

The Singular Joy of Bringing a Child Home...





Cate and Lizzie are home!

Catherine Dale Yang Nahra  
Elizabeth Hall Yang Nahra

Birthday  
April 11, 2006

Gotcha Day  
September 28, 2006



Luke Dennis  
Ho Soo

we welcome with love our son  
... 2005



Craig and Tracy are overjoyed to announce the adoption of their son...

October 15, 2006  
8 pounds, 6 ounces  
21 inches

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Luke Wicklund Thiese



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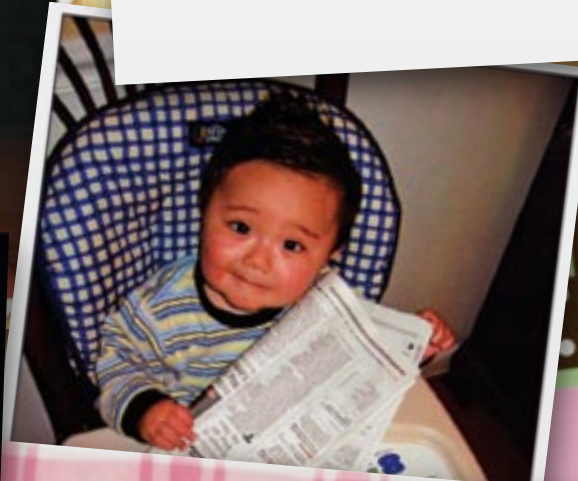
Sophie Grace Gump  
August 11, 2006 • 12:32pm • 7lbs 8.8 oz • 19.5"

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a baby girl, precious and small...



...Multiplied 108 Times in 2006!



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## *Our Mission*

The Barker Foundation serves all members of the adoption circle – birth parents, adoptive parents, adopted persons, and anyone else whose life is touched by adoption. The Barker Foundation is an advocate for ethical, respectful and child-centered adoption practices.

## *Our Philosophy*

We believe in meeting and exceeding the legal and ethical standards governing adoption practice in this country and abroad.

We continue to work toward promoting a realistic and balanced view of adoption.

We strive to create an atmosphere of respect, acceptance, and openness in which birth parents, adoptive parents, and adult adopted persons can make informed decisions.



## *From the President and Executive Director*



Dear Friends,

As we review the accomplishments of 2006, we note with special joy the remarkable number of children placed in loving homes, as well as the expansion and strengthening of the many services that will be brought to bear on behalf of each new family. While Barker has never judged success by numbers, it is useful to pause and reflect on what lies behind the placement numbers in this record year, or indeed in any year. Each placement represents a constellation of unique human lives: birth parents who grappled with decisions that required wisdom, love, and courage; adoptive parents who had been well-prepared and now joyfully accept the awesome responsibilities of parenting a child by adoption; and at the heart of it all, the child who has now found a home with his or her “forever family.”



Behind each placement also lies the support of our Board of Trustees and the energy and dedication of Barker’s staff and volunteers. And while this Annual Report highlights achievements, we will always face challenges in fulfilling our mission. Our Board and Staff are again hard at work addressing the current realities of domestic and international adoption. We must develop resources to sustain our capacity for dealing with the dynamics that fluctuate from year to year – changes in legislation, in country-specific policies, and in demographic and cultural trends – so that we can ensure continued success for future generations.

Surely there are few missions more worthy than that of building, strengthening, and sustaining families. Numbers will never tell the whole story, and our mission stays the same regardless of numbers. But how could we not share with the entire Barker community the joy of this milestone year? As we join collective forces on behalf of Barker’s distinctive and critical mission, we know we can face even the most difficult obstacles through the transformative power that comes from a dedicated and caring community. Thank you for your continued support!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marilyn Regier".

Marilyn Regier, Ph.D., LCSW-C  
*Executive Director*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John F. Harris".

John F. Harris  
*President, Board of Trustees*

## The Domestic Program

Tradition and innovation stand side by side in Barker's signature domestic adoption program. In 2006, the principles that have always distinguished us remained unchanged: we work with the deepest commitment to help every pregnant woman and every birth family who come to us. For many women, we supply the boost and the resources that enable them to parent their children. And when that is not possible, we provide to the children what will serve them best throughout life: the highest quality support to the parents who relinquish them and to the parents who adopt them.

Other aspects of domestic adoption continued to evolve. Birth and adoptive parents, with our guidance and support, worked out new and unique ways to maintain a connection with each other. We improved our services to Latina women with the addition of a second Spanish-speaking birth parent counselor. And with *Project Wait No Longer*, we recruited and trained families for the special requirements of older child placement, as we partner with public agencies to address the challenges of the crowded U.S. foster care system.

The Barker Foundation began life by finding "forever families" for children born in the Washington area. That commitment remains at our core. In 2006, through the Domestic Program, 35 children came home to parents eager to love, nurture, and, one day, launch them into life.



## *The International Program*

Time stands still in that moment when a family meets the child who will be their child forever. In 2006, through Barker's International Program, in locations all over the globe, the hours and minutes froze in that surge of wonder and joy 73 times – an increase of almost one third in the number of placements over 2005.

During this busy year, we maintained direct programs in three of the four major "sending" countries – China, Korea and Guatemala. In addition, we continued to place children from our programs in India and Colombia, and to facilitate adoptions from Ethiopia, Russia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Iran and El Salvador. And for the first time, we established a licensed office outside the United States, opening Fundaciòn Barker in Bògota.

In 2006, more and more parents traveled to meet their children in their countries of origin. And for the second year in a row, parents and teenagers experienced the trip-of-a-lifetime on the Second Annual Homeland Tour to Colombia. Closer to home, Barker families increasingly took advantage of the unique multi-cultural resources in the Washington area.

Those are the moments we work to make happen: a child joining a family, or, years later, discovering a magical connection to his or her first country and culture.



## *Family and Post-Adoption Services Program*

Every adoptive placement of a child at The Barker Foundation represents an intricate intermingling of loss, joy and hard work. Every placement represents something else, too: a lifetime commitment by Barker to the birth family, to the adoptive family, to the child. The Family and Post-Adoption Services Program carries out that extraordinary pledge. Its individual services cover a rich variety of human experience – from meeting with a nine-year-old boy filled with pressing questions, to facilitating a first phone call between a 50-year-old adoptee and his birth mother.

In Barker's groups, people find the support that comes only from others who have walked in their shoes: birth parents, parents of adolescents, waiting parents, new parents, teenagers who were adopted. And in 2006, we launched a new series of groups – our Saturday Workshops for 1st and 2nd graders and 3rd through 5th graders. Participants joined in fun activities, learned strategies for handling social situations, and discovered that other kids have similar stories, mull over identical questions and feel the same sometimes confusing feelings. What a relief!

With knowledgeable and compassionate professionals and a community of support, the lifetime process that is adoption can enrich those it touches with insight, understanding, and gladness of heart.



## *In the landmark year of 2006...*

Abraham & Sunny welcomed Zachary  
Adam & Robin welcomed Collin  
Adela & Denis welcomed Alexa  
Albion & Jenifer welcomed Noah  
Alexandra & Edwin welcomed Benjamin  
Alison & Benjamin welcomed Daniel  
Alison & Thomas welcomed Margaret Rose  
Amos & Pamela welcomed Abigail Dawn  
Amy & Scott welcomed Mya  
Andrew & Michelle welcomed Hannah  
Andy & Sheryl welcomed Molly Noelle  
Angela & Franklin welcomed Vanessa  
Ann & Barry welcomed Jenna Lee  
Anne & Brian welcomed Douglas Jack  
Anne & Michael welcomed Eli  
Barbara & Donald welcomed Grace & Olivia  
Barbara & John welcomed Mikayla  
Barton & Carrie welcomed Mackenzie Lee  
Behzad & Kamalaseel welcomed Darya  
Butch & Nikki welcomed Gavin  
Calvin & Christina welcomed Ivan  
Carol & Darrell welcomed Ian McCall  
Carole Ann welcomed James Murphy  
Carrie welcomed Lily  
Charlotte & John welcomed Noah  
Christina & Christopher welcomed Laura Ann  
Christina & Jeffrey welcomed Nathan  
Christina & Richard welcomed Zachary Adrian  
Clay & Michelle welcomed Sophie Grace  
Craig & Elizabeth welcomed Kaden Thomas  
Craig & Tracy welcomed Luke Wickland  
Cynthia & Pantelis welcomed Charis Terpsinike  
Daniel & Donna welcomed Scott  
Daniel & Elizabeth welcomed Emmilise  
Daniel & Janet welcomed Max  
Daniel & Judy welcomed Matthew Daniel  
David & Jennifer welcomed Alex  
David & Jennifer welcomed McKayla  
David & Mary welcomed Samuel Micah  
Debra & Ronald welcomed Coleton & Wyatt  
Dena & Garry welcomed Marissa Grace  
Donna & Mark welcomed Jenna  
Edie & Michael welcomed Isabel  
Edward & Jane welcomed Daniel  
Eleanor & Mike welcomed Tommy  
Eric & Sharon welcomed Joshua Andrew  
Erika & Joseph welcomed Pascal  
Gaurov & Molina welcomed Sonali Swarup  
George & Heather welcomed Christopher  
Ginger & Jeffrey welcomed Nicholas  
Gregorio & Pamela welcomed Gregorio  
Gregory & Melissa welcomed Kaia Alaina  
Heather & Jonathan welcomed Benjamin  
Holly & Philip welcomed Katharine Emma  
Jason & Patricia welcomed Elizabeth  
Jeanne & Stephan welcomed Meagan Renee  
Jemima & Scott welcomed Benedict  
Jennifer & Kevin welcomed Maxwell James  
Jennifer & Mark welcomed Luke  
Jeremy & Lisa welcomed Brody  
Jerome & Tara welcomed James  
Jill & Richard welcomed Christina Grace  
Joanna & John welcomed Sara  
Joe & Meredith welcomed Catherine & Elizabeth  
John & Kathleen welcomed Peter  
John & Monica welcomed Gabriela  
Jonathan & Nicole welcomed Isaac  
Jose & Page welcomed Sarah  
Joseph & Regina welcomed Joseph  
Joseph & Ruth welcomed Andrew Michael  
Joseph & Victoria welcomed Jane  
Julie & Kevin welcomed Emma Soo-min  
Julie & Seth welcomed Eleanor Rose  
Karen & Ken welcomed Abigail  
Karen & Robert welcomed Henry  
Kate & Neil welcomed Mia  
Keith & Stacey welcomed Ian  
Kevin & Lauren welcomed Samuel  
Kevin & Shana welcomed Erin  
Kurt & Margo welcomed Kira  
Kwame & Psyche welcomed Abena  
Laurie welcomed Lea  
Laurie welcomed Leah  
Lesley & Miguel welcomed Christina  
Linda & Pete welcomed Gabriella Elizabeth  
Lisa welcomed Emma Morgan  
Lisa & Richard welcomed Erin  
Mandy & Robert welcomed Emma Elise Sun  
Mark & Theresa welcomed Mathew Brooks  
Marquita welcomed Makhailah Joy  
Maureen & Pascal welcomed Nora  
Maureen & Raymond welcomed Mary Josephine  
Megan & Vincent welcomed Hope  
Michalel & Alethea welcomed Benjamin Ray  
Mona & Sanjay welcomed Raashi  
Nilanjana & Robert welcomed Ava  
Shannon welcomed Olivia  
Stephanie & Thomas welcomed Lindsey  
Steven & Silvana welcomed Samuel Edward  
Valerie & William welcomed Cecilia Marie-Noelle

# Highlights 2006

## **The Life of Adoption: Rewards, Regrets, Resilience**

A panel of adult adopted persons, led by Barker social worker Jenny Martinez, riveted the 300 attendees at Barker's 12th annual conference. Author Cheri Register delivered a moving keynote infused with her complex, deeply felt perspectives on adoption.



## **Global Travel**

Every year the Barker staff travel extensively, conferring with current overseas partners, exploring new programs where compelling needs exist, and, always, visiting the children. Marilyn Regier is pictured here with toddlers at an orphanage in Mumbai, India.



## **Second Annual Teen Weekend**

Twenty-two teenagers talked, ate, played games and traded screen names at the 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase. They were like any group of teens – except that they shared the life experience of adoption. And that can be huge. Their bottom-line message to parents? “Adoption is sweet so be chill about it.”





### **Maxine Reynolds Baker Education Center**

Board President John Harris, Maxine B. Baker and Marilyn Regier celebrate the newly dedicated Maxine Reynolds Baker Education Center. Maxine, President and CEO of the Freddie Mac Foundation, designated memorial contributions in honor of her mother, a longtime educator in the Washington, D.C. schools, to fund the renovation and technological upgrade of Barker's seminar hall.



### **Second Annual Homeland Tour to Colombia**

One of the highlights of the Homeland Tour for teenagers and their parents was attending a presentation ceremony at FANA, during which the Lambert Family, above, received baby Emmilise. With additional opportunities for the teens to look at their original adoption files, meet Colombian birth mothers at FANA's Hogar, and explore cultural highlights of their birth country, the trip added up to a life-changing experience.



### **International Guests**

A delegation from our Korean partner, the Social Welfare Society (SWS), led by President Lee, Seung Hwan, visited Barker in 2006. President Lee is pictured at a Barker reception with the SWS Intercountry Adoption Director, Ms. Sun, Hei Kyoung, and Barker parents Pascal Luck and Maureen Minehan, with son Thomas and daughter Nora.

## *Financial Overview*

Just as number of placements never tells the whole story of an agency's work, neither do financial statements. Nevertheless, the care with which we fulfill our fiscal responsibilities is crucial to our mission. Given the nature of the commitment we make to families and the ever-shifting trends in adoption worldwide, fees for services cannot and never will cover all our expenses. We work diligently to keep the portion of our revenue that comes from fees at approximately fifty percent.

Fortunately, the Barker family and the larger community recognize Barker's need for resources to continue to serve those who need us. They also see the possibilities that additional funds open up to expanding those services to more children and more families. Number of placements was not the only landmark in 2006. We received unprecedented funding from grants, totaling \$202,000. Some 700 families gave a record amount of non-Legacy Fund contributions, totaling \$390,662. When in-kind donations and gifts targeted for the Homeland Tour were added to that figure, total contributions exceeded \$500,000.

The Barker Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following foundations for grants awarded in 2006 in response to our submitted proposals:

- Carl M. Freeman Foundation
- Clark-Winchcole Foundation
- Corina Higginson Trust
- Freddie Mac Foundation
- George Preston Marshall Foundation
- John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation
- Lois & Richard England Family Foundation
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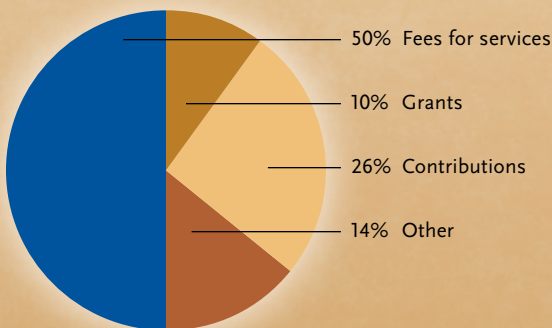


# Consolidated Statement of Activities

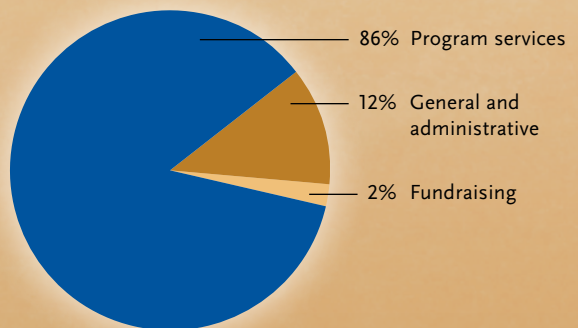
Year Ended December 31, 2006	The Barker Foundation	Friends of Barker, Inc	Total
<b>Support and Revenue</b>			
Fees for services	\$ 984,458		\$ 984,458
Grants	202,000	–	202,000
Contributions	514,295	10,000	524,295
Investment income, net of fees	–	266,976	266,976
Other	282,510	(240,535)	41,975
Transfer of allowed Investment income	–	–	–
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>1,983,263</b>	<b>36,441</b>	<b>2,019,704</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program services	1,698,331		1,698,331
General and administrative	245,907	41,134	287,041
Fundraising	41,241		41,241
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1,985,479</b>	<b>41,134</b>	<b>2,026,613</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<b>(2,216)</b>	<b>(4,693)</b>	<b>(6,909)</b>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>190,709</b>	<b>3,391,381</b>	<b>3,582,090</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 188,493</b>	<b>\$3,386,688</b>	<b>\$3,575,181</b>

## The Barker Foundation

### Revenue



### Expenses



# Board Members 2006

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To get the full value of a joy you must have  
somebody to divide it with.

Mark Twain



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