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NCFA Calls for Extension of Adoption Tax Credit to Support Adoptive Families
and Promote Permanency for Children

Grassroots Advocacy Kit on Adoption Tax Credit Now Available from NCFA

February 13, 2012 – Alexandria, VA – The National Council For Adoption (NCFA), a longtime supporter of the adoption tax credit, joins fellow adoption and child welfare advocates in calling for the extension of the adoption tax credit for families adopting children via foster care, intercountry, or domestic infant adoption.

Since the adoption tax credit was first established in 1997, it has helped lessen the financial burden of adoption for thousands of income-qualifying American families that might not otherwise have been able to adopt.

The current maximum allowable adoption tax credit of $13,360 for all adoptive families is set to sunset on December 31, 2012. Unless Congress acts to extend or make permanent the adoption tax credit, it will revert at this time to a maximum of $6,000 for parents adopting children with special needs. No tax credit will be available to other adoptive parents.

“Without the adoption tax credit, many families that are willing and hoping to adopt will find themselves unable to afford it. And many families that adopt despite the loss of the tax credit will find it more difficult to provide for their children if they have assumed significant debt in order to adopt,” says Chuck Johnson. “The adoption tax credit must be extended in order to support adoptive parents and help as many children as possible find love and permanency through adoption.”

To help adoptive families, adoption agencies, and others advocate for this important policy, NCFA has created an advocacy kit containing a backgrounder on the adoption tax credit, a letter that can be used as a template to email or write to Members of Congress, a talking points guide for phone calls with legislators’ offices, a sample newspaper opinion editorial or letter to the editor, and further ways to join NCFA in its advocacy for the adoption tax credit and other important policies. All resources in NCFA’s new Adoption Tax Credit Advocacy Kit can be downloaded from NCFA’s website, www.adoptioncouncil.org.

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