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AdoptShops with Jane Brown, MSW April 23-25, 2010

Techy Towers Conference Center
2001 Waukegan Road
Techy (Northbrook), IL

Friday, April 23: 7-10 p.m. Room 400. Child Care: Room 218
Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25: Rooms 218-219.

- Have you ever wondered what your child thinks about being adopted?
- Are you certain your transracially adopted child is telling you how he or she feels about growing up as a minority at home? At school? In the community?
- Do you know if your child is being teased, bullied, or left out?
- What questions would your child ask a birthmother?
- Does your child think about his or her birthmother? Often?
- Have you asked your child these questions? Are you certain about the answers?

As parents, we all do our best to support our children. We participate in support groups, talk to other parents and experts in the field of adoption and of course, we talk with our kids. But who do the kids talk to besides their parents? Do they have opportunities to talk in a safe, supportive, environment with other adopted kids, young adults who were adopted, individuals who have lived their experience, birthparents, caring professionals?

ADOPTSHOPS WITH JANE BROWN

Jane Brown designed AdoptShops to give children and young teens the opportunity to explore their ideas about adoption and to interact with their peers. AdoptShops are relevant to all adopted children and young teens whether they were adopted domestically, transracially, transculturally or by extended family members. Each AdoptShop is two hours long. Afterwards, Jane debriefs parents to advise them of issues that arose during AdoptShops. During this time, childcare is provided for the children in a different room.

WHO IS JANE BROWN?

Jane Brown is a long-time social worker and educator with years of experience working with children and young adults. She is a mother of eight children, five of whom are adopted from Korea, China and Hong Kong. Jane is a well-known speaker on adoption matters and sits on the board of *Adoptive Families* magazine. She has presented AdoptShops in Chicago for the past several years.

SESSIONS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AGED 5-10

With younger children, Jane uses multi-sensory games with props and puppets to let the children talk, while they learn and discuss their feelings about being adopted. She helps them understand that the questions and thoughts they have about adoption are normal and okay to discuss with their adopted peers. She also helps them acquire skills they can transfer to settings with non-adopted peers.

SESSIONS FOR TWEENS AND TEENS AGED 11-16

Young Teens and Tweens meet casually and are given the opportunity to ask questions of young adults who were adopted and also to meet and speak with birthparents. Race and culture are also part of the discussion.

The Jane Brown Weekend is designed for all adoptive families (international, domestic, foster/adoption, kinship, transracial, transcultural, and others). Diversity enhances the seminar and AdoptShop experience for all!

FRIDAY EVENING PARENT ORIENTATION

Jane will speak Friday evening on the topic of "Family Communication." She will share how communication strategies change as our children grow and mature. This REQUIRED session will help parents build the skills necessary to meet the needs of their children.

During the second half of the session Jane will open the floor for your questions. To submit a question in advance, note it below. Please attempt to keep your questions general so all attendees will benefit.

My question is: _____

This is a special session for parents, prospective parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, adoption professionals and anyone else with a connection to adoption.

Facilitated discussion groups will also be offered as an option to parents on Saturday and Sunday while the children are attending their sessions. **Please note that this is an adult only event.**

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

Families with Children from China (FCC) sponsors this event.
Registration will be accepted from any family touched by adoption.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Parent AdoptShop and Seminar:

Friday, April 23, 7-10 p.m.

(Required for parents whose children are attending AdoptShops.)

ADOPTSHOP AGE GROUPINGS

Sessions will take place:

- Saturday, April 24, 9 to noon, 1 to 4 p.m., and *7-9 p.m.
- Sunday, April 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Children will be grouped by age as follows:

- 5-6 year-olds
 - 7-8 year-olds
 - 9-10 year-olds
 - *11-16 year-olds (will meet Saturday evening, 7-9 p.m.)
- Please see page 4 for additional information.

Children will be assigned to one of the four AdoptShop sessions according to age as noted above. As much as we would like to accommodate individual schedules, priority must be given to ensuring that our children have an experience that best fits them and their needs.

You will be contacted via e-mail by April 10th with the start time of your child's AdoptShop.

Please be prepared to be flexible regarding dates and times of attendance. The final schedule will be released via e-mail Friday, April 10th.

SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER

AdoptShops will be open to no more than 24 children per session. Sessions will be divided by age so you will NOT be able to choose your child's time slot. It will be assigned based upon age group. Child care will be provided during the Parent Debriefing sessions. An assortment of healthy snacks will be available to the children during each session. If your child has special dietary requirements, please bring an appropriate snack and inform the caregivers.

TO REGISTER—DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 5

Please fully complete the registration form located on the reverse of this flyer. Submit registration and fees by Monday, April 5, 2010. You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your child's AdoptShop assignment by Friday, April 10th. Register early to avoid disappointment! Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

On-site registration will be accepted after Friday evening's Parent Seminar if there is space available. Otherwise, additional AdoptShops will be scheduled in Spring 2011. A waiting list will be maintained for families who register after the sessions are filled.

"These playshops are fun as well as educational, with lots of physical activities and role playing. Many of the kids arrived at the Playshops nervous and left relaxed. It's quite an experience for them to hear that other kids just like them think about the same things they think about (but often don't tell us because they don't know how)."

Amy Klatzkin, adoptive parent and author, San Francisco

All parents must also sign a Permission, Waiver and Release for childcare and/or AdoptShops. Jane Brown requires that children participating in AdoptShops must have at least one parent attend the Friday seminar.

PERMISSION, WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

I give my permission for my child(ren) listed here:

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

to participate in the voluntary childcare program and/or Jane Brown AdoptShops at Techny Towers Conference Center, Friday, April 23rd through Sunday, April 25th, 2010.

On behalf of myself and my above-listed child(ren), I accept and assume all risk and responsibility for accidents, illness, injury and/or damages which may result from traveling to or from or participating in any of the events or activities associated with sponsoring entity name at Techny Towers Conference Center, including all activities relating to the Jane Brown Workshop, AdoptShops and voluntary childcare. While on Techny Towers Conference Center premises, my child(ren) and I also agree to abide by any Techny Towers Conference Center rules and any directions or instructions given by Techny Towers Conference Center, and FCC Chicago, but not limited to, instructions regarding where on the premises we are and are not permitted to go.

I hereby waive, release and discharge FCC Chicago and Techny Towers Conference Center, their officers, directors, employees, volunteers or anyone associated with FCC Chicago and Techny Towers Conference Center, from any and all liability therefore, including but not limited to liability for acts of negligence, gross negligence or recklessness to the full extent permitted by Illinois law. I understand that participating in this Program may carry risks, including injury, and freely and without reservation assume all such risks on behalf of myself and my child(ren).

I have read the foregoing and understand that its terms include my consent to assume certain responsibilities and to release FCC Chicago and Techny Towers Conference Center, from certain liabilities. I understand that, by participating in the Jane Brown Workshop, AdoptShops and voluntary childcare, I agree to these terms on behalf of myself and my minor children.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES—DEADLINE: Monday, April 5, 2010

(Register early to avoid disappointment! Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.)

Friday evening Parent Seminar and AdoptShop Session for One Child: \$90 (+\$60 second child, +55 each additional child)
Optional Friday Evening Childcare: \$15 per child to a maximum of \$25 per family (no children under two please)

Friday evening Parent Seminar without AdoptShop Session: \$30 *Please note: The Friday seminar is also open to waiting families and all parents, even those whose children may not be attending AdoptShops.

I/We are members of (select one): FCC Chicago CAFFA Adoptive Families Today (AFT) STARS of David

Other (please specify): _____

ATTENDING PARENT(S) INFORMATION-PLEASE PRINT NEATLY AND COMPLETE FULLY. ALL CONTACT INFORMATION REQUIRED. CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT VIA E-MAIL SO LEGIBILITY IS A MUST!

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

(Required! All communication including Confirmation will be sent via e-mail)

CHILD ONE INFORMATION:

Child's First and Last Name: _____ Birthdate(month/year): _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Sex: M F Race/Ethnicity (optional): _____ Country of Adoption: _____

CHILD TWO INFORMATION:

Child's First and Last Name: _____ Birthdate(month/year): _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Sex: M F Race/Ethnicity (optional): _____ Country of Adoption: _____

CHILD THREE INFORMATION:

Child's First and Last Name: _____ Birthdate(month/year): _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Sex: M F Race/Ethnicity (optional): _____ Country of Adoption: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: Please note that all fees include AdoptShops, snacks, day of AdoptShop childcare, and all supplies required to participate. Friday child care fee includes snacks and entertainment. If your child has special dietary requirements, please bring an appropriate snack and inform the caregivers.

Please check all that apply:

\$90 Parent Seminar and AdoptShop Session for one child

+\$60 AdoptShop Session for second child

+\$55 AdoptShop Session for third child

\$30 Friday evening parent session only

+\$15 optional Friday evening child care for one child age 2+.

+\$25 optional Friday evening child care for ages 2+.

Mail payment and registration materials to:

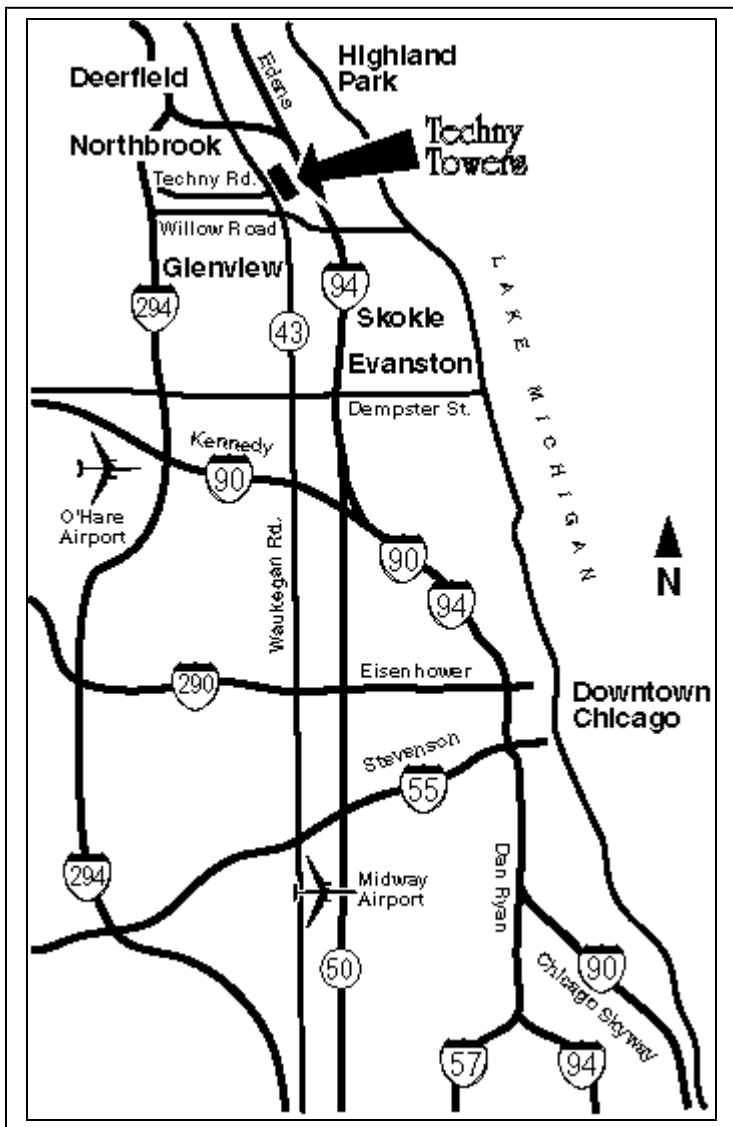
Chicago AdoptShops
c/o Pier London
519 Juniper Pkwy.
Libertyville, IL 60048

Questions? E-mail Pier London at plondon@excite.com

Name: _____ Age: _____

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_____ **Total Enclosed**



Directions

Techny is actually within the boundaries of Northbrook, 12 miles from O'Hare Airport, 33 miles from Midway Airport, and 20 miles from downtown Chicago. Techny Towers is on Waukegan Road (Route 43) one mile north of Willow Road.

From the North

Via Tri-State Tollway 294/Interstate 94 East: Stay on 94 East/Edens Expressway to Chicago. Exit at Waukegan Road (Route 43). Continue two miles South on Waukegan Road to Techny Towers.

From the South

Via Interstate 94 West/Edens Expressway: Exit at Willow Road West. Take Willow Road two miles to Waukegan Road (Route 43). Turn right (north) on Waukegan Road to Techny Towers.

Via Interstate 294/Tri-State Tollway: Exit at Willow Road East. Take Willow Road for three miles to Waukegan Road. Turn left (north) on Waukegan Road to Techny Towers.

From Midway Airport

Located in Chicago, Midway is bound on the east by Cicero Avenue, on the west by Central Avenue, on the south by 63rd Street, and on the north by 55th Street. Take Cicero Avenue north to I-55 North/Stevenson Expressway. Once on the expressway, take I-55 north to Exit 292A, leading to I-94 West/Dan Ryan Expressway. Stay on I-94 West into the Edens Expressway. Exit at Willow Road West. Take Willow Road two miles to Waukegan Road (Route 43). Turn right (north) on Waukegan Road to Techny Towers.

From O'Hare Airport

You will exit O'Hare on Interstate 190-East. Take 190-East to Exit 1C, Interstate 90 onto Interstate 294 North (Tri-State Tollway). Exit tollway at Willow Road East toward Northbrook/Glenview. Take Willow Road to Waukegan Road (Route 43). Turn left (north) on Waukegan Road to Techny Towers.

Special Information About the Teen Session

The teen session, scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Saturday evening will include a t-shirt making session. Participating teens should come prepared with a "Power Statement" to share!

Pool Party Afterwards!

A teen pool party will follow at:

LaQuinta Inn and Suites*
2000 S. Lakeside Drive
Bannockburn, IL 60015

Parents may make room reservations at: 847-317-7300

Room rates begin at: \$69 with an included breakfast.

*LaQuinta Inn is adjacent to I-94 North. Take the Rt. 22 (Half Day Rd.) exit and proceed east. Make a right turn on Lakeside Dr. The hotel is the 3rd building located on the right.