

In Loving Memory of Laurie Morgan
1960–2006



On January 31, 2006, our dear friend and colleague, Laurie Morgan, passed away quietly at her home in the loving embrace of her family and those who cared for her deeply. For all of us who have been blessed to be a recipient of Laurie's gentle, loving and generous energy, her presence will be deeply missed. Laurie's commitment to her own children continued each day as she spent much of her professional and personal life serving children unable to be raised in their birth families.

Laurie and Darren first joined Adoptions Together when they became Interim Care Providers for infants who were waiting to be placed with their adoptive families. The Morgan family provided loving, compassionate care for 32 infants over five years. No matter how sick or fussy a baby would be, Laurie always had a well of patience that ran so deep that she could console even the most distressed child. Many of the families who adopted children whose beginnings included the love of the Morgan family kept in touch over the years. Laurie would beam each time she saw a photo of a child whose future she helped launch.

Laurie joined the staff of Adoptions Together in 1998 when she convinced us that foster parents needed more support and proposed a position as an interim care coordinator. Over time she grew this position to provide support and technical assistance to the domestic team with her nurturing spirit in the office setting. Both birth and adoptive families related easily to Laurie and she had the ability to connect with even the most distressed parent. Whether it was the placement of a child with her permanent family, a birth parent seeking information about letters and pictures or a training session for foster parents, Laurie's head and heart always worked in concert.

Laurie's legacy of love and commitment is firmly etched in the hearts of her children, in the spirit of Adoptions Together and she will be deeply missed, fondly remembered and ever present in the hearts of all who were touched by her.

Laurie Morgan Memorial Fund

A memorial fund has been established in honor of Laurie and her commitment to children and families. The Morgan Family has asked that individuals wishing to honor Laurie make a contribution to this fund. The Laurie Morgan Memorial Fund will assist Adoptions Together in its ongoing efforts to find and support parents for all infants and children growing up in need of permanent families.

Donations to the Laurie Morgan Memorial Fund can be made in the following ways:

On-line through Network for Good:

Donations by credit card (Visa/MasterCard/American Express/Discover) and through PayPal can be made by clicking on Adoptions Together's Network for Good link below:

<http://www.adoptionstogether.org/donate.htm>

(Please scroll to the bottom of the page and click the link)

(Please list Laurie Morgan in the "Dedication or Gift" section)

By Phone:

Donations by credit card (Visa/MasterCard) can be made by calling Scott Perkins or Mary Bergman at 301-439-2900

By Mail:

Donations by check can be sent to:

Scott Perkins
Development Director
Adoptions Together
10230 New Hampshire Ave, Suite 200
Silver Spring, MD 20903

(Please include Laurie's name in the memo section of your check)

Acknowledgement of all donations will be shared with the Morgan Family. Adoptions Together is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

A copy of Adoptions Together's current financial statement is available by writing to the address above or by calling (301) 439-2900. Documents and information submitted under the Maryland Solicitations Act are also available, for the cost of postage and copies, from the Maryland Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis MD 21401, (410) 974-5534. In Virginia, information can be obtained through the financial statement is available from the State Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services upon request.