



# Sojourners Families Adopt

On November 21st, Shawn and Stephanie Legg proudly finalized their adoption with their daughter Anne, becoming the first family to adopt through Sojourners. While many young people have been adopted by families from Sojourners, Anne's adoption is the first for Sojourners as a fully-certified adoption agency. We're incredibly happy for the Legg family. Congratulations!

Sojourners would also like to congratulate our second adoptive family, J.W. and E.W., who adopted their 6-month-old daughter, M. on December 23rd. A very happy holidays for your family!

Sojourners currently offers an array of adoption services for families looking to adopt children of all ages. We're able to provide all the necessary training, homestudies, pre and post-adoption sup-

port, as well as assist your family with accessing state adoption resources.

In addition, Sojourners can provide support to public agencies in locating potential adoptive families, providing training services, by collaborating on pre and post-finalization services, or by working to intervene in potential disruptions.

Our mission is to see that each child has a loving, permanent family to sup-



port them through childhood into an independent, successful adulthood. We strive to maintain long-term support for young people and their families, beyond finalization. For more information about Sojourners adoption services, please contact us at (740) 596-1117.



*The Legg family. Shawn, Stephanie, Anne, and Hunter.*

## Independent Living Classes

Sojourners monthly independent living classes continue on the first Tuesday of each month. This month, Russ will be leading a course on "Where am I going to live when I get out of care?", focused on finding housing after foster care. Russ will walk you through finding affordable housing, completing housing agreements, and more. All are welcome!

## Calendar

- Independent Living Classes  
January 5th at Sojourners Offices, from 5-6:30pm
- Foster Parent Training (The Change Process)  
January 11th at McArthur Library, from 10-1pm.  
January 12th in Chillicothe, from 6-9pm.
- Food Bank  
January 14th, at 318 W. Main St, McArthur, 11-2pm
- Martin Luther King Day  
January 18th, Office Closed
- Foster Parent Training (Responding to Domestic Violence)  
January 27th at McArthur Library, from 10-1pm.



## Caring for Kids in Care

Shelia 464-1411 General Questions  
 Steve 418-1072 Director, Foster Care  
 Lisa 357-0143 Placement/Respite  
 Barb 418-0250 Licensing/Training  
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Sojourners Fax Number: 739-4357

All numbers are in area code 740.

Please call Shelia with questions about the newsletter—or to submit news or recipes.

### SHINING STARS!

Call Shelia to share good news about the young people in your care.



- \* W.S. was a chaperone on a recent field trip for the local MR/DD program. We're proud of you!
- \* C.J. recently established a mentoring relationship with an active duty serviceman stationed at Parris Island, South Carolina. C.J. continues to work towards enlisting in the military after graduation. Great work, C.J.!
- \* R.C. had a great time and did an amazing job in the school play! Well done!
- \* J.C. also did a great job at the school play and earned an extended visit with his family. Great job J!
- \* J.L. had a great 3 days before Christmas break at school. Keep up the good work!
- \* C.T. is doing a great job managing his savings account and preparing for graduation. The hard work will pay off!
- \* B.M. put her family first. She took money she earned and put it towards her family. What an amazing heart!
- \* A special note from Lisa - A.M. looks great in her new red glasses!
- \* A special note from Shelia - To everyone..2010 is a new year, a new start. You can do anything you dream!



## 2009 Holiday Party is a "blast"!

Sojourners held the annual holiday party on December 4th at the McArthur Fireman's Hall. Thanks to good weather (for once!) and amazing families, the event was a tremendous success. Each young person received numerous gifts, thanks to the generous donations we received. Here are some of the images of the night.

*Right: A couple young men getting ready for the dinner and presents to arrive*



*The crowd assembles for a fun-filled night at the Fireman's Hall*



*Sojourners Foster Care staff all gather for a group photo*

## Training Update

Sojourners is offering three trainings this month at locations in McArthur and Chilli-cothe. Two of the trainings will focus on the change process for young people, through utilizing their strengths. The other training will address issues of domestic violence situations, particularly for helping young people who've been exposed to violence in the past. The trainings are open to all who are interested, including foster and adoptive parents from throughout the region. To register, call (740) 596-1117.

## Shelia's Corner

### Scotcheroo's

**8oz butterscotch morsels**  
**8oz chocolate morsels**  
**1 c peanut butter**  
**4 c rice krispies**  
**1 c karo syrup**  
**1 c sugar**



### Directions:

1. Mix sugar and karo syrup over medium heat, bring to a rolling boil.
2. Remove from heat and add peanut butter.
3. Add rice krispies to mixture.
4. Butter a 13x9 pan for mixture and spread evenly across pan.
5. Melt morsels in a double boiler (or carefully in the microwave).
6. Pour chocolate / butterscotch mixture over rice krispies mixture.
7. Cut while warm. Enjoy!