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Fundraiser for North America Council on Adoptable Children Highlights National Adoption Awareness Month

**Thomas Brooks, Award-Winning, Best-Selling Author of *A Wealth of Family*,
Serves as Keynote Speaker to Help Children in Foster Care**

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (November 1, 2006) — Every child deserves a safe, loving home. However, there are more than 114,000 children in North America's foster care systems. On Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 6 p.m., "A helping Hand For Adoptable Children," a fundraising event to benefit North America Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC), will be held at Dee's Restaurant located at 1114 W. Armitage Avenue in Chicago. The minimum donation is \$25 in advance, and all proceeds will be donated to North America Council on Adoptable Children.

This event focuses on the importance of National Adoption Awareness Month, and adoptee Thomas Brooks will be the featured speaker. His award-winning new book, ***A Wealth of Family: An Adopted Son's International Quest for Heritage, Reunion, and Enrichment*** (ISBN 0977462935), recently became an Amazon bestseller for adoption titles. Guests will receive a complimentary copy of his book.

National Adoption Awareness Month showcases adoptive families and helps bring attention to the plight of waiting children. "These children come from a diverse variety of backgrounds. Some have physical or mental disabilities. Some are part of a sibling group. Many are of Latino or African-American heritage," says Nancy Viking of NACAC. "Some are older children or adolescents. Adoption Awareness Month brings together advocates from many national organizations who are working to prove that every child can find a family." This event is one of many seeking to help emphasize the importance of these efforts.

These are real children who desperately need families of their own. Because the public is often not aware of these kids and their needs, it is important to draw special attention to them during November, which is National Adoption Awareness Month. These children can be placed with permanent, adoptive parents. You don't have to be married, a celebrity, under 40, rich, or own a house to adopt a child.

Contact Franchee Harmon at events@leapsofthought.com to make a donation of \$25 or to reserve your tickets for this event. Space is limited.

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About the North America Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC): Founded in 1974 by adoptive parents, the North American Council on Adoptable Children is committed to meeting the needs of waiting children and the families who adopt them. For more about NACAC, go to www.nacac.org.

About the Author: Thomas Brooks has published several articles and spoken frequently on the radio and on TV. In 1998, Brooks won a Career Communications Group national award in the *Technical Sales and Marketing* category. Brooks was formerly a Director of Marketing at Lucent Technologies. Since 2002 the entrepreneur has served as the Managing Director of Alpha Multimedia, Inc., a marketing, public relations and publishing firm that focuses on high technology, emerging business, and publishing industry clients. His bestselling book, *A Wealth of Family: An Adopted Son's International Quest for Heritage, Reunion, and Enrichment*, was named a "Best Books" Award Winner by *USA Book News*. Brooks lives with his family near Houston, Texas.