## November is National Adoption Month

## **GUILFORD COUNSELING, PLLC**

invites you to help us

## **CELEBRATE ADOPTION**

Friday, November 22, 2013 6-7:30 PM

We hope you will join us for this interactive event!

Adoption empowerment activity for adoptees ages 5-17. All attendees are invited to participate in a balloon release to send an attached message for their special triad member. Refreshments and cake will be served.

While there is much greater openness regarding adoption in recent years there are still many wary and marginalizing stereotypes that members of adoptive families encounter on a regular basis. We will talk about these challenges as well as the solid evidence for the strengths and resilience of adoptive families. We will also share what the research highlights as the factors that contribute to positive outcomes for adopted children.

This celebration is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Please email: guilfordcounseling.pam@gmail.com to indicate who will be attending, if they would like to participate in the balloon launch and to obtain directions.

## GUILFORD COUNSELING, PLLC also offers programming to:

-help adoptive parents feel more prepared and confident about difficult, awkward and offensive conversations with our children, our families and strangers while providing education regarding the core adoption issues

-help adopted children and teens explore their identity development, empower and educate them about the core issues of adoption

