



Dear VMDT,

Happy Adoption Month! Lucky for us, it's every day!

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Submitted by Therese Bartlett: Dr. Kahn spoke at the Catalyst Culture Camp last summer – if you missed him you have another opportunity!

Is it Adoption Related or 'Just the Age'?

Thursday - November 29th • 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Featuring Dr. Steve Kahn, Licensed Psychologist and Adoptive Parent

Lutheran Social Service State Center

2485 Como Ave. • Saint Paul, MN

\$12 per couple and \$10 for individual

To register or for more information, please contact Bonnie K. at 612-879-5248

http://www.minnesotaadoption.org/2005/events_post.html

Submitted by Caroline Ticarro-Parker: Here's an op-ed that makes us all think about the "missing pieces" of our children's lives....

Reclaiming Ownership of My History

By Sumeia Williams

<http://relativechoices.blogs.nytimes.com/2007/11/11/reclaiming-ownership-of-my-history/index.html>

NOIDs: Ethica article regarding the increase in the issuance of Notices of Intent to Deny in Vietnam

2007-11-05

The U.S. Embassy in Hanoi just issued this previously reported information as an official statement. Of special note are concerns over child finders and unregulated fees paid to individuals and institutions:

In recent months, US Embassy Hanoi and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Ho Chi Minh City have seen an increase in the number of irregularities appearing in orphan petitions and visa applications in Vietnam. This has resulted in a similar increase in the

issuance of Notices of Intent to Deny....

Report continues at: <http://www.ethicanet.org/newslist.php?pagestyle=default#2007-11-05>

posted on APV this morning:

Deborah Gray, attachment expert, to be on a call-in internet radio show

Deborah Gray, author of *Attaching in Adoption and Nurturing Adoptions: Creating Resilience After Neglect and Trauma*, will be the guest on my internet radio show this Wed, Nov. 14. I am really excited because I love her books and advice on fostering attachment in our kids. She goes beyond just saying that attachment is crucial; she tells you how to create it and how to recognize when your child or soon-to-be child is struggling with attachment issues. If you have any questions on attachment or parenting adopted kids, please call in. She is just great. By the way, there are no advertisements on the show or website. The show is intended solely to provide education and advice for adoptive parents (and also infertile couples for some of the shows).

The show, "Creating a Family: Talk about Adoption and Infertility", is live every Wednesday from 12 - 1 Eastern Time at www.findingyourchild.com (click on radio page, then click play) or through the radio station website at blogtalkradio.com (this site is not advertisement free). Listeners can call into the show to ask questions at (347) 215-8510 (this number is also posted on the website). If you will not be able to call-in during the show, you can send any questions you want to ask Deborah to me ahead of time. The show will be available after it airs either by listening to the archives at www.findingyourchild.com or downloading it for free podcast from iTunes.

Thanks and please listen and call-in. If you know of others who would be interested in hearing Deborah, please feel free to pass on this info.

Dawn Davenport

Still thinking how you could have helped the street children of Vietnam? One way would be to support the following two organizations:

KOTO

<http://www.streetvoices.com.au/index.asp>

KOTO is a not-for-profit restaurant and vocational training program that is changing the lives of street and disadvantaged youth in Vietnam.

*"The greatest accomplishment for the person who has helped you, is to see you stand on your own two feet and then in turn help someone else that reminds you of yourself, because if you **Know One**, then you should **Teach One**."*
Mr Jimmy Pham, KOTO Founder and Director

Blue Dragon Children's Foundation

<http://www.bdcf.org/welcome.html>

Blue Dragon offers children and youth the opportunity to break out of poverty, forever, through education, training, and employment.
