



eNews

News & Information
of and for the HIC Ohana
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News & Events

HIC On the Air!

HIC staff and volunteers are lending a hand to Hawaii Public Radio. We'll be covering the donation call-in phones on October 14, 2008 from 6:00am to 9:00am during the morning drive. Listen in, or better yet, call in your support of HPR and adoption!



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The HIC Adoption Month Picnic!

Join us for HIC's Annual Adoption Month Picnic on November 16, 2008 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at Ala Moana Beach Park. Bring blankets and lunch for an enjoyable day with friends and family! We've begun the planning for our bounce houses and balloons, and need your input. If you will be attending, please click on the RSVP "Yes" button on the right so that we can decide if we need one bounce house or two! An email window will open.

Adoption Month Picnic

November 16, 2008
10:00am - 1:00pm

The HIC Holiday Trolley Rides- Hold the Date!

It's trolley time again! On December 10th and 11th the HIC Holiday Trolley will be pulling out of the station. The rides will start at our 1168 Waimanu St. office and tour the downtown Honolulu City Lights. There will be the usual goodies and fun back at the HIC station too! Watch your monthly eNews for more details!

[Count me in!](#)

[Not this time.](#)

14th Annual Lunar New Year Picnic- Hold the Date!

The Year of the Ox: The 14th Annual Lunar New Year Picnic will be held on January 31, 2009. We are looking forward to our traditional favorite activities as well as some new and exciting happenings. So watch the upcoming eNews issues for more information!

China Homeland Summer Tour 2009

HIC has found a wonderful volunteer to help manage and coordinate our 2009 China Homeland Trip for HIC families with children from China. We can now start working on the beginning stages of the trip. We are tentatively planning to travel in June or July of 2009. If you are interested in helping out and/or taking part in what is sure to be an exciting and life changing experience please contact Ruthanne@h-i-c.org.

Volunteer at HIC

HIC has a few slots to fill for our new volunteer positions. The **front desk** job is ideal for anyone who has just a few hours a week to donate. We will train, and you'll be helping HIC in a very important way. This job is ideal for those who like to sit and read!

The other office need is for that of a skilled **electrician**. Our light fixtures and wiring are in need of a little TLC!

We are also seeking volunteers to help us with some of the exciting events noted above! The Lunar New Year Planning Committee had its first meeting on Saturday, September 27, 2008 and will be looking for some helpers who like to **bake, label, and play!**

A **Big Mahalo** to our fabulous Joan, whose assistance at the front desk is invaluable! Thanks also to Jolon and Jaydee Wagner for sharing their insights on the adoption process with other interested parents at the September General Information Session!

If you would like to help at HIC, please call Shannon at (808) 497-9192 or email Shannon@h-i-c.org.

Donate to HIC



Aloha United Way: HIC is proud to be an Aloha United Way Partner Agency. If you choose to donate to HIC through Aloha United Way, please note that 100% of all designated funds will go directly to support HIC's work. (AUW does not deduct administrative fees from Partner Agency designated donations.) HIC's AUW designation code is 72670.



Combined Federal Campaign: If you are a federal employee and would like to donate to HIC through your annual CFC campaign, HIC's CFC designation code is 12408.

Many thanks for thinking of HIC and for helping us meet our mission.

Program Updates

China

Dossier Processing

The CCAA has assigned children to all families whose dossiers were logged in with the CCAA through February 15, 2006. The CCAA has finished reviewing all dossiers that have been

logged in through February 2007. HIC did not receive any referrals this month. Our next group of log in dates is March 21, 2006 which is likely to be assigned within the next six months at the current rate of assignment times.

Traveling Families

Welcome home to Layla, Noelle, Lily and Michaela who all arrived home on September 24th. The girls and their families are adjusting well and are very happy to be home. If you are interested in the China program, please contact Ruthanne at Ruthanne@h-i-c.org or by calling (808) 589-2367 ext 204.

China Waiting Child

Traveling Families

The Schmidt & Blanchard families returned home with their precious children. Congratulations to both families and lots of blessings to Coral Rose Lai Fu Xing (welcomed by furry brother and sister, Gable and Tsunami) and to Matthew!

HIC Waiting Child List Now Available

Families currently in the regular HIC China Intercountry Adoption Program are qualified to view the CCAA Waiting Child list at the HIC offices. Clients unable to come to the office can contact Janet to arrange alternative options. HIC clients who have submitted dossiers to the CCAA, who identify a child on the CCAA Waiting Child list, and who wish to switch to this program may elect to: A) Request their CCAA dossier be moved to the CCAA Waiting Child Program, thereby forfeiting their options to adopt through the CCAA (standard) China Intercountry Adoption Program or B) Submit a new dossier to the CCAA Waiting Child program, while continuing to hold their place in the CCAA (standard) China Intercountry Adoption Program. Clients following Option B must submit a new dossier to the CCAA within one or two months of identifying and locking in a specific child on the CCAA Waiting Child list.

Families who have not previously submitted dossiers to the CCAA and who wish to apply to adopt a CCAA Waiting Child, must submit (log in) their dossier to the CCAA prior to viewing children on the CCAA Waiting Child list. The CCAA Waiting Child program usually takes one year from the time of application to the time you pick up your child. (The wait time for families who switch from the standard HIC China Adoption program to this program may be closer to 6-7 months.) If you are interested in this program, please contact Janet Jin at (808) 589-2367 ext 205 or Janet@h-i-c.org for more information.

Hong Kong Waiting Child

The new HIC Hong Kong Program is accepting applications on a restricted basis. Clients interested in adopting from Hong Kong should be able to adopt older and special needs children. Entry into this program is based on an intake interview with the program director only.

Currently, we have one girl and one boy awaiting a family. The girl is almost 5 years old, (DOB November 3, 2003), diagnosed with Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). She is physically healthy, with slight overall global delay. Motor and verbal skills are normal. She is currently living in a foster home. The boy is almost 3 years old, (DOB 11/17/2005), also diagnosed with ADHS with slight overall global delay. He is physically healthy, with normal verbal and motor skills. He is currently living in a foster home. Interested families should contact Janet at Janet@h-i-c.org by calling (808) 589-2367 ext 205.

Taiwan

HIC just received the first referral!

HIC is now working with a number of highly respected social welfare organizations in Taiwan. We are currently working on the pilot program. We are accepting six more applications from families requesting a child over the age of three and one more requesting a child under three. If you are interested in this program, please contact Janet at Janet@h-i-c.org or by calling (808) 589-2367 ext 205.

Vietnam

As of September 1, 2008, the U.S. Vietnamese adoption Memorandum of Understanding has expired. Cases in process continue to move ahead. HIC continues to receive approvals for waiting families, with twelve families currently assigned children and waiting travel approvals. We will continue to do all we can to see these children safely home.

Classes and Informaion Sessions

Mandarin Chinese Classes

Instructor: Xuwei

A new children's class will begin on November 2, 2008 at 4:00pm. Priority will be given to those who have been on the wait list. Please contact Shannon at (808) 589-2367 ext 207 or email Shannon@h-i-c.org if you would like to sign up.

General Information Sessions

The next Honolulu general information session is scheduled for October 7, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the HIC offices. We welcome all families wanting an introduction to our adoption programs. So be sure to tell your friends of this wonderful chance to hear about our programs!