

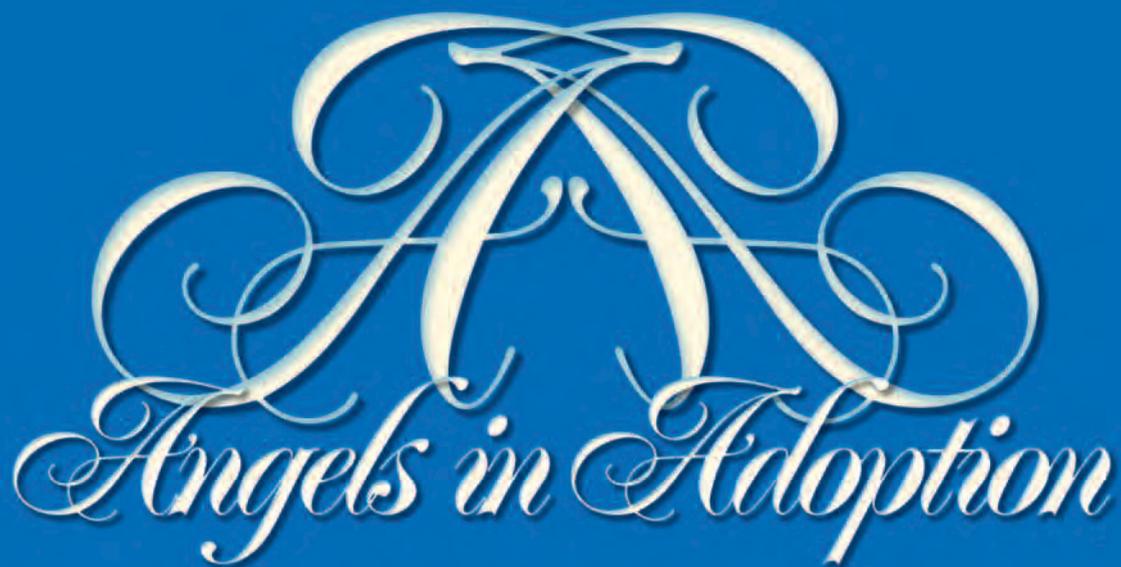


## *Mission*

The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to raising awareness about the tens of thousands of foster children in this country and the millions of orphans around the world in need of permanent, safe, and loving homes; and to eliminating the barriers that hinder these children from realizing their basic need of a family.



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A large, ornate calligraphic logo in white. The top part features a complex, symmetrical design of overlapping loops and flourishes, resembling a stylized 'A' or a decorative crest. Below this, the words "Angels in Adoption" are written in a flowing, cursive script. The entire logo is set against a solid blue background.

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Message from Founding and Premier Sponsor	Maxine B. Baker <i>President and CEO, Freddie Mac Foundation</i>
Musical Performance	Jars of Clay
Recognition of 2005 <i>Angels In Adoption™</i>	
Invocation and Dinner	Slide Presentation of 2005 <i>Angels In Adoption™</i>
Message from CCAI Executive Director and Congressional Foster Youth Intern	Deanna Carlson Stacy and Jelani Freeman
Presentation of <i>ational Angels In Adoption™</i> Award to Mrs. Laura Bush <i>First Lady of the United States</i>	Senator Larry Craig <i>Congressional Director, CCAI</i>
Award to Victoria Rowell <i>Award Winning Actress</i>	Representative Dave Camp <i>Congressional Director, CCAI</i>
Award to Jars of Clay <i>Grammy Award Winning Artists</i>	Representative Jim Oberstar <i>Congressional Director, CCAI</i>
Award to Sesame Workshop <i>Emmy Award Winning Program</i>	Senator Mary Landrieu <i>Congressional Director, CCAI</i>
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## *Angels in Adoption™ Gala*

The *Angels in Adoption™* program is CCAI's signature public awareness program, which provides an opportunity to all members of the U.S. Congress to honor the good work of their constituents who have enriched the lives of foster children and orphans.

This program includes an annual event in Washington, D.C., the *Angels in Adoption™* Gala, which is geared toward highlighting ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

These "unsung heroes" are selected by members of the U.S. Congress.

In addition to these "unsung heroes" chosen from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, "National Angels" are recognized for their adoption and foster care advocacy on a broader, nationwide scale.

Former "National Angels" include notables such as Jane Seymour, Muhammad Ali, Dave Thomas, Steven Curtis Chapman, and Bruce Willis. Each year, more than 160 members of Congress participate, making it the year's single most significant Congressional event pertaining to child welfare in the United States.

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Laura Bush is actively involved in issues of national and global concern, with a particular emphasis on education, health care, and human rights. In March 2005, Mrs. Bush made a historic trip to Afghanistan, witnessing firsthand the inspirational progress achieved by the Afghan people after the fall of the Taliban regime. She visited the Women's Teacher Training Institute in Kabul and met with President Hamid Karzai. Mrs. Bush's involvement in Afghanistan began in 2001, when she became the first wife of a president ever to deliver the president's weekly radio address. She used the opportunity to call attention to the plight of women suffering under the Taliban.

Mrs. Bush also speaks on behalf of public/private partnerships between the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Project Hope, and other private health care organizations that are equipping and training pediatric health care professionals worldwide. She strongly supports the initiative to build a National Children's Hospital in Iraq. Laura Bush is Honorary Ambassador for the Decade of Literacy of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), serving as an international spokesperson for efforts to educate people throughout the world, especially women and girls.

As the leader of President Bush's Helping America's Youth initiative, Mrs. Bush is listening to the concerns of young people, parents, and community leaders throughout the country and drawing attention to programs that help children avoid risky behaviors like drug and alcohol use, early sexual activity, and violence.

One of Mrs. Bush's first priorities in the White House was to convene the Summit on Early Childhood Cognitive Development. Prominent scholars and educators shared research on the best ways for parents and caregivers to prepare children for lifelong learning. Laura Bush is also passionate about the importance and pleasures of reading, and she joined with the Library of Congress to launch the first National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., in September 2001.



*Laura Bush*

Laura Bush was born on November 4, 1946, in Midland, Texas, to Harold and Jenna Welch. Inspired by her second grade teacher, she earned a bachelor of science degree in education from Southern Methodist University in 1968. She taught in public schools in Dallas and Houston. In 1973, she earned a master of library science degree from the University of Texas and worked as a public school librarian. In 1977, she met and married George Walker Bush. They are the parents of twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna, who are named for their grandmothers.





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*M*ulti-Platinum and three time Grammy Award winning band Jars of Clay launched its career with the hit, "Flood," in 1995. Since then, they have amassed more than five million in career sales (5 Gold, 2 Platinum and 1 Double Platinum), three Grammy Awards, an American Music Award nomination, 17 number one radio hits, and numerous film credits and BMI honors for songwriting and performing.

While celebrated for their music and writing, Jars of Clay is also well-known for their commitment to seeking justice and speaking on behalf of the voiceless. They have been described by author Donald Miller as "humanitarian aid workers posing as rock stars." Their efforts have taken them worldwide, including to China with Amnesty International to work on behalf of religious persecution and into their own neighborhood advocating for child abuse prevention in the United States. Compelled to make a difference in the face of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, members Dan Haseltine, Stephen Mason, Matt Odmark and Charlie Lowell founded the Blood:Water Mission in early 2002. The organization provides clean blood and clean water solutions in

various parts of sub-Saharan Africa. Their work began by supporting an HIV/AIDS hospice in Cape Town, South Africa.

Most recently, Blood:Water Mission has launched the "1000 Wells Project" with a goal of raising funds to build and repair 1000 wells in urban and rural areas of sub-Saharan Africa. Their mission is to save lives by helping families and children vulnerable to disease to have access to clean water wells in Africa. To date, 42



*Jars o Clay*

wells have been constructed in 8 different countries, bringing clean water to more than 35,000 people. By early October 2005, Blood:Water Mission will begin another 50 projects. The band members are also committed to raising awareness and fostering worldview development in the United States around the needs of HIV/AIDS afflicted families, including orphans and vulnerable children. On

tour, Haseltine, Mason, Odmark and Lowell spend significant amounts of time relating with college students, youth pastors and various community leaders to talk about social justice, vocation, and service. Bono, U2's lead singer, states, "As a fan, I don't think anyone has had a bigger voice than the activists in Jars of Clay."

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Born in Portland, Maine, Victoria Rowell was raised in foster care for 18 years. Under the auspices of the Ford Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, eight-year-old Rowell received a full scholarship to the Cambridge School of Ballet in Massachusetts, where she flourished and became a member of the American Ballet Theatre family. Additionally, Rowell participated in an exchange program with The Julliard School of Music Dance Program.

Emmy nominated, Rowell has been honored with ten NAACP Image Awards for her theatrical contributions.

In her role on the hit series *Diagnosis Murder*, Rowell co-starred with the legendary Dick Van Dyke for eight seasons. Rowell also wrote for the series, featuring the issue of foster care and adoption. Additionally, Ms. Rowell negotiated employment for emancipated foster youth on the show.

Sony Television has supported a foster care and adoption storyline, at Rowell's suggestion, for over a year on the number one daytime drama, *The Young and the Restless*, which reaches an audience of millions weekly, both domestically and internationally. In addition, the storyline has received Congressional recognition.

In 1990, Rowell founded The Rowell Foster Children's Positive Plan (RFCPP). The mission of

RFCPP is to give direct services in the areas of: fine arts, higher education, healthcare, financial literacy reunification programs, cultural enrichment, and resource family support. For more information, visit [www.rowellfosterchildren.org](http://www.rowellfosterchildren.org).

RFCPP partners with Sony, CBS Television, Samuel L. Jackson and LaTanya Richardson Jackson, The Magic Johnson Foundation, Cedric The Entertainer and Lorna Kyles, Dr. Phil, Sharon Stone, The Will and Jada Smith Family Foundation, Camp to Belong, The California Endowment, and many others.

Rowell actively supports Americans for the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts, American Ballet Theatre, The Child Welfare League of America, NAACP, and the Harvard School of Public Health.

For four years, Rowell has been the National Spokesperson for the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a direct service arm of United Parcel Service.

In recognition of her contributions in educating and supporting foster children and her work for human rights and world peace, Rowell received the *United Nations Association Award*. Recently, Rowell received an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities from the University of Southern Maine in recognition of her work in foster care and adoption.



*Victoria Rowell*

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*Sesame Street* is the most widely watched children's television series in the world and Sesame Workshop's longest running show, with 36 years in production. *Sesame Street* first debuted in 1969 as an hour-long, daily broadcast aimed to help prepare children between two and five years old for grade school. *Sesame Street* continues to stand out as the most thoroughly developed and researched preschool television program and media offering with a comprehensive curriculum that focuses on the whole child, including cognitive, emotional, physical and social development.

Sesame Workshop is a nonprofit organization that creates research-based media to help children reach their highest potential throughout the world. Founded in 1968, Sesame Workshop changed television forever with the legendary *Sesame Street*. Today, it continues to innovate on behalf of children in 120 countries, using its proprietary research methodology to ensure its programs and products are engaging and enriching.

Sesame Workshop develops innovative and engaging educational content delivered in a variety of ways, which include television, radio, books, magazines, interactive web and computer software materials, and community outreach. Through a sweeping use of a multimedia platform, Sesame Workshop has been able to successfully develop age-appropriate materials for issues like fear and loss following September 11; childhood obesity, lead poisoning, fire safety, language development, music education, financial literacy and adoption.

In addition, Sesame Workshop has developed international co-productions around the world by using its collaborative production and planning model originally applied to *Sesame Street* to create culturally and socially relevant content. The development of local adaptations of *Sesame Street* began in the early 1970s, when producers from Brazil, Mexico, Germany, and Canada approached

Sesame Workshop independently, and has extended to 25 countries including Russia, Israel, Palestine, Jordan, China, Spain, Portugal, Poland, South Africa, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan.



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### **Angels in Adoption™**

The *Angels in Adoption*™ Program is CCAI's signature public awareness program. Former Angels include notables such as Muhammad Ali, Steven Curtis Chapman, Bruce Willis, Jane Seymour, Kirk Triplett, Pat Williams, and the late Dave Thomas. More importantly, Angels is an event geared to highlight ordinary people doing extraordinary things. These "unsung heroes" are selected by U.S. members of Congress from all 50 states and the District of Columbia and are invited to a Washington-based gala given in their honor.

Each year, more than 160 members of Congress participate making it the year's single most significant event pertaining to child welfare.

### **The Congressional Resource Program**

The Congressional Resource Program serves as an informational and education source to policymakers. Through direct service, referral, briefings, and roundtables, CCAI assists members of Congress as they seek to draft positive child welfare legislation and meet their constituents' needs. CCAI additionally exists to serve the members of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption (CCA), which is one of the largest and most active caucuses in the U.S. Congress. CCAI provides the 193 members of the CCA relevant materials, resources, and updated information on domestic and international adoption and foster care issues, as well as regular updates on child welfare legislation. Through the Congressional Resource Program, CCAI, in partnership with the members of the CCA, continues to proactively reduce and remove the barriers that hinder children from realizing their basic need of a family.



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### **The International Program**

The CCAI International Program exists to increase positive dialogue between foreign and U.S. government officials to proactively affect child welfare policy, particularly around adoption and orphan care. In the past four years, CCAI has organized Congressional delegation trips to China, Romania, Russia, Guatemala, Uganda, Honduras, El Salvador and India. CCAI has also hosted numerous leaders from around the globe in our nation's capital. The International Program serves as a resource to the U.S. Congress, especially the 193 members of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, as well as the adoption community at-large by drafting letters to various international leaders, commenting on proposed foreign adoption legislation and working in conjunction with the U.S. Department of State to eliminate international barriers that prevent children from having a forever home.

### **The Congressional Foster Youth Internship (FYI)**

The FYI Program provides talented college students, who have spent their formative years in foster care, an opportunity to intern in Congressional offices for the summer. These young adults, who have beaten the odds and thrived in spite of difficult circumstances, bring their unique perspectives and resilient spirits to serve in the offices of the U.S. Congress. Since the program's inception, 20 members of Congress have participated and 38 former foster youth from 21 different states have completed the program.

### **National Adoption Day (NAD)**

NAD is organized by eight national organizations, and CCAI is proud to be a founding partner of this program. NAD engages local communities to organize events across the country on the Saturday before Thanksgiving each year in order to finalize pending adoptions out of foster care and nationally celebrate all adoptive families.



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## *History of CCAI*

The Congressional Coalition on Adoption (CCA) was created in 1985 as a bicameral, bipartisan caucus made up of members of Congress dedicated to improving adoption policy and practice. The caucus focuses public attention to the needs of orphans and foster children and highlights the advantages of adoption. Since its inception, the CCA has grown to over 190 members of Congress.

In order to support the good work of CCA, and to more effectively raise congressional and public awareness about the issue of adoption, CCA's acting co-chairs created the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) in 2001.

Senator Larry Craig, Senator Mary Landrieu, Congressman Dave Camp, and Congressman Jim Oberstar currently serve as both the co-chairs of the CCA and the Congressional directors of CCAI.

To that end, CCAI serves as an information and education resource to policymakers as they seek to draft positive adoption, foster care and other child welfare legislation to meet their constituents' needs. By organizing congressional briefings, leadership training programs, congressional foster youth internships, and international fact-finding trips, CCAI educates members of Congress and their staff about current domestic and international child welfare-related matters.

In addition, CCAI hosts several public awareness events each year to give an opportunity to all members of Congress and other public leaders to use their powerful voices to improve the lives of our most vulnerable children, and to recognize outstanding individuals who have done the same.



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