

AASK Adopt A Special Kid Annual Report FY2010



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Celebrating 38 Years of Bringing Children and Families Together

Welcome to AASK's Annual Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. We have taken this opportunity to provide a brief re-introduction to our mission and primary programs and services and also to provide highlights specific to the past year.

AASK's MISSION

Adopt A Special Kid (AASK) believes that every child has the right to a safe, stable and nurturing home and that all children are adoptable. Adopt A Special Kid provides education and support services to adoptive and foster families and children. We promote positive changes to benefit children who are in the child welfare system.

AASK's PROGRAMS & SERVICES

AASK serves children needing homes from our Oakland office, working with families residing over most of Northern California and with children in foster homes all across the state. All children placed by AASK come with backgrounds of special needs and challenges.

Recruitment: AASK employs both web-based and more traditional means such as newspapers and radio and community outreach in order to attract prospective foster and adoptive parents. AASK also enjoys a positive reputation, which results in strong word-of-mouth referrals from our experienced parents and collegial agencies and service providers.

Foster



Adoption

Foster-Adoption: Assessment, education, child-matching and supportive case management services are provided free-of-charge to families desiring to provide stable, loving homes to children in California's foster care system.

Supportive Services: Camp ALWAYS, a five-day adoptive family camp, is the cornerstone of supportive services to families. Others include family events such as adoption celebrations, family picnics, and free tickets to sporting and cultural events as well as access to the lending library.

Hope-to-Home: A small program that provides fee-for-service homestudy, placement supervision and finalization services to those not wishing to adopt from foster care. Funds raised within this program are used to support services for families in our foster-adoption program.

Dorothy and Robert DeBolt Scholarship: Annually, AASK awards financial support to youth adopted from foster care for use at an accredited college or vocational institution.

Adopt A Special Kid is a nonprofit 501(c)3 charity and relies upon individual donations for our programs. To learn more or make a tax-deductible donation, click on the "I Want to Help" link.

FY 2010 Program Highlights

FY2010 SERVICE FIGURES

Family Inquiries	178
Children Placed	19
Adoptions Finalized	15
Post Adoptive Services*	93

* instances of AAP, case management, information and referral or support group/training assistance

SPECIAL NEEDS CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN PLACED

Ethnic Minority	84%
Age Three and Older	74%
Parental Mental Health Issues	47%
Substance Exposure	47%
Developmental Delays/Disabilities	42%
Medical Issues	42%
Sibling Group Member	32%
Emotional/Behavioral Concerns	26%

* Most children have more than one special need characteristic identified, thus the total adds up to more than 100%.

Spread the Good News! In 2010, we...

... celebrated National Adoption Month with a moving and unique theatrical event, *"Honoring Our Adoption Stories"* for AASK families and others in the adoption community.

... enjoyed the *ninth season of Camp ALWAYS*, our award-winning camp for adoptive families.

... awarded *five remarkable students, recipients of the sixth annual Dorothy and Robert DeBolt Scholarship* in support of higher education for youth adopted from California's foster care system.

... celebrated *permanent homes for 15 children!*

FY 2010 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Net assets	
Beginning of the Year	\$1,203,113
Total Public Support & Revenue	\$ 319,466
Total Expenses	\$ 551,448
Net Gain in Securities	\$ 12,979
End of Year	\$ 984,110

This Annual Report for fiscal year 2010 was issued on January 31, 2011.