

Nominees for Angels in Adoption Award Being Accepted

The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute is currently accepting nominations for its annual Angels in Adoption award. Each year congressional members are given the opportunity to award constituents from their states the national recognition through the Angels in Adoption program. The recipients are honored at the annual Angels in Adoption gala in Washington, D.C. This year's gala will be Sept. 16 at the Ronald Regan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

In addition to Angels in Adoption awards for each state, several National Angels are given the award for adoption and foster care advocacy nationwide. Some of the previous National Angel recipients include Dave Thomas, First Lady Laura Bush, Actress Victoria Rowell and Singer Steven Curtis Chapman.

In 2007, more than 190 congressional members participated in the annual event. To nominate an Angel, visit <http://www.ccaainstitute.org>.

China Earthquake Affects Orphanages

On May 12, an earthquake registering 7.9 on the Richter scale hit Sichuan, China and nine other areas. The strongest earthquake to hit the region in 32 years, the devastation is extreme. With more than 14,000 deaths already, children living in area orphanages are in extreme need.

Several agencies and organizations are raising funds to help the orphanages and people in need.

Children's Hope International has already mobilized a team to the area where they already work with several orphanages in the area, including Chengdu, Chongqing and Yibin. Children's Hope now collecting funds to send needed supplies and aid to the area's orphans. The agency is also encouraging people to send messages of hope to the children effected by the earthquake.

To submit a message, please include a drawing, your name and photo (optional) to letter-tochild@childrenshope.net or by mail to Children's Hope, Emergency Fund, 11780 Borman Drive • St. Louis, MO 63146-4157.

For more information, visit <http://adopt.childrenshope.net> or to donate, visit <https://orphan.childrenshope.net/makedonation.0/html>.

Wide Horizons for Children has also created a special emergency relief fund for China earthquake victims. The fund will provide emergency and long-term relief to children

in orphanages and children who have been separated from their families. To donate, visit <http://www.whfc.org/aid/OnlineDonation.htm> or call (800) 729-5330.

Families with Children from China of Greater New York is also collecting funds to help the orphanages hit hardest by the earthquake. Working through Amity Foundation, FCCNY is determining the need of the orphanages in Sichuan Province and collecting money to help meet those needs.

To donate, visit www.fccny.org and indicate "Earthquake Relief" as the donation project.

Top 20 Orphan Issuing Countries FY-2007						
Country	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
China	5,453	6,493	7,906	7,044	6,859	6,119
Guatemala	4,728	4,135	4,639	3,264	2,328	2,419
Russia	2,310	3,706	3,783	5,865	5,209	4,939
Ethiopia	1,255	732	441	289	135	105
South Korea	939	1,376	1,630	1,716	1,790	1,779
Vietnam	828	163	--	--	382	766
Ukraine	606	460	821	723	702	1,106
Kazakhstan	540	587	755	826	825	819
India	416	320	323	406	472	464
Liberia	314	353	183	86	--	--
Colombia	310	344	291	287	272	334
Philippines	265	245	271	196	214	221
Haiti	190	309	234	356	250	187
Taiwan	184	187	141	--	107	--
Mexico	89	70	88	89	--	61
Poland	84	67	73	102	97	101
Thailand	67	56	72	69	72	67
Kyrgyzstan	61	--	--	--	--	--
Brazil	55	66	66	69	--	--
Uganda	54	--	--	--	--	--
Total	19,613	20,679	22,728	22,884	21,616	20,099