rappaport reads the resolution on the agency’s proposed name change to the Annual Meeting voters. Shown on the screen are Barker’s then-current name and the proposed new name.





FROM THE *Executive Director and CEO*

“What’s in a name?” Juliet questions, in a frequently quoted portion of dialogue

from William Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*, in which Juliet argues that the *names* of things do not really matter.

But... let’s face it. Names matter. At Barker, for example, we see the loving care and deliberation with which families select names for their expected child. In the corporate world we see firms that specialize in helping companies create successful brand identities. And at least once a week, we hear discussions of the implications

of Washington’s football team’s name. Yes, names matter.

For many years, Barker’s legal name has been the subject of frequent discussion, in conversations both serious and casual – at Board meetings, Annual Meetings, staff meetings, strategic planning retreats, and even over lunch. As our cover story indicates, it took 69 years to amend the name given by our agency founders. In the end, we preserved but expanded our name to highlight our core mission.

We particularly want to acknowledge and thank our Immediate Past Chair, Kathy Bucher, and her colleagues at Wiley Rein LLP,

for their legal assistance with Barker’s name change. Following the unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees and the membership at the Annual Meeting, Wiley Rein rendered significant *pro bono* assistance with a multitude of documents and filings in District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia – the three jurisdictions where we are licensed.

Under our new name, let us rededicate ourselves to the vision of Richard and Ruth Barker – loving and safe families for children.

Marilyn Regier

Freddie Mac Foundation Farewell Reception



On Monday, June 2nd, 300 guests gathered to celebrate Freddie Mac Foundation’s 23-year legacy of making a difference in our community. The Barker Adoption Foundation’s older child adoption program, Project Wait No Longer, grew and flourished with the support of the Freddie Mac Foundation. Barker will carry on the foundation’s legacy by continuing to find loving, caring and permanent families for vulnerable children. ■

Left: Reminiscing at the Farewell Reception are, left to right: Marilyn Regier, Barker Adoption Foundation Executive Director and CEO; Barbara Harrison of NBC4’s Wednesday’s Child, and Renette Oklewicz, Director of Foundation Programs at the Freddie Mac Foundation.



Those who played significant roles at the Freddie Mac Foundation pose for a farewell picture, as they celebrate their 23-year philanthropic legacy. Front row center is Barker parent Maxine B. Baker, former President and CEO of the Freddie Mac Foundation and Vice-President of Community Relations.

Photos by Michael C. Campbell

Annual Meeting – May 27, 2014

A capacity crowd filled the Barker office for our annual rite of spring, undeterred by a severe storm. Chair Gary Rappaport convened the Annual Meeting, and NPR Host of *Morning Edition*, Steve Inskeep, originally planning to serve as one of our evening's panelists, first addressed the crowd before he needed to depart on an unanticipated assignment. His inspiring remarks drew on his experience as an adoptee himself and as the father of Ana, adopted through Barker's China Waiting Child Program.

The evening's agenda included the presentation to Barker of a \$20,000 check by Jersey Mike's Subs for its Month of Giving donation; financial reports by Eugenia Collis (Barker) and Rob DeLucia (Friends of Barker); an update on the strong progress of the Legacy II Campaign by Chair John Duff; the election of new Trustees and officers; the Executive Director's remarks; and an unforgettable and moving panel of Barker adoptive parents and birth parents. A serious moment in the agency's history came when the membership voted

unanimously to modify the agency name to The Barker Adoption Foundation.

As the evening moved to honors and awards, Chairman Rappaport thanked each departing Trustee, Pascal Luck, Sarah Mejac, Jay Meriwether, and Monika Walters. The evening culminated with the presentation of The Richard B. Barker Award to Sarah Cesnik Mejac and Veda Russ.

Guests lingered to reconnect and to enjoy refreshments, including the cake topped with our brand new agency name! ■



NPR Host of *Morning Edition*, Steve Inskeep, addresses the crowd at the Annual Meeting, reflecting on his experience as an adoptee himself, and now as adoptive father to Ana, through Barker's China Waiting Child Program.



Trustee Jelani Freeman presents Sarah Cesnik Mejac with the Richard B. Barker Award. The inscription reads: Your courage and insights have opened doors once sealed by secrecy; Your kind spirit has helped all members of the adoption circle feel welcomed and understood; And your warrior spirit has enabled you to serve as champion and advocate for countless children and birth parents.



1st Vice Chair, John Freeman, presents the Richard B. Barker Award to Veda Russ. Her plaque reads: The Richard B. Barker Award Presented to Veda Russ In recognition of her willing and generous spirit, her uncommon gifts of grace and humility; and her trailblazing efforts on behalf of Project Wait No Longer and waiting children.

AGENCY News & Notes

Three talented and dedicated professionals have joined The Barker Adoption Foundation team, and we are delighted to welcome them.

Ann Morrison, MBA, LGSW joined the staff as the Domestic Infant Adoption Program Director in February. Ann brings valuable experience, including her previous years of work with Barker adoptive families in the home study and post placement process, counselling expectant and birth parents, and leading pre-adoption training and workshops. Ann's previous executive and management experience further enhance the knowledge and skills she brings to our Domestic Infant Adoption Program.

Erica Seivright-Potts, MSW, LGSW, joined the staff as a Pregnancy Counselor, providing counseling and support to expectant parents, birth parents, and their families. Erica brings strong and relevant skills to the staff and clients, including hospital-based and psychiatric social work experience.

Betty Betz, BS moved from Indiana in January to join the Barker staff as Case Manager for International Programs. Betty brings many years of adoption experience, with particular expertise in the area of special needs and older child adoption, and is herself an adoptive parent.



Danny Malamis, Franchisee & Area Director of Jersey Mike's Subs Team Washington (on the right) and Connell Cuffie, Director of Philanthropy for Jersey's Mike's Subs Team Washington (on the left) present the Month of Giving donation of \$20,000 to Chair Gary Rappaport.

Barker's Family Picnic is Fun for All Ages!

Great food, fun train, playground, and friendships were the star attractions for this year's annual Barker Family picnic held at Cabin John Regional Park on May 18th. With the beautiful weather and over 200 people in attendance, the afternoon took on a life of its



Little Anya Kattige and her father, Ajay.

own with all the smiling and happy faces. A special thank you to the Barker staff and their families, our grill chefs Stephen and Phil Kirby, and all who helped make this picnic a huge success. Above all, we are grateful to Beth Kirby and Kathie Lehner for once again coordinating this Barker classic. Watch for next year's picnic information, and join us to connect with new and old friends – it's a tradition you don't want to miss! ■

Right: Some of our older youth enjoyed the picnic as much as the little ones. Left to right, Scott Bloom, Greg Mason, Anna Beers of the PWNL Team, and Camaron Larson-Tran.



What's Happening in PWNL

Beverly Clarke, Director

Last year was a huge placement year for PWNL! Twenty waiting children were placed into loving families. With the increase in placements, we have also seen an increase in challenges for our families. However, we are happy to say that most of our parents are weathering the adjustment "storms" well and we are seeing our kids growing and thriving as part of their new families. There are two special families that we wanted to highlight in this newsletter, because they

really bring to life what we hope to accomplish for the kids we place.

Meet the Weaver-Solorzano Family

This is a family that truly understands that it "takes a village" to raise a child – or in this case 3 children! Earlier this year, this PWNL family finalized their adoption of a sibling group of 3 children who were waiting in the foster care system. The caseworker and judge were shocked to see that even though court was a two – hour drive away, there were

29 family members and friends who wanted to support them, and all attended the adoption finalization hearing. It was by far the largest finalization in the history of PWNL! What a wonderful show of support! For children who have come from a difficult family history, there is no greater gift than to be immersed into a loving and supportive community. We wish the family all the best as they continue on their journey.

Meet the Greenhill Family

The photo you see here is of Leannandra with her mom Lisa. Leannandra was 12 years old when she was adopted by her mother.



This Mother's Day Lisa and Leannandra celebrated Lisa's inspirational achievement – a Doctorate in Education.

This photo was taken this past Mother's Day weekend (their first Mother's Day together) and this was Leannandra's first time ever to attend a graduation. Her new mom, Lisa, graduated with her Doctorate in Education. Leannandra was really proud of her mom for working so hard to achieve her academic goals. For Mother's Day/graduation, Leannandra gifted Lisa with a one-hour nap! Lisa reports that it was the best gift she could have received: the first nap she has had in four years, due to working full time, being in the adoption process and working on her research/dissertation all at the same time. Leannandra's life will forever be changed by having a mother who is such an amazing role model and a living testament to what you can accomplish when you work hard and never give up! ■



The Weaver-Solorzano family finalizes the adoption of three siblings with the support of their family.

Barker Goes Nats

Heather Gleason,
Director of Development

The Barker Adoption Foundation went out to the ballgame on June 22, 2014, for the second annual "Barker Goes Nats!" event. In addition to a great win for the home team, Barker received the Washington National's Spirit Award and hosted a celebratory event for nearly 300 Barker friends and families; absolutely a winning day for all of us.



Barker received the National's Spirit Award on June 22, 2014.

Just before the first pitch, The Barker Adoption Foundation stepped out on to the field. In front of more than 30,000 people, Barker received the Washington Nationals' "Spirit Award" in recognition of our unwavering commitment to

supporting children and building families through adoption. Screech, the Nats mascot, cheered along with Clara Gimblett, Jack Dennis, Sarah Rappaport, Ebony Russ, and Board of Trustees' Chair Gary Rappaport as they accepted the award on behalf of Barker and the thousands of families we have served since 1945.

In a series of seven "party suites," more than forty event sponsors joined Barker families, foundation funders, staff, and Board members to watch the game and build the Barker community. Twenty-six corporate sponsors joined fourteen individual sponsors (see box) to cheer

on the Nats from a perfect perch over the third base line and learn a little more about Barker and our important mission. Board members John Freeman and Cathy Sterling raffled off a gorgeous print donated by local artist Joseph Craig English. Mark Pugerude, representing the corporate sponsor Genband, was



the lucky winner – who not only won the print, but had a chance to meet the artist and have the print personally signed (see photo).

Not to be left out, our youngest guests convened in the "family friendly suites" where they received goodie bags and drew pictures when not watching the action on the field. All guests left with a *Barker Goes Nats* t-shirt to wear with pride.

Thanks to the generosity of the sponsors, the second annual Barker Goes Nats event raised over \$130,000 to provide critical support for all of Barker's important programs, including: pregnancy counseling, "cradle care," international adoption, domestic infant adoption, older child foster youth adoption, and post-adoption services. Given this success, we plan on making this an annual event in the stadium's party suites. We'll communicate the date of the 2015 event as soon as the new Nationals schedule is released. And this year, all donors who give \$1,000 or more to our 2014 Annual Giving Campaign will receive one free ticket to the 2015 Barker Goes Nats. See you then! ■



Corporate sponsors from Genband were the lucky winners of the original Joseph Craig English print.

The Barker Adoption Foundation extends a huge THANK YOU to the many generous supporters of the "Barker Goes Nats" event
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Congratulations to Our New Adoptive Families

Lisa welcomed Leandra
Ray & Michele welcomed Trey and Amia
Tobi & Suzannah welcomed Eve
Lauren welcomed Brook
Drew & Jeannie welcomed Connor
Tim & Aleetalynn welcomed Aleksandr
Leonard & Allison welcomed Alexandra
Frank & Sara welcomed Josephine
Matt & Erin welcomed Henry
Cesar & Elizabeth welcomed Stella
Lee & Nedra welcomed Lechelle
Ross & Jennifer welcomed Ella
Anissa welcomed Maya
Chris & Amy welcomed Charlie
Rich & Karen welcomed Thomas
Michael & Heather welcomed Pandora
Bo & Catherine welcomed Maggie

Ian & Jendi welcomed Mylania
Dan & Kristie welcomed Jackson
Thoko & Jori welcomed Isaiah
John & Annie welcomed Sam
Sash & Elizabeth welcomed Roxy
Watkins & Treva welcomed Shaka
Erik & Rachel welcomed Will
Pat & Joyce welcomed Sebastian
Vic & Lita welcomed Sarita
Gina & Eric welcomed Antonio
Mike & Jessica welcomed Elsa
Sherry welcomed Jordan
Chad & Vanessa welcomed Isla
Aaron & Lynsay welcomed Natalie
Chris & Stella welcomed Haiden
Chris & Alison welcomed Celia
Roberto & Ivy welcomed Ana

Steve & Bonnie welcomed Bronte
Jesus & Corinne welcomed Kira
David & Gianna welcomed Lia
Roslyn welcomed Daisy
Alexander & Maureen welcomed Evan
Brian & Johanna welcomed Gianna
Kurt & Jacqueline welcomed Elena
Martin & Lina welcomed Jessica
Raman & Richa welcomed Ruchika
Ramesh & Ann welcomed Rohan
Leonard & Anisa welcomed Jatin and Ravi
Mark & Valerie welcomed Andrew
Mark & Samantha welcomed Matthew
John & Stephanie welcomed Everett
Patrick & Maggie welcomed Emma
Daniel & Shawna welcomed Anna

Annual Meeting Members Elect Five Talented New Trustees

Nicole Adams

Nicole is a Senior Human Resources Business Partner for the World Bank Group in Washington, DC. Over the past 12 years, she has helped clients to solve their human capital problems through technology, strategic intervention and good business practice. Through her work at the World Bank she has travelled to developing countries and observed poverty through the lens of the poor, visiting orphanages, schools and villages. She holds a BA and MA degree from the California State University at Long Beach.



Nicole has engaged in volunteer work for various groups throughout the past 15 years. She and her husband adopted their daughter Sadie from Korea in November 2011 through Barker. This experience inspired her to share her journey with others. She became a passionate advocate and resource for people struggling to build their families through RESOLVE and The Barker Adoption Foundation.

Nicole is a birth mother who reunited with her daughter Lily in 2005. Nicole resides in Potomac, MD, with her husband Michael, son Luke (8) and daughter Sadie (3½).

Shelley Holt

Shelley has been involved in philanthropy over the past few years with a focus on education and sustainable agriculture through her support of The Maya Angelou School for at-risk youth, and non-profits such as Island Grown Initiative in Martha's Vineyard and locally, DC Greens. She is also committed to Mercy Hospital in Baltimore, enabling the purchase of multiple tomosynthesis units for 3-D mammography. She is also on the



Women's Committee for The Trust for the National Mall.

Shelley had an early career in hematology at Smith Kline Laboratories in Massachusetts and here at Georgetown University Hospital. She switched her course when the chance to start her family became a reality, and she devoted her time at home. This led Shelley to her committed involvement with The Barker Adoption Foundation, where she co-chaired auctions, served on education committees, as well as on the Board of Directors.

Shelley and her husband, Allan, are still extremely supportive of Barker today. They have two sons by adoption from Barker, David (28) and Ryan (24), and have just recently moved to Georgetown.

David Kessler

David is a Partner at CohnReznick, an audit, tax and advisory firm. He serves as the National Director of the Commercial Real Estate Practice and has more than 29 years of experience providing audit, tax and management advisory services to the real estate and financial services industries. His clients include developers, private equity funds, real estate operators, and institutional capital lenders and partners who develop, acquire, own and/or manage real estate in many different property sectors.



David is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University where he teaches a real estate accounting course for the Masters of Real Estate Development graduate programs. He graduated from the University of Maryland and serves on the Dean's Advisory Council of the Robert H Smith School of Business. David also serves on the Board of Junior Achievement. He and his wife Kim live in Gaithersburg with their two children, Nathan (17) and Robert (15), both adopted from Korea.

Vincent A. Maffeo

Vincent is a Leidos executive vice president and the company's general counsel. He has responsibility for all legal matters for the company, including the areas of federal contracts; corporate and securities matters, governance and transactions; contract law, litigation and regulatory support; employment, privacy, and ethics support. He is also responsible for Internal Audit and Compliance. He joined Leidos, then known as SAIC, in June 2010, after serving from 1995 to 2009 as senior vice president and general counsel of ITT Corporation, a FORTUNE 500® global manufacturing and engineering services corporation.



Vince graduated from the Harvard Law School, and received his Bachelor's degree *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. He served as a lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve. He is a Trustee of Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT, and has served on the Boards of

several non-profit organizations.

Vince and his wife Debra live in McLean, VA. They have two grown daughters who were adopted through the Barker Adoption Foundation.

Richard Newman

Richard is an obstetrician/gynecologist, in private practice in downtown DC for the past 32 years. He received his MD degree from the George Washington University School of Medicine. He has been a perennial *Washingtonian* magazine "Top Doctor" pick and estimates that he has delivered over 7000 (and counting!) babies. Over the years, Dr. Newman has had many patients who were connected to adoption in some way, including women who chose adoption for their expected children.



Richard and his wife Carol live in Chevy Chase, DC. Their two adult children were adopted through the Barker Adoption Foundation. He is an avid tennis player, Nats fan, and enjoys playing classical guitar. ■

- With Sympathy -

We express our heartfelt sympathy to Barker families who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Richard L. LePere, beloved husband of Carol, and father of Alex and Dana, died on February 4, 2014, at the age of 68.

Melvyn J. Estrin, beloved husband of Suellen, and father of Brandon and Shannon, died July 9, 2014, at the age of 71.

Dolores Ford, Office Receptionist and dear friend of Barker, died on August 2, 2014 at the age of 79. For many years, Dolores helped our DC office run smoothly, and her gracious presence will be deeply missed.

Rhys Pedersen Conway, beloved son of Rachel and Dan Conway, died on August 4, 2014, at the age of 20 months.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that people make donations to Barker in Rhys's memory.

Social Welfare Society Appoints New President

One of Barker's most important international partners is Social Welfare Society (SWS). In June, Dr. Marilyn Regier traveled to Seoul to meet the new President of SWS, Mr. Rhie, Yong Heung. He brings a strong administrative background as past president of three agencies, and he studied for two years at the University of Texas in Houston where he received a Master's Degree in Administration. Also participating in the meetings were Ms. Paek, Kyunghwa, Manager of International Adoption Services, and Ms. Kang, Shinhye, Manager of Post-Adoption Services. Dr. Darrel Regier, former Director of Research for the American Psychiatric Association, joined them for a portion of the

meeting. The discussions were productive and wide-ranging and focused on changes in international adoption and the impact of the August 2012 revised adoption law on all members of the adoption circle.

After extensive experience in Korean adoption at her previous agency, Marilyn first traveled to Seoul on behalf of Barker in 2003 to explore a potential partnership. In February 2004, Barker launched its first Korean adoption program and signed a contract with SWS. Since that time, the program has been strong, and both our agency and the larger community have provided invaluable post-adoption services to our Korean adoptees and their families. ■



Pictured, left to right are: Dr. Darrel Regier, Dr. Marilyn Regier, President Rhie, Yong Heung, and Ms. Paek, Kyunghwa.

News from the Department of Family and Post-Adoption Services

Varda Makovsky, Director of Family and Post-Adoption Services

Barker's Department of Family and Post-Adoption Services has been busy planning a full schedule of programs and workshops for the upcoming months.

On September 15th at 7:00 PM, Barker will be presenting a workshop at the Bethesda office on **Hair Care for African-American/Black Children**. This hands-on workshop will provide information about the differences between hair types and empower parents with knowledge and techniques on how to style their child's hair. Participants will also learn about the role hair styling can play in fostering a child's self-esteem, and celebrating his/her unique heritage and culture.

Kids Groups' will be held on Saturday, October 25th and Saturday, November 8th at Barker's Falls Church, VA, office. The two-session groups, designed for children in grades 1-5, provide a wonderful opportunity for children to share



their adoption experiences in a nurturing and safe environment. Using games and art projects, group facilitators

engage children to explore their thoughts about adoption and express themselves. They also educate children in an age-appropriate manner on answering adoption-related questions from others, and empower them to realize that they can decide how much of their adoption stories they are comfortable sharing. The group for 1st and 2nd graders will be held from 10:30-11:45 AM and the group for 3rd-5th graders will be held from 1:00-2:30 PM.

Barker is pleased to be partnering with The Parent Encouragement Program (PEP) of Kensington, MD, in presenting a workshop on Monday, October 27th at 7:00 PM entitled: **Raising "I CAN" Kids**. A child's "I Can Quotient" is a critical indicator of ability to thrive and succeed in life. This workshop will

explore strategies to increase your child's sense of feeling connected, capable and competent, all of which lead to enhanced levels of confidence and self-esteem. This presentation will be held at Barker's Bethesda office.

Calling on Barker teens! Barker's **Teen Connections** program will take place on Saturday, November 1st at the 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. This full day program provides a unique opportunity to connect with other adopted teens and participate in dynamic workshops, engage in fun indoor and outdoor activities, and learn about Barker's new Teen Fellow Program (see box).

On Monday evening December 1st at 7:00 PM Barker will hold a

discussion group on **Divorce and the Adoptive Parent**. This program was specifically requested by attendees at Barker's May 2014 workshop entitled "Divorce and the Adoptive Family," who felt that a periodic discussion group would be beneficial to those facing similar experiences as they process adoption-related issues as separated or divorced parents. New participants are welcome and registrants need not have attended the May 2014 workshop to attend.

For more information or to register for any of the above programs, please visit the Barker website at www.barkerfoundation.org, or contact Varda Makovsky, Director of Family and Post-Adoption Services at 301-664-9664 or by email at vmakovsky@barkerfoundation.org. ■

Barker is pleased to introduce its new Teen Fellow Program.

This program, which will be introduced at Barker's Teen Connection Program in November, will provide Teen Fellows the opportunity to participate in a service project connected to The Barker Adoption Foundation. Projects may include: volunteering at the Barker annual conference, providing a teen voice on a panel or at a Barker planning meeting, writing an article for a Barker newsletter or publication, serving as a "teen mentor" for a younger child, or volunteering at the Barker office. Barker will coordinate with each participant's school to ensure the provision of community service credits (if needed.) For more information please contact Barker's Department of Family and Post-Adoption Services.

Save the Date

Parent Workshop: Hair Care for African-American/Black Children – Monday, September 15, 7 PM, MD Office

Barker's Annual Fund "Phonathon" – Monday, September 22; Tuesday, September 23, 6–9 PM, CohnReznick

Fall Kids' Groups – Saturdays, October 25th and November 8th. For Grades 1–5 at Virginia office

Parent Workshop: Raising "I CAN" Kids – Monday, October 27th, 7 PM, MD office

Teen Connections – Saturday, November 1st from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland

The 21st Annual Adoption and Foster Care Conference – Saturday, March 21, 2015, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, The Universities at Shady Grove Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland

Ongoing Events

Adoptive Parents in Open and Semi-Open Adoption – 1st Thursday of every month, 7:30 PM, MD Office

Birth Parent Support Group – 2nd Thursday of every month, 7 PM, MD Office

Older Child Adoption Support Group – 2nd Wednesday of every month, 6:30 PM, MD Office

Adopted Persons' Discussion Group – 3rd Thursday of every month, 7 PM, MD Office

Parents of Adopted Adolescents/High School Aged Teens (13–18) – 1st Tuesday of every month, 7 PM, MD Office

Parents of Adopted Young Adults (18+) – 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7 PM, MD Office

Barker accepts donations made through CFC (38308) and United Way (8806). Please send a copy of your completed pledge form to Barker's MD office, so that we can recognize your gift. Thank you!

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