



Forever Families Through Adoption

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Rye Brook Adoption Agency Hosts
Annual Food/Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Event at Wainwright House in Rye, NY
In support of Forever Families Through Adoption and honoring Lisa & Brendan McKiernan

On October 22nd, Forever Families Through Adoption, Inc. (FFTA), a NY and CT-authorized non-profit adoption placement agency and resource center based in Rye Brook, hosted "An Evening at Wainwright House," its seventh annual gourmet food tasting and silent auction event in support of the work done at FFTA and honoring locals Lisa & Brendan McKiernan. Generous local sponsors and auction item contributors were vital to the evening's success.

FFTA's Executive Director, Joy S. Goldstein, LCSW, ACSW, who co-founded the agency in 2007 with her husband and adoption attorney, Michael S. Goldstein, Esq., LCSW, was inspired by the generosity and dedication of attendees, journal donors, community volunteers and contributors. "These collective efforts continue to enhance our ability to sustain and expand our outreach and education efforts in the community for which FFTA receives no fees," said Mrs. Goldstein.

Proceeds raised enable FFTA to develop new programming with the continued goal of increasing knowledge and understanding of adoption issues. "Our mission is to increase positive adoption awareness, empower families and serve the community. We pride ourselves on offering services and support to those who need it," she said.

In addition to FFTA staff, members of its Board, and committed volunteers, also lending support to the event were notable guests including New York State Senator George Latimer, a local Rye resident who acted as Auctioneer and Assemblyman Steve Otis who presented the McKiernan's with a proclamation from the State of New York.

A powerful slide show was presented throughout the event featuring forever families created with the help of FFTA and documenting the number of children waiting for permanent homes in the foster care system. The presentation reinforced a simple but important fact — children belong with families. In addition a special surprise slide show was shown in honor of the McKiernan family.

Rye's Morgan's Fish House in Rye, Ruby's Oyster Bar in Rye, Euro Asian Bistro in Port Chester, Blue Moon Café in Bronxville, and Town Dock in Rye prepared delicious tasting stations. Wente Family Estates from California and Cork in White Plains provided wine during the evening. All Star Beverages in Yonkers kept the cold beer flowing while music by local band CHASER rocked the house for the evening. Additional sponsors transforming the Mansion with graceful finishing touches included White Plains Linen and Frank's House of Flowers in Mamaroneck, who donated all of the stunning floral arrangements.

FFTA, founded and staffed by social workers, attorneys, adoptees and adoptive parents, believes that every child regardless of racial or ethnic background, age, or physical or emotional challenge, has the right to grow up in a loving, nurturing, secure, and forever home. To learn more about adoption and FFTA, call 914-939-1180 or visit FFTA on the web at www.ForeverFamiliesThroughAdoption.org.