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Good Morning Fund Makes 2008 Adoption Award

SPRINGFIELD, MA – The Good Morning Fund in conjunction with AdoptionLink (the adoption program at Jewish Family Services of Western Massachusetts) is pleased award Scott and Cathy, a local family, \$5,000 from The Good Morning Fund to offset their adoption fees.

David Vermette, President of The Good Morning Fund presented the check to Scott and Cathy on May 5, 2008 with their new son, Coleman, in attendance. Cole and his loving parents returned from China six weeks ago. "Today is Cole's second birthday, and we are so happy to celebrate with our son," stated Scott. "Thank you, this check helps us. We planned to adopt and this just makes it easier," Scott continued. Robert D. Marmor, Executive Director of JFSWM and Susan L. Phillips, AdoptionLink Director participated in the presentation.

The Good Morning Fund, was established in 2005 to honor the late Dr. Peter Charland, is a non-profit organization whose goals include raising the community's awareness about adoption, helping make adoption affordable for families, and promoting wholesome family life. Dr. Charland dedicated his life to assisting children and families. He was also the father of several children who came into his family through adoption. Dr. Charland's family could find no more fitting way to honor his memory than to continue to work with families in the process of adopting children. To learn more, visit The Good Morning Fund at www.thegoodmorningfund.com.

AdoptionLink, the largest and local adoption resource, is offering several new groups including a waiting family support group, a post adoption support group (see related article) and monthly information meetings. AdoptionLink has been serving children and families regardless of race, national origin, sexual orientation or faith since 1960, and is a nationally accredited, licensed agency

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that provides domestic and international adoption as well as options counseling and services to pregnant teens and women. To learn more about AdoptionLink, please visit www.AdoptionLinkNow.org.

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Caption for photo: Good Morning Fund Presentation from left, David Vermette, Good Morning Fund President, Scott with son, Cole, Cathy, Robert D. Marmor, Executive Director of Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts, and Susan Phillips, Director of AdoptionLink,

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