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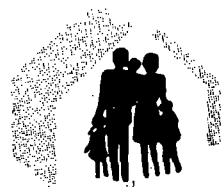


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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
TALKING POINTS FOR MOTHER'S DAY ADOPTION EVENT
THE ROOSEVELT ROOM
MAY 10, 1996

- Welcome to the White House. I'm so glad you could join me today in honor of Mother's Day to talk about the joys and challenges of adoption.
- Mother's Day is a wonderful time to remember that each of you have given the most important gift an adult can give to a child -- loving parents and a healthy, stable home. And I know they have given you all of the rewards and richness that come with raising children.
- Often when we think of adoption, we have a picture in our mind of infants being welcomed into a family. But adoption today involves children and teenagers of all ages, backgrounds and circumstances. Adoption has provided a new beginning for school-aged children, for adolescents, for children with physical and emotional disabilities, for children of different races and cultures, and for brothers and sisters who want to stay together. As I look around the room, I see families that represent the range of adoptive experiences. You are living proof that adoption can be successful and emotionally rewarding. We need more of you.
- Far too many children are waiting for permanent homes. Almost half of these children have been waiting more than two years. More than half have special medical, developmental, behavioral or psychological needs. They are minority children, older children and siblings.
- In November, we celebrated National Adoption Month at the White House by highlighting the waiting children and the importance finding them permanent homes through adoption. These children deserve what your children have. That's why the President and I are committed to encouraging and easing the adoption process.
- The Administration has worked hard to promote adoption, especially for children with special needs. We championed the Family and Medical Leave Act -- which enables parents to take time off to adopt a child without losing their jobs or their health insurance. We launched a public education campaign about adoption. We strongly supported and remain committed to enforcing vigorously the Multi-Ethnic Placement Act to end discrimination based on race or ethnicity in adoptions. We have increased by 60 percent the number of children with special needs who have been adopted with Federal adoption assistance. We have voiced our strong support for a bill in Congress right now that would give a tax credit to families wanting to adopt. And we have created an honor roll of private companies who have pledged to make adoption easier for workers and their families by paying adoption benefits, offering leave time after adoption, or other programs.

- But we need to do more. We should redouble our efforts. We should make it possible for thousands and thousands more children to be adopted by Mother's Day next year. Because there is no more important task than trying to do everything in our power to ensure that every child has a family.
- [OPEN DISCUSSION.]

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COMMENTS

fyi, This is the adoption discussion group -- I think it's a good cross-section of stories. Let me know what you think.

Also, I spoke to Carol's ofc (Karen Dorsey) about providing us with all pertinent background issue papers, but maybe we should generate an internal one for HRC as well on where the White House is on adoption / federal benefit issue / legislation, etc.

Also, fyi, the discussion participants will be in Rm 100 at 10:15 ... ~~then~~ then 11:30 HRC time in VP's ceremonial ofc.

Nicole

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Not flesh of my flesh
Nor bone of my bone
But still, miraculously, my own.

Never forget for a single minute:
You didn't grow under my heart --
But in it.

--Anonymous

(Justin, Roshann's adopted son, always explains that instead of growing in his mommy's tummy, he grew in her heart.)

He's right
too.

- Special needs
kids
- Baltimore Sun

Last week, in honor of Mother's Day, I spoke with six mothers and their adopted children about the joys and challenges of adoption. These women have given the most important gift an adult can give to a child -- loving parents and a healthy, stable home. Their children have given them all of the rich rewards -- not to mention plenty of the worries -- that come with raising children.

Each woman had very typical stories to tell. Lorraine Gray remembered a time that all of her children missed their curfew on the same night. She also remembered that they never did it again. Pat Antrobus -- who adopted her sons Keith and Larry as teenagers -- said that while other new mothers were worrying about diapers and midnight feedings, she found herself worrying incessantly about sex and drugs.

They also each had stories that were not so typical. Margaret Fitzgerald spoke lovingly about visiting her newborn son, whose birth mother had abused drugs and alcohol during pregnancy, as he lay in an incubator weighing just over a pound. She would come to the hospital each day simply to stroke his foot. Today, William is a healthy and energetic four year old who seemed most interested in the discussion when Socks arrived for a visit.

Jude Lincicome, a single mother and nurse, talked about raising four multi-handicapped adopted children and preparing to adopt her fifth next month. When doctors said that one of her daughters would never walk and would not prescribe leg braces, Jude went to a nearby hardware store and built them herself. "The doctor was right," Jude told us. Her daughter "runs, not walks." When a member of my staff commented that what she has done for these children is extraordinary, she told us that, instead, it is her children who are extraordinary.

I have also spoken with children who are not as lucky as the sons and daughters of these mothers. Today, there are about [450,000 children] in the United States who need permanent families to love and nurture them. Almost half of these children have been waiting more than two years. More than half have some special need. They are disabled, older, have siblings who also need to be adopted, or are minority.

These children deserve what the children I met with last week have. That is why the President and I are committed to easing and encouraging the adoption process. We have increased by 60% the number of children with special needs who have been adopted because their adoptive families can get critical support for large medical bills or other expenses. We have supported programs to recruit and educate adoptive families. We launched a public awareness campaign on adoption. We championed the Family and Medical Leave Act -- which enables parents to take time off to adopt a child without losing their jobs or their health insurance.

But we should and can do more. The President has given his strong support to legislation in Congress that will give families who adopt a child a \$5,000 tax credit. This will allow middle-class families, for whom adoption may be prohibitively expensive, to adopt children to love and nurture.

We must also do all we can to end the historical bias against adoptions of children of one race by families of another race. Restrictions on interracial adoptions have meant interminable waits for children -- many of whom languish in foster care or institutions in the meantime. The bill in Congress takes steps to end this discrimination, as did the Multi-Ethnic Placement Act signed by the President in October 1994. But the problem goes beyond the written law. We need to bring together child psychologists with case workers to end the culture in our social services agencies that prevents families -- many of whom have long been foster parents for the children they are seeking to adopt -- from being chosen for children of different races.

The private sector can do more too. When Margaret Fitzgerald and her husband Reginald adopted William, her employer at the time, AT&T, reimbursed her legal fees and gave her two-months of unpaid leave to allow her to spend time caring for her new son. We have created an honor roll of private companies like AT&T who are making adoption easier for workers and their families. The list includes Aetna Life and Casualty, which gives employees \$3,000 per adopted child, [CHECK] and Chase Manhattan Bank, which offers parents returning to work after the birth or adoption of a baby eight weeks of on-site child care, parent education, and a parent support network. [ADD MORE OF A CHALLENGE?][CUT AND PUT WITH ACCOMP?]

We should pledge to make it possible for thousands and thousands more children to be adopted by this time next year. Money, regulations and skin color should not get in the way of giving each of our children the love, attention and stability they deserve.

As a poem a friend of mine who has adopted two children gave me says, says: Her son, who is ..., tells her that he grew in her heart, not in her stomach.

EDUCATE COMMUNITY LEADERS, RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN DO TO PROMOTE ADOPTION, RECRUIT FAMILIES ETC.

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THE WORKING WOMEN COUNT HONOR ROLL: ADOPTION PLEDGES

The Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor has received a number of Honor Roll pledges to make adoption easier for workers and their families. Here are a few examples:

A collective bargaining agreement between The Alliance (AFSCME and SEIU) and the Massachusetts Office of Employee Relations will let 21,000 state employees use up to 10 days of sick leave per year to make arrangements for adopting a child.

First Chicago Bank in Chicago, IL has established an Adoption Assistance Program which provides employees with up to \$2,000 per adopted child.

On January 1, 1996 Aetna Life and Casualty in Hartford, CT will increase the adoption benefit available to its employees by \$1,000 (from \$2,000 to \$3,000) per child.

Merck & Co., Inc. in Whitehouse Station, NJ has pledged to expand its family support referral program to include adoption information and assistance.

Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City has established the Eight Week Advantage program for parents returning to work after the birth or adoption of a baby. The program offers on-site child care every day for eight consecutive weeks, a parent support network, and a parent education program.

For more information about these and other Honor Roll pledges, please call Lauren Asher at 202/219-6652 x107.