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# MEMBERSHIP FORM

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The membership dues cover costs of facility rental, purchasing books for our lending library, printing brochures, website hosting and reducing the cost of social events. The membership dues for the 2011 year ending 12/31/2011 are \$25 per family.

Name:

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Address:

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City                      State                      Zip

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Phone

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Email

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Please check one:

- Prospective Adoptive Parent
- Adoptive Parent
- Adoptee
- Birthparent
- Professional

Please send your \$25 membership dues,  
payable to **Friends of Adoption** to:

Michelle Martin  
9606 W. 117th Street  
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# FRIENDS OF ADOPTION

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## 2011 Program

*Friends of Adoption is  
a local organization,  
offering support,  
education and social  
activities for families in  
all stages of adoption  
in the greater  
Kansas City area.*

New Member Contact:

Michelle Gangel 913-254-7057

friendsofadoption@gmail.com

www.FriendsOfAdoptionKC.com

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## ABOUT FRIENDS OF ADOPTION

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Friends of Adoption is a local, nondenominational organization available to anyone who is interested in adoption issues in the greater Kansas City area. Our programs are designed to support and educate the adoptive family, however, we encourage all members of the adoption triad - the adoptive parents, the adoptee and the birth families to attend our meetings. We especially welcome prospective adoptive parents who are interested in educating themselves about adoption.

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## OUR MISSION

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Friends of Adoption is dedicated to keeping our members informed of current new and changing adoption issues. Our goals are:

- To provide education of adoption issues to members and to the public.
- To provide ongoing support to adoptive families.
- To provide social activities that bring friends and family together
- To advocate positive views of adoption

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

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Friends of Adoption's educational meetings include a speaker or panel of speakers addressing various issues in adoption. The open discussion meetings offer a casual exchange of support and information for prospective parents as well as adoptive parents. Social event details will be emailed to members a month prior to the event. Educational events and discussions groups are intended for adults & newborns only. Children are warmly invited to attend the family social events.

Please RSVP by email to [friendsofadooption@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofadooption@gmail.com) so we know if there are enough attendees to warrant a meeting. When there is a very low turn-out, we may cancel a meeting. By RSVPing, we can keep you updated

**JANUARY 10** ADOPTEE PANEL

**FEBRUARY 5** SOCIAL EVENT - VALENTINE'S DAY

**MARCH 7** SEASONED PARENTS DISCUSS ADOPTION DILEMMAS

**APRIL 11** OPEN DISCUSSION GROUP - PRE AND POST ADOPTION ISSUES

**MAY** NO EVENT

**JUNE 5** FOA PICNIC & HONORING BIRTHFAMILIES

**JULY 11** SOCIAL EVENT - LADIES NIGHT OUT

**AUGUST** NO MEETING

**SEPTEMBER** SOCIAL EVENT - PICNIC AT SHAWNEE MISSION PARK - DATE TBD

**OCTOBER 10** ASK THE ADOPTION EXPERTS PANEL

**NOVEMBER 14** OPEN DISCUSSION GROUP - PRE AND POST ADOPTION ISSUES

**DECEMBER** NO MEETING

Meetings are from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at:  
Kehilath Israel Synagogue\*  
10501 Conser  
Overland Park, Kansas

\*FOA is a non-denominational organization open to anyone seeking education and support related to adoption issues.

