



## Open Hearts Open Arms

### The ArtReach Program Re-instated

Once again the ticket program has survived the economic downfall. Just like last year we were faced with no funds to pay the membership fee. Last year a private donation came through at the last minute. This year we had actually announced the program had been discontinued when as a last effort ArtReach allowed us to pay the fee in installment and we were successful in gaining sponsorship by **Family Institute of Colorado, Lakewood**. Jan Tomski and Roxanne Thompson are the Directors of Family Institute. **On behalf of families participating in the ArtReach program I thank Jan and Roxanne for their willingness to partner with us to keep the program operating. Jan and Roxanne are the #1 valentines for 2011.** We are very excited to get the program back.

### February, 2011 Edition



**Be My Valentine & Stay Warm!**

**101 Ways to Praise A Child**

### Website: Adoption Lending Library

We are working on updating and revising our current website in order to better support our adoptive families. Please note that our lending library is now published. Procedures are noted on the website on how to borrow books and other resources. It's easy, you basically just contact Nancy and request the item of interest.

Although the budget is tight we hope to continuously add to the library and would love to accept book donations relating to the topic of adoption. Again, contact Nancy if you have a donation for our lending library.

Wow! + Way to Go + Super + You're Special + Outstanding + Excellent + Great + Good + Neat + Well Done + Remarkable + I Knew You Could Do It + I'm Proud of You + Fantastic + Super Star + Nice Work + Looking Good + You're On Top of It + You're Incredible + Bravo + You're Fantastic + Horray for You + You're on Your Way + How Nice + How Smart + Good Job + That's Incredible + Hot Dog + Dynamite + You're Beautiful + You're Unique + Nothing Can Stop You Now + I Like You + You're a Winner + Remarkable Job + Beautiful Work + You're Spectacular + You're Darling + You're Precious + Great Discovery + You've Discovered the Secret + You Figured it Out + Fantastic Job + Hip Hip Horray -To be continued in next edition.

### Loss of the Jeffco Adoption Food Program

This past fall Feeding America, the Parent Agency for The Food Bank of the Rockies, went through a federal audit. Feeding America learned as a result of the audit they could no longer provide services to foster and adoption families. We received notice in December and our last trip to The Food Bank of the Rockies was in January.

Although we are very sad to lose this service for adoptive families in Denver we have learned that when one door shuts another often opens. We are actively exploring other options to help adoptive families provide healthy meals for their families.

**Keep an eye out and be ready to respond to a survey coming your way soon. The survey is designed to help us meet your needs for an adoption support group, training and just to gather more information on how best to support adoptive families.**