



## Welcome Home

Hana—US

AJ—US

Isabella—US

Jadyn—Haiti

Chrisneissa—  
Haiti

Yolande—Haiti

Fabygaelle—  
Haiti

We would love to feature a photo of your child in our newsletter. Please be sure to send us submissions to include at

[jenn@kcr.ca](mailto:jenn@kcr.ca).

# Fall Newsletter

August—November 2016

## What's New?

### Our office is moving!

As you know, The Adoption Centre is under the umbrella of the non-profit organization called *Kelowna Community Resources*. As a whole, we are an agency with many staff and multiple services. We currently have staff in 4 different locations which creates many challenges. We have been trying to move all programs under one roof for years and have now achieved this goal! The move will take place over the Christmas holidays. During this time we will be operating with minimal staff, but will ensure we are available to respond should proposals come in or emergencies come up.

So, what does this mean for you? As of *December 21, 2016*

⇒ Our physical and mailing address will change to:

**620 Leon Avenue**

**Kelowna, BC V1Y 9T2**

⇒ Our phone numbers will remain the same.

⇒ Our staff emails will remain the same.



Bertram Street

Leon Avenue

## Remember

We work with **US, South Africa, Haiti, and Bulgaria.**

Be sure to call us to learn about any of these inter-country programs.

## Reminder:

- Stay connected with ACBC by making sure that you "LIKE" us on **FACE-BOOK!** This is where we post information on countries to adopt from, educational opportunities as well as support group opportunities! Join now!!



Remember where we are:

255 Lawrence Ave., Kelowna BC

Monday– Friday;  
8:30-4:30  
(closed for lunch 12-1)

## Adoption News

### NOVEMBER IS ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH!

Below are a few of the many events/activities happening in November.....

Vancouver Coastal Region—Family Fun Day Nov. 6—Join AFABC for our 15th annual family fun day.

South Vancouver Island—Nov. 24—Join AFABC to celebrate Adoption Awareness Month! Ladysmith Light-Up Parade.

Adoptive Families Association of BC (AFABC) are hosting a number of webinars in honor of Adoption Awareness month. Go to their website to check them out.

Penticton—November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Penticton Community Centre

Vernon—November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Vernon Aquatic Centre

Kelowna—November 20<sup>th</sup> at Parkinson Recreation Centre

All three Okanagan events: 1:30-3:30 Family Swim and food and drink to follow. Register through AFABC website so that they can be sure to have enough food and drink on hand.

## Program Updates

### Haiti

Despite the latest devastation in Haiti as a result of the Hurricane, proposals continue to come through. Since the reopening of the Haiti program (post earthquake) we have received 14 proposals and 7 children have come home to be with their forever families.

If you are interested in learning more about Haitian adoptions, please contact us.

### USA

Our partner agency, Adoption by Shepherds Care, are willing to consider new families for their Canadian program, on a case by case basis. In order to see if this program is right for you, please contact our agency.

### Domestic

There is not a lot to report on the domestic program right now. We have not had any new placements since the last newsletter. The program is unpredictable, so stay tuned.

### Bulgaria

Bulgaria is a very specialized program for families who are open to older children with special needs.

### South Africa

This program is going very well but are unfortunately not accepting new applicants at this time. They will review the program in January, 2017. Stay tuned for more updates in the next newsletter.

## Remember Who's Who.....

Just so that you don't forget who's here to assist you....

**Jennifer Wall**—Agency Administrator

**Marni King**—Part time social worker

**Deanna Notte**—Part time social worker

**Vickie Harvey**—Part time Program Assistant

**Diane Wiseman**—Part time Administrative Assistant.