

Action for Adoption



**Adoption changes
a child's destiny.
Won't you help to
change a child's
destiny?**

Children, from babies to teens, need families.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if there was a family for every child?
That is what the Adoption Council of Ontario strives for!



- Children grow best in families.
- Adoption brings families together.
- Adoption promotes diversity.
- Adoption strengthens our communities.
- Adoption is a lifelong journey.
- Adoption is born in the heart.

The Adoption Council of Ontario provides province-wide support and advice if you are beginning to think about adoption, if you have decided to adopt, and if you have already had a child or children join your family or are a birth parent or an adoptee. The Adoption Council of Ontario also plays a significant role in promoting awareness of the thousands of children in the Children's Aid Society foster homes who are waiting for a family.

We need your support!

There is no simple blueprint to becoming and living as an adoptive family. For this reason, adoptive families need the advice, support and kinship of other families who are on, or who have taken, a similar journey. Our members don't just seek our assistance at the beginning of their adoption journey but come back as the need arises.

Our membership and staff are a willing and rich source of support to pre-and post adoptive families. ACO provides one-to-one support and advice, support groups for pre-and post adoptive families, educational workshops, family events, adoption awareness activities and fundraising events.

Facts:

- More children become available for adoption each year than are adopted. In 2009, there were 9,200 children in foster care who could be adopted yet only 869 children received families.
- Children often wait five years or more to be adopted, move three or more times in foster care and often are separated from siblings. The average age of waiting children is eight years old.
- Each year, one in five children (29,516 in 2008 in Canada) who are available for adoption turn 18 and leave the foster care system without a family.
- Nearly 40 percent of North American adults, or 81.5 million people, have considered adopting a child, according to the National Adoption Attitudes Survey. If just one in 500 of these adults adopted, every waiting child in foster care would have a permanent family.

Won't you help The Adoption Council of Ontario change a child's destiny??

The Adoption Council of Ontario



Yes! I want to help families and children who are touched by adoption to have the information and support they need on their journey.



Donate today and **Help** find a family for *every* child.

Please return this form to ACO by mail to: ACO | 3216 Yonge Street, 2nd Floor | Toronto, ON M4N 2L2 or by fax to: 416-482-1586 or donate on our website at: www.adoption.on.ca For more information please call 416-482-0021 or Toll Free: 1-877-ADOPT 20

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- I would like to donate goods or services- auction items, educational material, volunteer assistance
- I would like information about leaving a gift in my will and creating an adoption legacy.

Thank you for your generous donation. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations over \$10

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