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News & Events

Ole!

Ferdinand the Bull will close the season of the Honolulu Theater for Youth, and the Spanish folktale has inspired the theme for HTY's next fundraiser the Fashion Fiesta, Children's Fashion Show and Luncheon on Sunday, May 4, 2008 at the Kahala Hotel & Resort from 11am to 2pm.

Click [here](#) or contact Tim Bostock at 521-9699 tbp@artsatmarks.com for information on tickets and your child's place on the catwalk in the Fashion Fiesta. Deadline Monday April 21!



Kaycie and Kylie

Hawaii Foster Parent Association Offers Dinner and a Training Session

Halawa District Park on April 25th, 5:30 pm – 8:00pm

Adults will hear Attachment 101, presented by Hawaii's own Keith Kuboyama who will focus on how to reconnect relationships. Foster youth age 13 and older will have a chance to win one of two iPod Shuffles and enjoy a training designed especially for them that includes a panel of former foster youth who will share their own tips on independent living skills. Childcare will be provided for children aged 3 to 12.

Click [here](#) for the flyers or call 521-9531 for further information.

Volunteer at HIC

HIC has a few slots left to fill for our new volunteer job. This job is ideal for anyone who has just a few hours a week to donate. We will train, and you'll be helping HIC in a very important way. The job is ideal for those who like to sit and read! If you are intrigued, or know someone you would like to suggest, please call Shannon at HIC or email Shannon@h-i-c.org.

Program Updates

USCIS

The Hague convention was implemented on April 1, 2008. Any family who applies to adopt from China after that date is required to file an I-800 rather than an I-600. Families who have already filed the I-600 have been grandfathered in. As long as families renew before the expiration date, their I-600 will remain current. Fingerprints normally expire about 3 months before the approval expires. It is okay to let the fingerprints lapse. The USCIS will re-fingerprint you when you do your renewal. HIC will continue to send out reminders to families a couple of months prior to expiration of approval. Once you receive your new approval please be sure to send it to HIC.

China

Document Processing

The CCAA has assigned all children whose dossiers were logged in through January 9, 2006. They have finished the review of the adoption application documents registered with their office before October 31, 2006. HIC did not receive any assignments. Our next group of log in dates is January 23, 2006

Traveling families

We have one family who will be traveling to Nanning on May 4th to pick up their daughter. We wish them the best of luck.

China Waiting Child

HIC Waiting Child List now available

HIC is happy to announce that we have been approved by the CCAA for the Online Operational System Waiting Child China program and a new list of five waiting children has been released to HIC.

Families currently in the regular program are qualified to view the list and switch to this program if they find an available waiting child they would like to adopt. In some cases clients must be able to submit dossiers within one to four months of time of child acceptance.

Other families interested in this program need to start the application process and have their dossier logged in at CCAA before viewing the files of the waiting children. This program usually takes one year from the time you apply to the time you pick up your child. (The wait time for families who switch from regular program to this program may be closer to 6-7 months.) If you are interested in this program, please contact Janet Jin at (808) 589-2367 or janet@h-i-c.org for more information.

Traveling families

One family is traveling and just united with their precious adopted boy in the Chinese ancient capital of Xian. The child is doing very well. Congratulations to Wee Sit family!

Hong Kong Waiting Child

HIC has sent a request to the Hong Kong Social Welfare Department for children with minor special needs and we hope to receive our new list of waiting children soon.

This program usually takes 10 to 12 months from the time you apply to the time you pick up your child. If you are interested in this program, please contact Janet Jin at (808) 589-2367 or janet@h-i-c.org for more information.

Vietnam

HIC continues to work with the JCICS and member agencies to seek a swift and appropriate resolution to the current Vietnam adoption challenges. We are not accepting new applications at this time.



Classes

Mandarin Chinese Classes

Instructor: Janet Jin

The children's classes are full. Please contact Janet at (808) 589-2367 or janet@h-i-c.org if you are interested in putting your child on the waiting list for future classes. The child must be at least 3 years old and can be in class with other children without parents' company.

Please contact Shannon at Shannon@h-i-c.org or call (808) 589-2367 x 207 for information or enrollment in following classes:

Anytime Online Classes for Hague Compliant Pre-Adoption Training

Ten hours of Hague compliant training is required of all adoptive parents. Please contact your case worker if you are unsure of your current requirements. An information sheet listing both required and optional online classes is available.



General Information Sessions

The next general information session is scheduled for May 6, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the HIC offices. We welcome all families wanting an introduction to our adoption programs. So be sure to tell your friends of this wonderful chance to hear about our programs!

A **Big Mahalo** to the Chun family for sharing their experiences at our April General Information Session!

HIC 2008 Calendar

April

20 China Info Mtg. (Log In April 2, 2007)

27 China Info Mtg. (Log In April 10, 2007)

May

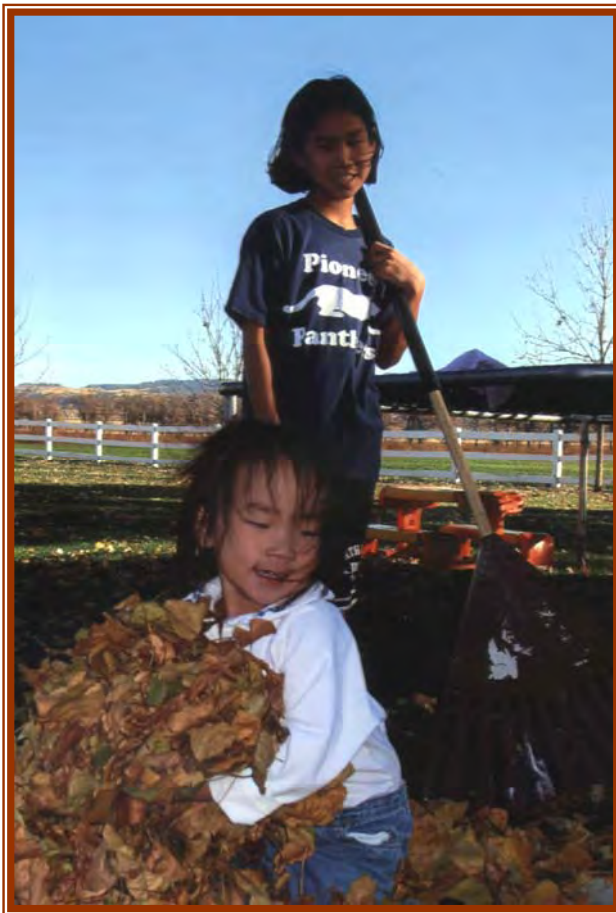
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18 China Info Mtg. (Log In April 11, 2007 – June 30, 2007)

25 China Info Mtg. (Log In July 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007)

June

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**Submit your Photos Now for the
May 2008 issue!**

Submissions are now being accepted for the May 2008 Photo of the Month. Send in those great pictures. Entries will be reviewed by Heidi Anderson of Keiki Photography and the best photo(s) will be featured in our newsletter and may also appear on HIC's new website, in advertisements and in promotional materials. Emailed photos must be at least 300 DPI at 3.5" high and wide. Submissions must be received by March 8, 2008. Email your best shot to Shannon@h-i-c.org.

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