

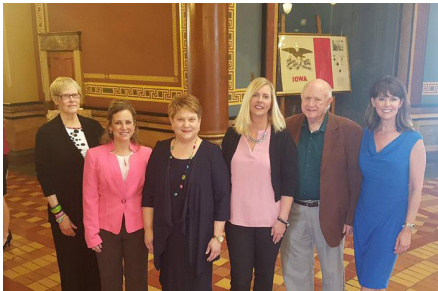


# IOWANS FOR ADOPTION

## Quarterly Connection 2017 Accomplishments

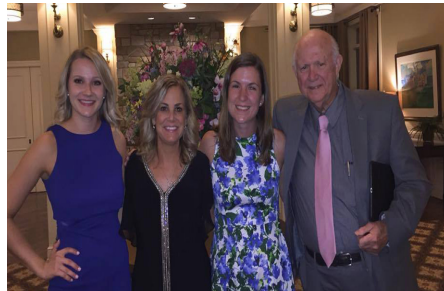
Our Mission: To promote adoption through education, research, and collaboration.

### Adoption Fraud Bill Signed



We collaborated with Kim Laube, LuAnn Barnes and a few legislators who successfully passed a bill to reduce adoption fraud in Iowa and to improve the infant adoption process.

### First Fall Banquet



We raised more than \$3,000 dollars at our first Iowans for Adoption fall banquet, held at Glen Oaks Golf & Country Club. Our keynote speakers included Erin Kiernan & Myron Linn.

### THANK YOU

We are extremely grateful for everyone who put faith into our non-profit. We had countless volunteers, news stories, participants and donors, which all added to our success. Thank you!

### CONTACT US

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### Iowans for Adoption & Chelsey's Dream Foundation Grants



The Boyd family received a \$5,000 dollar grant from Iowans for Adoption to help bring their son home from China. Watch the news story [here!](#)



### Website Changes & Share Your Story

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This summer, we created a new logo, new name and updated our website. Our website will showcase your adoption stories that you upload to our site. To share your story, click [here!](#) We will upload at least one new story each month. Additionally, our website offers information on how to find family members in all 50 states. Click [here](#) to get started!

### Gingerbread Skate

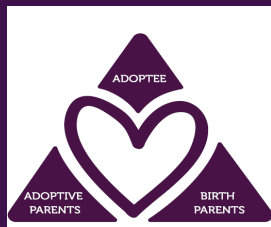
The first Gingerbread Skate for Adoption was held on July 15, 2017 and overall, they gathered \$300 dollars in donations. Luke Vance plans to organize another skate event in 2018.



### Gingerbread Run/Walk



Held at Ankeny DMACC on November 5th, we had more than 200 participants and raised more than \$2000. To date, we have donated funds raised from our runs/walks to a family who finalized an adoption from foster care and to the Boyd Family.



Our Vision: To serve as a networking and advocacy forum for those who value and support adoption and to support all members of the adoption triad. Promote adoption as a preventative measure for improving children's and families' overall well-being.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are forming steering committees to help with the following:

- Marketing/public relations for all of our events and all of our social media efforts
- Fund-raising for sponsors for events
- Adoption Conference (possibly for 2018)
- Second Annual Banquet
- Gingerbread Walk/Run in Ames and Ankeny (possibly one in the Cedar Rapids area)
- Website updates
- Public relations for adoption education
- Speakers for our adoption events
- Motorcycle fund-raiser

Please contact Diana Baltimore at [baltimore.diana@gmail.com](mailto:diana@gmail.com) if you can assist with any of these! All help will be appreciated! To donate to our organization, click [here](#). Thank you!

## Beauty Amidst the Ashes: HOPE Conference 2017



We collaborated with Beauty Amidst the Ashes for their HOPE Conference. Bill Pearce presented the Iowan Infant Adoption process training.

## Grant Process & Updates

We collaborated with Chelsey's Dream Foundation to donate funds for the Boyd Family. Iowans for Adoption also created a new grant application process for hopeful, adoptive families. Once officially public, we will be announcing the next two families who will receive grants from our fundraising efforts. Additionally, we are looking for grant reviewers to answer questions, receive grants and choose grantees. Contact Diana if you can help!



We raised \$2,000 dollars during our '90s trivia event with Global Brewhouse. These funds will be donated to a family who is finalizing their adoption.

## Iowa Infant Adoption Process



Bill Pearce, Ryan Genest and Chrys Biting collaborated with other adoption professionals to create an Iowa Infant Adoption Process training that can be provided for organizations. Participants can earn CEUs, CLEs, etc.

## In The News

Various news outlets in Iowa featured our stories, our initiatives and our educational endeavors many times during 2017. We give credit to board members Erin Kiernan and Rusty Johnson for their public relations assistance! Click [here](#) to see our publicity! Please help us promote adoption-- we can speak at your events, we would love to showcase your stories and we want you to share our stories with others!