



## COMMUNITY AND FAITH BASED INITIATIVE APRIL 2009 UPDATE



### WHEN LOVE TAKES YOU IN BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

On Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>, Shiloh Community Church in Manchester hosted “When Love Takes You In” a benefit performance to raise funds to help foster and adoptive children participate in sport and arts programs in their



local communities. Robyn Goulette, adoptive mother of three and Director of Saving Grace Dance Ensemble pulled together a multitalented group who donated their time to raise funds for the children. In addition to the Saving Grace Dance Ensemble, event attendees were also treated to a drama by Human Video; dancer Christy Iltis; a sports talk by Branden Vignault; and testimonials by Keith Marsh, chair of the Community and Faith Based Advisory Board; Corey Williams, receiver for the Manchester Wolves, Mrs. New Hampshire, Christine



Hunt, and Bill Goulette, foster and adoptive parent. A reception followed the event with food provided by Shiloh Community Church and Life! Church members.



Branden Vignault, Corey Williams, Robyn and Bill Goulette, and Mrs. New Hampshire

Many thanks to each person who gave of their time and talents to make this event a success and for those who attended. We plan to have a similar event in Concord later this year, so stay tuned!

### 3RD ANNUAL FOSTER & ADOPTIVE FAMILY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

Shiloh Community Church, located at 55 Edmund Street in Manchester will be hosting this year’s celebration for New Hampshire’s foster and adoptive families from 12:30 to 4:00 on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine. This year’s theme is “Around the World Block Party”. The afternoon’s events will include drama; dance; a

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magic show; hair braiding; photographs; clothing give away; and a Honey Bee Presentation as just a few of the activities planned. If you are a foster or adoptive family and you have not registered, please do so by May 6 as we need to have a final number for food planning. You can register by calling Ann Abram at 271-4953 or e-mail her at [Aabram@dhhs.state.nh.us](mailto:Aabram@dhhs.state.nh.us)

### **We are still in need of some more volunteers.**

If you would like to volunteer for a few hours at what promises to be a fun event, please e-mail Jan Lessard at [jlessard@bethany.org](mailto:jlessard@bethany.org)

### **SIGN CAMPAIGN TO RECRUIT MORE FOSTER FAMILIES**

Last May, the Laconia district office of the Division for Children, Youth, and Families, remade campaign signs and used them in an effective advertisement campaign for recruiting foster/adoptive families. Their home made signs were so effective, other District offices wanted in on the action. Funds donated to our *Faithfully One by One* discretionary fund are providing three sets of signs that will be shared by district offices throughout New Hampshire. These signs will help spread the word that there is always a need for quality foster/adoptive families. Thanks to everyone who has donated to help support efforts to recruit families to care for children who come into foster care.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

The Laconia District office is looking for a roll away bed for families to use for respite and for emergency placements. If you have a good roll away bed to donate, please contact Linda Deneau at 800-322-2121 ext. 308 or e-mail [lmDeneau@dhhs.state.nh.us](mailto:lmDeneau@dhhs.state.nh.us)

### **CAMPERSHIP FUNDS NEEDED**

Due to changes in funding, the Division for Children, Youth, and Families will no longer be funding summer camp programs that are not licensed childcare facilities. This will mean that a number of children will not be able to attend summer camp without some assistance with the fees. If you are able to sponsor a child, either for a full campership to a specific camp, or a gift of funds to help with the cost of attending camp, please send your donation to: Bethany Christian Services, P.O. Box 320 Candia, NH 03034. Please make sure to add "CFBI campership" in the memo section of your check.

### **NH Waiting Child**

#### **Keanan, age 12**



Keanan is a sweet and personable young man enjoys interacting with his peers and adults. He has a great sense of humor and is very entertaining. Activities he enjoys include sports, video games, baking, and drawing. Arts and crafts are a great way for him to use his imagination.

Keanan would benefit from a family that can provide a lot of structure and consistency. He has lived in a residential setting and will require a slow transition back into family life. Additional supportive services will be available for Keanan's prospective family to help with his needs.

For more information about Keanan contact **Scott St. Louis at (603) 401-8303** or [sstlouis@bethany.org](mailto:sstlouis@bethany.org).

With appreciation to all of you who are working with us to make a positive difference in the lives children,  
Jan Lessard

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