

Jacksonville's Children Show Wins National Award

On behalf of Family Support Services and the Adoption Exchange Association in New York, we'd like to congratulate CBS 47 / Dawn Lopez as winners of "Wednesday's Child" -- a national award featuring adoption stories and highlighting child services agencies and media partnerships in action.

A few key points about our segment "Daniel":

- one of 17 entries from all over the US
- unanimous winner among judges
- Bob Rooks from Daniel was instrumental in our nomination
- Daniel was adopted in 2008



Here is the announcement from the AEA:

Congratulations! The segment that you submitted for consideration in the Adoption Exchange Association's 2009 Wednesday's Child Award, entitled "Daniel," was selected as the winner. It was a wonderful, moving, and creative piece.

The award was presented at the Adoption Exchange Association's 2009 Conference at the Palmer House Hilton in downtown Chicago May 29th.

Thank you for continuing to support the adoption recruitment efforts in our area by providing us with an invaluable platform for the children to tell their stories.

The runner up stations were from Philadelphia and LA. Both journalists came up to Dawn and thanked/congratulated her on the amazing story because it blew theirs away!

The judges were also unanimous and were media people from Philly, Chicago, LA and two radio stations. Dawn made a point of saying to the guests that journalists like her are a part of the community, too, and it's important for everyone to realize that.

To see videos on Jacksonville's Children, visit
<http://www.heartgalleryjax.com/waiting.html> or CBS 47
<http://www.actionnewsjax.com/content/jaxchildren/default.aspx>