

Local adoption effort launched

The Children's Home Society in behalf of school-age children and children with special needs work with children who wait in public foster care for a permanent family. Nine hundred twenty-eight of the children in public foster care were legally free for adoption in July of this year according to the N.C. Department of Human Resources.

The Children's Home Society serves as a homefinding resource for some of these children who are referred by other agencies.

Adoption is a word of hope and waiting for the many school-age children in foster care in North Carolina. They are waiting for families to be found that can give them the love and security they need now - while they are growing up. Yes - childhood is short and these children are waiting.

Adoption is a learning and growing experience for both parents and children. School-age

children come into a family with a past and with a personality. Love doesn't happen instantly. It grows through sharing daily experiences, through a gradually unfolding sense of mutual acceptance and trust.

Experience has taught us that older child adoptions can be mutually rewarding and satisfying. While the older child lacks the baby-face cuteness of the traditional newborn, he has a great desire to belong, a sense of commitment towards having a family.

For some families, the older child fits better into family plans and lifestyles.

The Children's Home Society can help couples increase the size of their family by adopting a school-age child, no matter where they live in the State.

For most families, there is not a long waiting period to adopt older children. These range from about seven to 15 years of age.

Some of them are part of a family group of brothers and sisters and others are all alone. Many of these children have special needs because of handicaps or emotional problems. Often the child's age becomes a handicap.

It is not always easy to find homes for children after age 15, although they still need the support and love a family can offer.

Children available for adoption may have a variety of different needs. Therapy is not an uncommon need for older children who move into adoption.

Therapy can help a child understand and accept his past while increasing his self-esteem and confidence in himself and his new life.

Some children have medical problems or need help with school work.

Other children are mentally handicapped and will need extra help for the rest of their lives.

Children sometimes go into foster care with siblings and have a

need to remain with their brothers and sisters in an adoptive home.

The Children's Home Society placed 142 infants in adoptive homes during 1983.

Families were prepared for adoption through home studies, a series of interviews meant to educate families about adoption and to help the agency evaluate a family's readiness for adoptive parenthood.

The Children's Home Society is not able to work with every family interested in adopting a baby.

Founded in 1902, The Children's Home Society is the oldest adoption agency in North Carolina and from its origin, has been committed to serving all of North Carolina.

Persons interested in adopting a child should contact the CHS Fayetteville office at 407 Ray Avenue, Suite 208, Fayetteville, N.C., 28202 or by telephone 483-8913.



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It's truly a time to remember that the Lord above "appreciates" us, and then, to return our devotion as "interest accrued" on His investment in us. This should make any "banker" happy this Thanksgiving Season!

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Course	Begins	Ends	Place	Time	Days	Cost
Accounting I - Davis	Dec. 06-Feb. 28		Hoke High School	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Thurs.	\$10.00
Accounting II - Davis	Dec. 04-Feb. 26		Hoke High School	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Tues.	\$10.00
Calligraphy - Hensley	Jan. 09-Feb. 27		Hoke High School	3:30-5:30 p.m.	Wed.	\$19.00
Ceramics I & II - Jones	Jan. 08-Feb. 26		Chicks Ceramics	9:00-12:00 a.m.	Tues.	\$19.00
Ceramics I & II - Jones	Jan. 03-Feb. 28		Chicks Ceramics	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Thurs.	\$19.00
Chickenscratch & Candlewicking - Walters	Jan. 08-Feb. 26		OCOB	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Tues.	\$19.00
Chickenscratch & Candlewicking - Walters	Jan. 07-Feb. 25		OCOB	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Mon.	\$19.00
Computers, Beginning - Davis	Jan. 08-Feb. 05		Hoke High School	3:30-5:30 p.m.	Tues.	\$10.00
Computers, Beginning - Davis	Feb. 12-Mar. 12		Hoke High School	3:30-5:30 p.m.	Tues.	\$10.00
Computers, Beginning - King	Jan. 03-Feb. 28		Hoke High School	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Thurs.	\$10.00
Consumer Economics - Rice	Jan. 03-Feb. 28		OCOB	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Mon.	\$10.00
Crafts - Bullard	Dec. 04-Feb. 26		Bowmore	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Tues.	\$19.00
Crafts - Plummer	Dec. 04-Feb. 28		Open Arms	10:00-12:00 am.	Tues. & Thurs.	\$19.00
Doll Making - Owen	Jan. 03-Feb. 28		OCOB	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Thurs.	\$19.00
Furniture Refinishing - Suggs	Dec. 03-Feb. 25		OCOB	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Mon.	\$15.00
Income Tax Preparation - Jones	Jan. 07-Feb. 25		HCPL	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Mon.	\$10.00
Macrame - Macko	Jan. 03-Feb. 28		OCOB	9:00-12:00 a.m.	Thurs.	\$19.00
Needlecrafts - Kelly	Dec. 03-Feb. 27		Cameron Heights	10:00-12:00 a.m.	M&W	\$19.00
Needlecrafts - Kelly	Dec. 06-Feb. 28		Bowmore	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Thurs.	\$19.00
Oil Painting - Augustoni	Jan. 03-Feb. 28		OCOB	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Thurs.	\$19.00
Painting On Fabric - Augustoni	Jan. 08-Feb. 26		OCOB	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Tues.	\$19.00
*Party Foods	Dec. 4		Hoke High School	6:30-9:30 p.m.	Tues.	\$19.00
Quilting - Clark	Dec. 05-Feb. 27		Wayside	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Wed.	\$15.00
Quilting/Sewing - McLean	Dec. 05-Feb. 26		Laurel Hill	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Wed.	\$15.00
Sea Grass Stool Making, Basketry, & Stenciling - Walters	Jan. 15-Feb. 28		OCOB	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Tues. & Thurs.	\$19.00
Sewing - Rice	Jan. 02-Feb. 27		OCOB	6:30-9:30 p.m.	Wed.	\$15.00
Sewing - Clark	Dec. 05-Feb. 27		Wayside	9:00-12:00 a.m.	Wed.	\$15.00
Sewing/Quilting - Stewart	Dec. 04-Feb. 26		Cameron Heights	10:00-12:00 a.m.	Tues. & Thurs.	\$15.00
Sewing/Quilting - Council	Dec. 05-Feb. 26		Laurel Hill	9:00-12:00 a.m.	Wed.	\$15.00
Upholstery - Blue	Dec. 03-Feb. 25		Masters Upholstery 211 West	6:00-10:00 p.m.	Mon.	\$10.00
Upholstery - Blue	Dec. 04-Feb. 26		Masters Upholstery 211 West	6:00-10:00 p.m.	Tues.	\$10.00
Wreathmaking & Seasonal Crafts - Rice	Dec. 04-Feb. 26		OCOB	6:30-9:30 p.m.	Tues.	\$19.00

*Registration for Party Foods will be at HHS on Nov. 29 at 6:30.

OCOB — Old County Office Building
OARH — Open Arms Rest Home
HCPL — Hoke County Public Library
WCB — Wayside Community Building
HHS — Hoke High School

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Hank Richards, 875-2470, Continuing Education Supervisor; Locky MacDonald, 875-2156, Continuing Education Supervisor; or Continuing Education Coordinator, Betty High, 692-6185 or 1-800-682-1848.