

NATIONAL adoption MONTH



				<p>1</p> <p>Wear a white ribbon in honor of National Adoption Month</p>  <p>Contact Janice Podell for yours! 817-922-6031</p>		<p>2</p> <p>Join the Dallas GFA to see the Dallas Stars vs. Colorado Avalanche at 7:30pm</p>  <p>Create a beautiful hat and attend tomorrow's Curiouser & Curiouser Mother-Daughter Tea Party at River Crest Country Club 2-4 PM</p>	
<p>3</p> <p>Recognize International Orphan Day by setting up an adoption display table at your place of worship.</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Ask us for a bag of outreach materials and a list of places you can visit! Karin.matula@gladney.org</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Wear a Gladney T-shirt & see how many people ask you about it. Post your comments on our Facebook page!</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Start a tradition of taking a family photo each year on the same day so you can see how everyone's changing. Upload them to www.facebook.com/gladneyoutreach</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ask your local government officials to issue a proclamation recognizing November as National Adoption Month & look up the president's proclamation. www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/11/01/presidential-proclamation-national-adoption-month</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Send an encouraging card or some special treats to Gladney birthmothers. We will make sure they get them at their Thanksgiving Luncheon</p> <p>TGC- Outreach 6300 John Ryan Drive Fort Worth, TX 76132</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Ask your library to display adoption books to commemorate National Adoption Month. Get them started by donating a children's adoption book and a copy of "Katelyn's Story" magazine.</p>	
<p>10</p> <p>Ask your worship leader to say a prayer for birthmothers, adoptive parents, children living in orphanages & children living in foster care.</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Write a thank-you letter to someone who helped you think differently about adoption or who helped make your adoption happen.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>DFW Nurses Dinner At Gladney</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Join The Gladney Outreach Team on Facebook and become a fan of all the various Gladney pages.</p>  <p>Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/gladneyoutreach</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Join us as we celebrate the opening of Aunt Edna's Closet with a "Sip N See" 11:30-1:00 at Gladney</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Rent a DVD that portrays adoption in a positive light for your family to enjoy. Try <i>Hotel for Dogs</i>, <i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i>, or <i>Immediate Family</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Create a scrapbook of your family. Talk about specific events that make you all unique, and why your family is so special.</p>	
<p>17</p> <p>Birthmother Thanksgiving Luncheon. To make a monetary donation for catering, please send to The Gladney Center attention to Wendy Lee</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Make an effort to reach out to someone considering adoption, whether they are a birthparent or a couple looking to adopt. Share all of their options with them. Ask for a copy of our new Decision Making Guide</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Organize a holiday toy drive for children waiting for permanent families. Involve your child's class, team, or your co-workers.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Light a candle in honor of all the birthparents who make the ultimate sacrifice by choosing to place their child for adoption.</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Our first ever Mini-</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>10th Annual Hope Award Luncheon honoring Brave Love Help us congratulate them by sending a card! 3100 Monticello, Ste.806 Dallas, TX 75205</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>Thousands of adoption finalizations will take place! Help us celebrate by posting something special on your social media page.</p>	
<p>24</p> <p>Take a copy of "Katelyn's Story" DVD & magazine to your church's Youth Minister. Have him or her contact us if they are interested in having us come speak to their youth group!</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Suggest Adoption Benefits at work. http://www.davethomasfoundation.org/free-adoption-resources/adoption-benefits/</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Leave a Gladney Hope Hotline card in a restaurant, school or community center. Contact Janice Podell 817-922-6031</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Take a bag of outreach materials to your local high school counselor and nurse. Let us know where you go and we will follow-up with them!</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>Invite a guest to Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Write a story of a local family that has done something noteworthy for adoption, and send it to your local newspaper.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>For more information on any of these events, please contact Karin or Janice in the Outreach Dept. Outreach@gladney.org</p>	