

# HFF Announcement

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## November is National Adoption Month!

November is national adoption month (NAM), a time to celebrate the blessing of adoption. As part of our consistent commitment to the sanctity of all human life, HFF will be celebrating NAM with several exciting events.

■ HFF has been invited to be a key participant in **Hawaii's 2007 National Adoption MONTH proclamation** Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Governor's ceremonial room at the state capitol. Lt. Gov. James "Duke" Aiona will preside, issuing the NAM proclamation. Adoptive families, social workers, and community members will be present to celebrate all Hawaii's adoptive families. HFF Executive Director Kelly Rosati will be speaking on behalf of HOPE In the Name of Christ (INC) adoption agency, HFF's partner in the Families for Waiting Keiki (FWK) project. In FWK, HFF and HOPE INC partner with the Department of Human Services to recruit from local churches adoptive families for Hawaii's waiting foster children. [Click here to read more about the FWK project.](#) Hope INC Founder and Director Deanna Wallace will also be featured with both the Wallace and Rosati families in attendance.

■ HFF has been a key organizer for **Hawaii's 2007 National Adoption DAY Celebration** on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> outside Family Court on Punchbowl St. This will be the first time Hawaii has participated in the national practice of Family Court opening on a Saturday to finalize many adoptions of waiting children in foster care. On Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Hawaii's family court will finalize the adoptions of nearly 20 children from Hawaii's foster care system. HFF Executive Director Kelly Rosati will emcee the event. More significantly, however, Kelly and her husband John will be among the families finalizing an adoption that day as they officially add child number 4 to their growing ohana.

[Click here for more information on Hawaii's National Adoption Day Celebration.](#)  
[Click here for more information on National Adoption Day across the United States.](#)

HFF would like to thank Hope INC, the Hawaii Department of Human Services, the Hawaii State Judiciary and Family Court, our community partners and all those who have worked collaboratively to make Hawaii's NAD a great success. Feel free to come out to the festivities at 11 a.m. on NAD, Nov. 17 at Family Court on Punchbowl and help us celebrate adoption in Hawaii! Mahalo.

If you're interested in learning more about the needs of Hawaii's orphans and how you or your church can help, contact HOPE INC at 230-2445.

A final note: HFF believes there is a new way of thinking about adoption sweeping through the church. The old way of thinking focuses on the desires of adults for a child in their home, which, of course, is a wonderful thing. But, the NEW WAY of thinking flips this around, focusing instead on the children who are waiting to be adopted, longing for a forever adoptive family, longing to belong somewhere and belong to someone. The NEW WAY of thinking focuses on God's heart for His orphan children and upon His call to His bride, the church, to care for His orphan children. The NEW WAY of thinking brings adventure and excitement to believers as they step out in faith asking God what He might have them do on behalf of Hawaii's orphans and/or orphans worldwide.

Let's live the adventure for God's precious children!

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