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 **Spring
Flower Sale**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Blooming May 7 – 28 in Howland, the NOAS Spring Flower Sale is taking shape. Gere and Janet Weller are already looking over patio and flower catalogues to see what's new in the world of gardening. If you have a green thumb, love fresh air, or if your club members have the willingness to help, there is an enjoyable job for you at the sale!

Flower sale plants and flowers are always beautiful and healthy. Come to volunteer, shop, or both. The flower sale is at Hunter's Square Plaza, just up the hill, on old Rt. 82 just east of Rt. 46. Open daily from 10am until 6pm, we'll have great selections for Mother's Day and Memorial Day!

Call 330-856-5582, ext. 110 for more information.



Carole Lewis is thinking sunshine **June 4** for the 14th Play it for the Kids Annual Golf Outing, lunch and dinner to benefit NOAS. The Shamble is a scramble off the tee, then from the best drive each golfer plays his ball until it is holed out. The event will be limited to 120 golfers.

If you are new to the event, or you would like more details, just call 1-800-686-6627, ext. 110 and we can add your name to our most recent mailing list.

ADOPTION ALL-STARS

PARTNERS WITH HEART

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FACES of ADOPTION Photo Gallery

"A PICTURE SAYS A THOUSAND WORDS" IS SO TRUE.

When you look at the faces of children who are waiting to be adopted, you see reflections of their hopes, desires, and determination to have permanent families of their own. In an effort to bring their stories of hope to prospective adoptive parents, NOAS created "Faces of Adoption"—traveling photo galleries featuring Ohio's waiting children.

Several galleries are in circulation with plans for more. Both the Wellsville and Salem Ministerial Associations in Columbiana Co. are rotating the galleries among their churches. In Cuyahoga Co., Western

Reserve Restaurant Management Group Wendy's will display five galleries in May.

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If your church or business would like to join these All Stars and display a "Faces of Adoption" photo gallery, contact Billy at 330-856-5582, ext 104. Some galleries are framed for wall display and others are on free standing easels.



Rev. William Wilkins, pastor of Salem Emmanuel Lutheran Church, poses with the "Faces of Adoption" photo gallery.



"They're off and running," ...and the NOAS Night at the Races was a success! The February 23rd fundraiser at DiLucia's Banquet Center, in Warren, raised over \$3,300 to support NOAS adoptions. A caller announced the ponies as they raced on the big screen, while guests cheered their winners! For those who weren't quite so lucky at the finish line, there were raffles and many fabulous donated gift baskets of all shapes, themes, and sizes. THANKS to our donors, and to our volunteers who worked to make "Night at the Races" a fun-filled success.



Casal's Donates \$1400 from Runway Show Hairstyle Artists' Competition

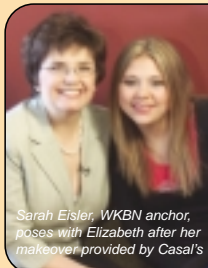
On a snowy January night fifteen teams of cosmetology students were models, while hairdressers from Casal de Spa and Salons used ingenuity to create handmade fashions with style at Casal's Aveda Institute in Austintown. The clothing and hair fashions were inspired by the 1930's, the Orient, and golden girls to compete for the winning team's Vegas trip. The All Star staff at Casal's presented NOAS with a generous check for \$1,400 from the event. What creative talent!



Casal's Founder Thom Ciarniello with the winning model from "Project Runway".

Faces of Adoption – Partnership with WKBN

Sarah Eisler, anchor for WKBN, is helping NOAS introduce some of Ohio's waiting children to the tri-county viewing area. Starting in January, All Star WKBN began airing a feature story of a waiting child on the third week of each month - Monday at 10 pm on Fox 17/62 and Tuesday at 5 pm on WKBN/27. The stories include an interview with the child and his/her social worker, as well as footage of a favorite activity—such as ice skating, driving a semi-truck or getting a makeover. You may view these segments on the NOAS website www.noas.com or at www.wkbn.com under the "Faces of Adoption" link.



Sarah Eisler, WKBN anchor, poses with Elizabeth after her makeover provided by Casal's

WE'RE PROUD
of our Executive Director,
Cindy Deal!

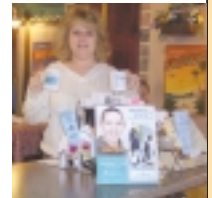
CINDY WAS RECENTLY ELECTED TO HER SECOND, TWO YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE OHIO ASSOCIATION FOR CHILD CARING AGENCIES (OACCA) BOARD OF TRUSTEES. OACCA is a statewide association of more than sixty private not-for-profit, for-profit, and public agencies that provide a wide array of services to children and families in crisis across the state. Cindy keeps us up to date on important state and federal issues concerning child welfare issues—especially adoption and foster care. We are looking forward to the opportunity to work with Ohio Rep. Brinkman as he prepares adoption reform legislation for Ohio in HB 7.

BUSINESS ALL STARS Have Heart for Adoption

The 6,000 Ohio children who are waiting to be adopted have friends in northeast Ohio! More than 450 caring businesses are getting the word out that we need loving families who want to adopt. It's fun, it's easy, and it makes a difference—brochures on display in local businesses are now the second largest source of calls to NOAS from people who want to learn more about adopting Ohio's waiting children.

Don't be surprised if your local restaurant is serving coffee in a NOAS mug, or if you can read a colorful NOAS brochure while having your hair cut. Your next pizza from the corner shop might have an adoption flyer attached, or your friendly banker might chat with you for a minute about the waiting child featured in her bank! We can't thank our All Stars enough.

Recently 11,000 flyers were distributed on pizza boxes from Pizza Works in Howland, Pizza Joe's in East Palestine and Columbiana, and R's Pizza Place in Columbiana



Michelle Johnson, owner of Shellabella's in Columbiana, displays NOAS brochures and NOAS mugs used in her restaurant

Visit these restaurants who participate in our "mugging" program:

WARREN AREA: Raptis Family Restaurant, The Mocha House, The Hot Dog Shoppe, Sunrise Inn and Caesar's Italian Restaurant

CHAMPION: J D's Posthouse

HUBBARD: Nick's Family Restaurant

COLUMBIANA: Shellabella's, Heck's, Antone's, Lazy Bean

LISBON: Taste of Country, Fox's Den Pizza

SALEM: Adele's, Slovak Club, Heggy's Confectionary, Annabell's

CALCUTTA: Café 24

If your business would like to become an Adoption All Star by helping us spread the word, please call Lucinda Kutsko at 330-856-8882, ext. 105. She will share her ideas, and she's open to yours!



Leonard and Pam Stanley, owners of Pizza Joe's in East Palestine, display NOAS brochures and attached flyers to their pizza boxes for one month.