

Subject: Jane Brown Events - January 2009

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Jane Brown Workshops
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**THE JANE BROWN PLAYSHOPS & ADOPTIONSHOP
FOR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES**

An Opportunity for Children, Pre-teens, Teens and Parents to Explore Adoption Issues

FCCNY as an organization offers the Jane Brown Adoption Playshops at the request of our members as one of many offerings, has no financial interest in Jane Brown Adoption Playshops, and does not take a position with respect to or bear any responsibility for their scope, content or impact. If you need more detailed information about content to help you decide whether Jane Brown Playshops are appropriate for your child, please contact Jane Brown directly at 602-690-5338 or janebrown77@earthlink.net

Children's Playshops

Saturday, January 24th and Sunday, January 25th, 2009

Packer Collegiate Institute, 170 Joralamon St., Brooklyn, NY 11201

Playshops are appropriate for adopted children 5 years of age and older and for new as well as previous participants. The Playshop sessions are comprised of multi-sensory activities. Participants engage in creative movement, plays, drawing, writing, talking, and tug-o-wars.

REGISTER online at www.fccny.org

Cost: \$70 (FCCNY members - If you need financial aid for your child to attend this event, please contact Kathy Urbina at Urbina9@aol.com or 718-852-8979)

Pre-Teen and Teen AdoptionShop

Saturday Evening, January 25th, 2009

Packer Collegiate Institute, 170 Joralamon St., Brooklyn, NY 11201

Children 10 yrs and above should sign up for the Pre-Teen/Teen AdoptionShop...limited to 25 participants

REGISTER online at www.fccny.org

Cost: \$80 (FCCNY members - If you need financial aid for your child to attend this event, please contact Kathy Urbina at Urbina9@aol.com or 718-852-8979)

Jane Brown's description of the program is as follows: Playshops is appropriate for adopted children 5 years of age and older and for new as well as previous participants. There'll also be a special Saturday evening AdoptionShop for pre-teens and teens 10 years of age and above.

Adoption Playshops works effectively when there is a diverse group of youngsters that includes boys and girls, domestic and international adoptees, children adopted from a variety of adoption situations, children living traditional and open adoption, relative adoptions and adoptions by non-genetic family, same-race and transracial adoptions.

Children benefit most and have an enriched experience when they have the opportunity to compare and contrast different types of adoption experiences. Their fascination with the stories of others, tends to encourage them to share more with themselves and others about their own identity-building process, and in turn, often leads to greater willingness to talk with their parents about their insider-perspective on growing up adopted.

There are several goals for the Playshops / AdoptionShop. One is to encourage the children to deepen their understanding of adoption amongst their adopted peers. Another is to offer them a model of an older person who grew up adopted and is happy, successful, and interesting-- but who is still thinking about being an adoptee sometimes. Another is to arm them with skills that they will need to contend with stereotypes about adoption or race in a mostly non-adopted and Caucasian-dominated society. Another is to build and utilize a network--to talk and share with each other AND to talk more openly with their parents.

Each of the Playshops (for children 5-9 yrs)will run for approximately 1 ½ hours and will be followed by an hour long meeting for parents to get feedback about what Jane Brown observed in the Playshops and advice on how to handle various issues. There will be a separate room with supervised activities for the kids during the parents' meeting.

Children will be assigned to one of the Playshops based on age and/or prior experience with Playshops. Children must be at least 5 years old to attend. Group assignments will be made after enrollment has closed, but in general the youngest children will be assigned to the Saturday AM group, the next oldest to the Saturday PM group etc. There will be a separate room set aside for parents in which we will conduct an informal group discussion of relevant issues and possibly watch a film with an adoption related theme.

You will be contacted to let you know the time your child's group will meet or, if the Playshops / AdoptionShop are oversubscribed, to let you know that your child has been placed on a waiting list.

The Pre-Teen and Teen AdoptionShop (10 yrs and older) will take place Saturday evening January 24th and will include a pizza party. A panel of Adult adoptees will talk about their experiences growingup and answer questions about school, relationships, etc. Parents are invited for a light dinner, movie and discussion while the kids are in the AdoptionShop.

For more detailed information about content of the Jane Brown Playshop/Adoptionshop please contact Jane Brown directly at 602-690-5338 or janebrown77@earthlink.net. The FCCNY Coordinator is Jane Platt at plattje@mindspring.com or 718-768-8763

Questions? click here for Answers to FAQ about Jane Brown Playshops.

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