

# Patricia Irwin Johnston, M.S.

**We are pleased to announce that Congresswoman Julia Carson and the Congressional Coalition on Adoption have named Pat Johnston one of 2007's Angels in Adoption for her years of service to parents, professionals and children touched by adoption.**

Pat Johnston is Perspective Press' publisher. She has been writing and speaking and advocating about infertility and adoption issues for nearly 30 years, beginning as a long-term volunteer in Indiana coalition building and with RESOLVE (for which she chaired the national board of directors for three years) and including several years on the national board of Adoptive Families of America. An innovative thinker, in 1979 Pat and two partners (Carol Hallenbeck, RN and reproductive endocrinologist Dr. William R. Keye, Jr., who was later president of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine) conceived of and planned what they later discovered had been the first consumer symposium on infertility held anywhere in the world! It became the model for the RESOLVE/Serono symposia series.



She was a regular columnist ("Growing Up Adopted: 0-2") for *Adoptive Families* magazine for over five years (ending in 2000.) Pat is an on-line expert for INCIID's Exploring Adoption and Expecting by Adoption and Parenting in Adoption bulletin boards. As well, she is a frequent contributor to many other magazines and newsletters. Her books include *Understanding Infertility: Insights for Family and Friends*, *Taking Charge of Infertility*, *(Adopting after Infertility, Launching a Baby's Adoption* which are both being replaced in fall 2007 by *Adopting: Sound Choices, Strong Families*), and *Adoption Is a Family Affair! What Relatives and Friends Must Know* and editing the poetry anthology *Perspectives on a Grafted Tree: Thoughts for those Touched by Adoption*.

Pat has been given several awards during her years in the infertility and adoption communities, including the 2006 Robert Todd Duncan award from Butler University to an alum whose personal or professional achievements bring honor to the University; a 2005 JCICS "110% Award" for above-and-beyond commitment to JCICS; and a 2004 Kaleidoscope Best of the Best Award (Consumer Watchdogs) from As Simple as That. Additionally, she received the 1992 Friend of Adoption award from the Adoptive Parents Committee of New York and New Jersey in 1991 Resolve, Inc, named its annual volunteer service award to a chapter volunteer in her honor; she received a 1989 Adoption Activist Award from the North American Council on Adoptable Children