



Northeast Ohio Adoption Services
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Give Back

Ideas on volunteering in your community

Want to give back to your community, but don't know how? Here a few step on how you can make a difference.

WHO?

Obviously, the most important person is you, but feel free to invite family and friends. Your pets can even get into the act. Some nursing homes allow you to bring pets to visit; try that on Saturday and watch the smiles on the residents' faces.

WHY?

Volunteering in the community is a great way to build a sense of pride in the area you live in, as well as in yourself. Helping others is a great way to show compassion and thoughtfulness. It can also be a creative outlet. For example, if you are a good artist, volunteer to teach children how to draw. You will be amazed by what you can inspire other people to do. It is important to help others because many of us would not be where we are without some help.

HOW?

First, contact the place where you want to volunteer. Explain how you want to help and they will do the rest. Yes, it is that simple.

WHERE?

There are many places to volunteer:

- Local soup kitchen
- Local boys and girls clubs
- Local nursing homes
- Homeless shelters
- Food banks
- Ronald McDonald House

The list goes on and on....

Visit these sites for more information, then get out there and lend a hand!

www.volunteermatch.org

www.thevolunteerfamily.org

www.charityguide.org

www.doinggoodtogether.org

Scotty Needs a Family



Scotty is a friendly, active whirlwind of a twelve-year-old boy with a great sense of humor. He has the power of concentration, though, when he is doing a pencil drawing, but runs many different directions on the playground. He's a pretty good artist,

drawing big cartoon dogs, taking his time with them. He signs his name, Scotty, in big bubble letters with a flourish. He likes coloring and computers, too.

Scott is in specialized classes in the group home where he now lives, placed at a seventh grade level. He is getting some help with slowing down his activity level, and when he is doing drawing or yoga, he enjoys better relaxation and concentration. School can be challenging, but he does well in reading, and dreams of being a veterinarian someday.

Scotty likes animals, especially dogs, saying, "I'd like a puppy or a dog that doesn't bite." He enjoys cats, too. At the place where he lives he likes to check out the chipmunks' entrance and exit holes in the big trees. He is taking a yoga class, doing slow, silent "deer" breathing and moving very softly and deliberately—not in his usual "whirlwind" style. He can imitate many animals, everything from a jumping frog to a mournful, loud, howling coyote.

He's a natural for a "big kids" playground, fearlessly climbing and swinging. If he had a family of his own, he'd like to try camping with marshmallow roasts, hikes, and tents.

Scott hasn't had an easy start to life, experiencing challenges and losses. When asked what he would do with a magic wand and three wishes, Scott comes up with ice cream, macaroni, and a thought about a family keeping a person safe. He adds that a family is "someone to take care of you, so you won't get hurt." He adds, "If I had a safe family, I'd probably enjoy it." He continues, "I want a family that is playful, with a dog and a computer."

Scotty will need a safe, understanding family, with lots of energy and a great sense of humor. Are you ready? Do you have the time, sense of commitment and energy his family will need as he grows up?

For more information about adopting Scotty, contact Melanie Jones at 1-800-686-6627, ext. 125.

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Happy New Year!

NOAS Staff New Year Resolutions



Continue to manage my money well.

-Drew Jones,
Permanency Planning Specialist



Drink less coffee.

-Cary Sanders
Permanency Planning Specialist



Listen more, talk less.

-Kathy Franz
Associate Director



To ask each child I interview about new ideas he or she has about finding the family of their dreams and broadcast those ideas.

-Judy McCartney
Director of Communication



To appreciate each day as a new opportunity to do good for myself and others.

-Cheryl Tarantino
Director of Marketing and Recruitment



I resolve to gain control over paperwork cluttering my office.

-Cindy Deal
Executive Director



Take care of myself.

Try not to lose your sense of humor.
-Melanie Jones
Permanency Planning Specialist



To quit going to school

-Melanie Genova
Permanency Planning Specialist



Begin the year with thanksgiving in your heart.

Be appreciative of the little things in life with your family.

-Sandy Panezich
Permanency Planning Specialist



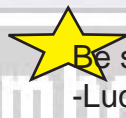
To be more conscious of what I am eating.

-Cindy Wallis
Adoption Liaison



Travel more and save money.

-Melissa Tharpe
Family Recruitment Specialist



Be still and read more novels.

-Lucinda Kutsko
Marketing Specialist



I am making it my priority to appreciate the simple things in life and to take more time to myself

-Andrea Minnich
Adoption Community Liaison



Pick one community organization and devote most of my free time to it this year.

-Pam D'Amore
Chief Fiscal Officer

SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN NEED OF SERVICES BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER AN ADOPTION



Portage County Adoption Support Group

An Invitation to All Foster and Adoptive Families

What I can expect from the group:

People who will listen and offer helpful advice

People who will not judge

A place to just listen to others

Connection with others who have similar experiences

A place to find out about resources and current information

Group meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Reed Memorial Library in Ravenna from 6-7:30 pm. To register phone Cynthia Wallis at 1-800-686-6627 x 147



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Columbiana County Adoption Support Group

An Invitation to All Foster and Adoptive Families

What I can expect from the group:

People who will listen and offer helpful advice

People who will not judge

A place to just listen to others

Connection with others who have similar experiences

A place to find out about resources and current information

Group meets the 4th Thursday of each month at the Salem Public Library in Salem from 6-7:30 p.m. To register phone Cynthia Wallis at 1-800-686-6627 x 147



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Ohio Child Welfare Training Program
Adoption Training Workshops for Parents
Northeast Region



Northeast Ohio Adoption Services (NOAS)
~ Scheduling agency
Winter – Spring 2008

Saturday, January 26, 2008
What's Going On Inside Me?
**Dealing Effectively with
Trauma and Loss**
Candy Barr
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Pathway Caring for Children,
Canton
(330) 244-1130
www.pathwaycfc.org

Saturday, April 12, 2008
**Attachment Issues in Adoption
and Foster Care**
Regina Kupecky
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Pathway Caring for Children,
Canton
(330) 244-1130
www.pathwaycfc.org

Saturday, February 23, 2008
**Sexual Abuse Survivor and
What Every Adopted/Foster
Child Wishes their Parents
Knew**
Judy Qualls
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Northeast Ohio Adoption Services
(330) 856-5582, www.noas.com

Saturday, May 17, 2008
**Self Esteem Issues for
Adopted/Foster Children**
Wanda Boerio
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Ohio Youth Advocacy Program,
Boardman office
1-800-449-4109

Saturday, March 1, 2008
**Successful Transcultural
Parenting**
Linda Loveland
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
The Twelve, Inc., Massillon
1-888-513-8706

To register, please call three days prior to event:



Gail S. at Northeast Ohio Adoption Services
(330) 856-5582 or 1-800-686-6627, ext. 128
Or by email: gseekins@noas.com

*There is no cost for attendance. Sorry, child care is not available; children may not attend.
Certificates will be provided and are approved for foster parent education requirements.*

*Northeast Ohio Adoption Services and the
Ohio Child Welfare Training Program present:*

What's Going On Inside Me? Dealing Effectively with Trauma and Loss in Children

This six hour workshop reviews the dynamics of what foster and adoptive children bring into the parenting relationship. There will be opportunities to learn and explore what happens to the emotions of the parent when they are confronted with huge trauma and loss issues. Suggestions will be made on how the parenting figures can deal more effectively with these dynamics. (# 933*).



**WHERE: Pathway Caring for Children
Canton, OH office**

**WHEN: Saturday, January 26, 2008
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Trainer – Candy Barr, LSW

Candy and her husband Jim are adoptive parents. They also manage House of Samuel, Inc., which is an adoption agency serving central Ohio.

To register call:

Gail at NOAS at (330) 856-5582, ext. 128
or email her at gseekins@noas.com



Workshop is worth 6 hours of the annual foster parent training requirement.

Certificates will be provided.