



FCC-DV



Families with Children from China - Delaware Valley

November is National Adoption Awareness Month: Share your efforts with us!!!

Dear FCC-DV Families,

This year, we're extending our efforts beyond the auditorium walls of the past four years. Those of you who have attended know that we want to affect the public consciousness regarding the definition of a "real family".

We'd like to invite all of you to consider projects and programs in your neighborhoods that support this mission (e.g., talking to your child's class; an in-service for teachers; an art project) and tell us about them. The exchange of experiences will fuel our creativity to make a difference for our children! Maybe we can create a blog—but at the very least, we'll include your stories in the newsletter and discuss them on our email list!

The FCC-DV project this year is the creation of a mural that celebrates family diversity—to be displayed on an exterior

wall in a highly visible area. The effort will support the reality of children today, acknowledging the authenticity of the place they call home. Application has been made to the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program; it is hoped that the Philadelphia School District will identify an appropriate school building for the mural, involving students in the process, and that the project can be completed in the Spring (2008). Fundraising efforts will be important—perhaps you can include your support as part of your Adoption Awareness Month activities...

In addition, there will be two relevant presentations available throughout the month. Changfu Chang will return to our chapter on November 10, 2007 (1:00-3:00pm at Upper Merion High School) to screen with us his long-awaited documentary, **The Long Wait Home**. Also, Jeff Gammage, author of the critically acclaimed **China Ghosts**, will present **Unearthing Your**

Child's Past: A Reporter's How-To on Locating Your Child's Back Story—details to be announced on our website and email list.

So, I hope that you are as excited as I am about November—and the strength that our unity provides to make the world a better place for our children. Please be in touch with your interest, ideas and willingness to participate!

All the best,

Barbara

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November Events

Changfu Chang

Sunday, 11/10/07, 1:00pm
Upper Merion High School
Screening of *The Long Wait Home*

Jeff Gammage

Unearthing Your Child's Past:
A Reporter's How-To on
Locating Your Child's Back Story
(Details To Be Announced)