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OPPORTUNITY TO  
MAKE A FOSTER OR  
ADOPTIVE CHILD'S  
HOLIDAY BRIGHT!

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Be a NOAS angel by requesting or selecting an Angel Tree tag. Select an Angel Tree tag from our tree. Purchase one or more of the items listed and return the wrapped gift(s) to the Warren office by December 7th. With a short amount of time and almost no effort, you have just become "Santa" to a foster or adoptive child. Contact us at **(330) 856-5582, ext. 110**, Monday-Friday from 8:30-5:00 pm for more information.

Gift giving  
made easy!



**STUCK IN A GIFT-GIVING RUT?**  
*Same old socks for Uncle Sonny...  
Christmas candy for cousin Claire...  
or bestselling books for brother Bob?  
Consider changing your habits!*

**Give a gift of purpose—your tax-deductible donation to Northeast Ohio Adoption Services** is the perfect way to let family, friends, and/or co-workers know you are thinking of them, AND to make a difference in the life of an Ohio child who is waiting to be adopted. In return for your donation, NOAS will mail a holiday acknowledgment card to the person of your choice. Send your check, payable to NOAS, to M. Wolcott at NOAS, 5000 E. Market St., Ste. 26, Warren, OH 44484. Please be sure to include the name and address of your gift recipient so we can make the appropriate acknowledgement. Happy Holidays!

# ADOPTION ALL-STARS

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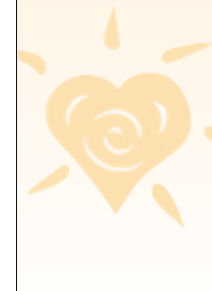
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## Families Finish First at Sharon Speedway



Over 175 members of foster and adoptive families gathered at Sharon Speedway on August 18, 2007 for Families Finish First. This was NOAS' first summer adoption celebration. During

the picnic adults, children and even the drivers competed in games for a chance to win "Speedway Bucks" for a treat or t-shirt at the concession stand. Families stayed for an evening of edge-of-your seat dirt track races.

**All Stars Gere Weller and Kate Blaney**, whose families own the Sharon Motor Speedway along with the Kirila family, made the day extra-special by providing extra treats and several opportunities for the families to mingle with the drivers.

**Families Finish First**  
An Adoption Celebration



Photos by Neil Corsalea/AIRC Images

## GREAT LAKES SCRIP PRE-PAID CARDS – A Great Way to Support NOAS!

If you need gift cards for the holidays, going out to eat, watching movies, buying groceries, filling the car with gas, or looking for the perfect gift, you can do it all with Great Lakes Scrip cards. Here's how it works—visit [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) for a list of participating retailers. You will be surprised by the variety and the number of cards available! Select the cards you want to purchase and call NOAS at 800-686-6627, Michelle - ext. 110, or Pam – ext. 118 to place your order. Please place your final order by December 14th.

NOAS earns money from the percentage “discount” you see on the retail list, but **you don't pay anything extra**. If you purchase a \$100 card, your card is worth \$100. If you purchased a \$100 card with a 5% discount, NOAS would earn \$5.00 from your purchase of that card! Whether you give them as gifts, or use them to purchase gifts, Great Lakes Scrip Pre-Paid Cards are an easy, convenient, no-extra-cost way to support NOAS!



## Faces of Adoption TV Feature Expanding to Central Ohio



With a reach of 10 Central Ohio Counties, **All Star WHIZ** (NBC affiliate) will feature “Faces of Adoption” during its 6 pm and 11 pm news

broadcasts. This expansion increases the number of potential families that may want to make a connection with a waiting child. You may view these segments on the NOAS website [www.noas.com](http://www.noas.com) or at [www.whiznews.com](http://www.whiznews.com) under the “Faces of Adoption” link.

**All Star WKBN** continues to air a feature story of a waiting child on the third week of each month - Monday at 10 pm on Fox 17/62 and Tuesday at 5 pm on WKBN/27. Thank you to **All Stars Youngstown Air Reserve Station and Wagon Trails Animal Park** for hosting the children during recent photo shoots. You may view these segments on the NOAS website [www.noas.com](http://www.noas.com) or at [www.wkbn.com](http://www.wkbn.com) under the “Faces of Adoption” link.



Anthony poses with his Safari guide at Wagon Trails Animal Park.



Eric visits with a pilot in the cockpit of a C-130 at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Vienna, Oh.

## ★ DAVE THOMAS CELEBRITY COOKOFF

### ★ Another Success Story ★



*All Star Celebrity chefs Shannon O'Brien, Jen Picciano, Steve Liverani, and Joy Benedict display some of the aprons decorated by Cleveland area students that were signed by celebrities and auctioned off raising \$7,735.*

ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2007 BENIHANA JAPANESE RESTAURANT IN BEACHWOOD, hosted the 6th Annual Dave Thomas Celebrity Cookoff. Local and national celebrities along with guests and friends merged, mingled, sampled, and raised money to benefit NOAS and The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. In addition to the food frenzy, guests enjoyed bidding at a silent auction. The chefs wore an array of aprons designed by area Girl Scout troops and art students. After dinner was completed, the aprons were auctioned off. NOAS director Cynthia Deal said, “It's an exhilarating way to do something significant for some very special kids.”



*Left: All Star Media personalities Brian Conroy and Melissa Mach show style as they prepare delicious steak and shrimp for their table guests. Right: The silent auction raised \$19,715. Special thanks to all those All Star donors who helped make our auction a great success.”*

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