

## ADOPTION IN THE NEWS....



The recent devastating earthquake in Haiti has directed the media and society's focus to the vast number of orphans in the country, and has thus brought adoption to the forefront of the minds of many Americans. Adoption agencies have been flooded by calls from individuals eager to adopt Haitian children.

### **How does the increased media attention to international adoption affect you and your family?**

Have you talked to your children about it? Does it detract from the value placed on domestic and foster care adoption? Does it reinforce the rhetoric of an often naïve "savior complex" which largely ignores some of the realities and challenges of adoption? Does it contribute to a greater understanding and respect for adoption and adoptive families? Do you see it as a positive or negative influence on the adoption community?

**ALL FOSTER, ADOPTIVE, AND KINSHIP CAREGIVERS ARE INVITED TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS AND EXPERIENCES IN AN OPEN DISCUSSION FORMAT.**

**KIDS' GROUP FOR AGES 6+ IS FULL OF ACTIVITIES, DISCUSSION, AND GAMES FOR CHILDREN.**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

**6:30-8:00**

**SALVATION ARMY**

**749 S. WARREN ST. (BASEMENT)**

**RSVP BY 02/02 TO HANNAH AT 479-3616**

**DRINKS AND SNACKS PROVIDED.**

**\*Child care available\***