



The Adoption Alliance

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Iowa Office

- Stacie Wiederin-Schmidt
Director

To all our special friends and families...

Hello, we hope everyone had a safe and wonderful summer! As the holiday season approaches, we turn our focus to family, friends and all which is important to us. At The Adoption Alliance, we receive many expressions of gratitude throughout the year from adoptive families and birth families. In return, we would like to say thank you to all of our clients who have allowed us to play a part in building their families and giving us the opportunity to do such meaningful work. We wish all of our clients a wonderful holiday and a joyous New Year! We would now like to give you an update on our office staff and their accomplishments.

Texas Office

Nicki Adame, administrative assistant, answers your phone calls and handles all client correspondence. She has three children and two grandchildren; including adorable 6 month old Noah!

Mollie Frederick, agency comptroller, has been with the agency for nine dedicated years. In addition to her bookkeeping duties, she provides information to new adoptive parents. Mollie recently attended the Adoptive Parents Committee (APC) Conference in New Jersey.

Leslie Dunn, agency caseworker, is the newest member of our staff. She provides counseling, education and guidance to birth and adoptive parents during the adoption process. Leslie also attended the APC Conference and is pursuing her Master's Degree in Social Work.

Justin Johnson, Co-Executive Director, works hard to ensure the agency is operating efficiently. Justin just married his beautiful wife, Leah, in March of this year.

Nevada Office

Jo McLaughlin, Director of the Nevada operations, provides counseling to clients and coordinates the Infant Adoption Awareness Program for the entire state of Nevada. Jo is the recent proud grandmother of a gorgeous baby girl!

Ingrid Ponce, agency caseworker, provides counseling services to birth and adoptive parents in our Nevada office. The caseworker position requires many long hours and a lot of dedication.

Mayra Trabulse, office manager, assists in the smooth flow of communication between all the office locations. She also answers the phone and handles all client correspondence for our Nevada location.

Iowa Office

Stacie Wiederin-Schmidt, Co-Executive Director, has been working in the adoption field for 17 years and is presently focusing on the development of our new Iowa Program. She also assists adoptive parents with the application process. Stacie recently married and added two step-daughters to her family. The nieces and nephews are doing great too!



Searching for Your Child's Birth Parents

The agency has been receiving phone calls from adoptive parents asking how to locate their child's birth parents as many of these adoptees reach 18 years old. If the adoptive family and/or the adoptee wishes to write the birth parent a letter, the agency will forward the letter to the birth parent if the agency has a current address. In some cases, the adoptive parents and birth parents have maintained contact over the years. However, in most cases, contact has been lost by one or both parties and the agency does not have a current address. The agency does not provide "Search Assistance" and will not forward a letter to an old address.

Another alternative is for the adoptee to contact the Texas Central Adoption Registry at 1-888-963-7111 ext. 7388. If the birth parent has also registered, a "match" can be made. Please contact the Central Registry for more detailed information.

Community Outreach

The Adoption Alliance and our staff have made numerous efforts to help our community and children in need. Most of which would not be possible without your unbelievable support. Below are some of the things we have been able to accomplish with your help.

- Infant Adoption Awareness - Jo McLaughlin, our Nevada Director, organizes, as well as provides training for the Infant Adoption Awareness program in the state of Nevada. The program is designed to assist health care professionals with providing adoption information and referrals to pregnant women.
- Equine Angels - The Adoption Alliance staff was able to raise money for the Equine Angels annual event. Equine Angels Special Therapy Center provides a unique therapy experience to children with severe disabilities by implementing a Horseback Therapy, and an Aquatic Therapy program throughout the year. They serve a small community of people with recognizable physical limitations which currently prohibit them from being able to ambulate independently.
- Honduras Orphanage - Throughout the past few years the Adoption Alliance staff has donated time and money to help with the development of an orphanage in La Ceiba, Honduras. The orphanage is estimated to provide housing for over 400 children upon completion.
- Christmas Gifts - Every year the Adoption Alliance helps numerous families with Christmas gifts. Before Christmas, the Nevada office does a secret Santa to help the families in need. A majority of these families probably would not be able to provide their family with gifts without the help and support of our staff.
- General Community Education - Our staff feels it is extremely important for our communities to be educated on adoption. We continually provide education to pregnancy clinics, doctors and hospitals, via information sessions and packets.

Throughout the remainder of 2007 and during 2008 The Adoption Alliance staff will continue helping our communities in any way we can. We want everyone in our communities to be aware of the wonderful blessings of adoption. Your continued support is always appreciated by our staff and everyone we inform about adoption. If you would like to make a donation to the agency, all donations are tax deductible and you will be provided with a contribution receipt.

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