

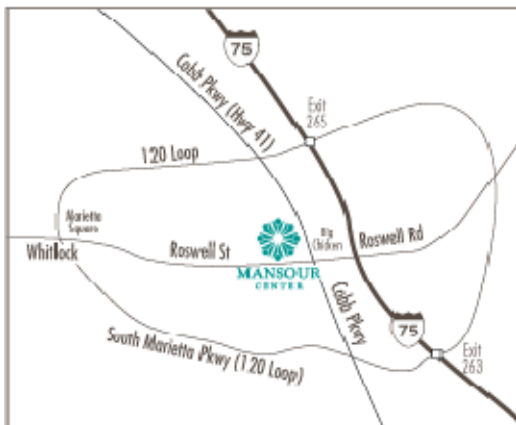


Jim Gritter worked in the field of infant adoption for more than thirty years. Editor of “*Adoption Without Fear*” and author of “*The Spirit of Open Adoption*” and “*Lifegivers: Framing the Birthparent Experience in Open Adoption*”, Gritter has been a strong and consistent voice for

greater openness in adoption.

Over the years he hosted nine national conferences and provided training in 26 states and provinces. For his efforts, he was deemed an “Angel in Adoption” by Congress and declared a “Social Work Pioneer” by the National Association of Social Workers. The Child Welfare League has scheduled his fourth book, “*Hospitious Adoption*”, for publication in 2008.

Directions to the Mansour Center in Marietta. on I-75 toward Marietta/Chattanooga. Take exit 263 (Marietta/Roswell) and bear left onto the west ramp to Marietta/Southern Poly. This will lead to South Marietta Parkway (120 Loop West). Follow South Marietta Parkway west to Cobb Parkway (Hwy. 41) and turn right. Go north to Roswell Street (the Big Chicken) and turn left. The Mansour Center is one block on the right.



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Open and Hospitable Adoption:

Creating Relationships That Work



*Atlanta, Georgia
November 7, 2008*

Registration Form

Mr/Mrs/Ms _____

Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip code

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail address:

Registration Fees:

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION BY 9/15/08

\$99.00 per person

\$125.00 per person -- after 9/15/08

Continental breakfast, lunch and snacks included

\$15 for CEU's. Please add to the total registration

Total Registration \$ _____

No onsite registration available. Registration must be received by October 24, 2008.



Please make your check payable to **Catholic Charities** and mail this form and payment before October 24, 2008 to the address below.

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Application has been made to the University of Georgia School of Social Work for 6 core CEU hours for social workers, licensed professional counselors and licensed marriage and family therapists.

Open and Hospitable Adoption: *Creating Relationships That Work*

Friday - November 7, 2008

Sponsored by: Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Inc.
Pregnancy, Parenting & Adoption Program

Featuring: Jim Gritter, MSW

Location: The Mansour Center
995 Roswell Street, NE
Marietta, GA 30060
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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, November 7, 2008

8:00a – 8:45a. Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:45a– 9:00a Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Jim Gritter, MSW

9:00a– 12:00p *“Aspirations: What Are We
Trying To Accomplish?”*

*“Open Adoption: What Are We
Talking About?”*

12:00p– 1:00p Lunch

1:00p – 4:00p *“Hospitality: Welcoming the
Stranger”*

*“Working with Differences;
Impediments, Limits, and
Complications”*

4:00p – 4:30p Closing Remarks

Keynote Speaker, **Jim Gritter, MSW**, along with a panel of “experts” (those involved in open adoptions) will provide a powerful framework for professionals who work with families created through adoption. Within the context of “hospitality”, this workshop will offer a fundamental understanding of open adoption and how and why it can work in a variety of situations. Discussion will also center on managing differences, impediments and issues between families. There will be ample opportunity for questions and answers throughout the day.

***Special session for adoptive families on Saturday, November 8, 2008. Call 404-885-7275 or email ssmith@archatl.com for more information**