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## **Fundraiser for PERL, Inc. Highlights National Foster Care Month**

**Thomas Brooks, Award-Winning, Bestselling Author of *A Wealth of Family*,  
Serves as Keynote Speaker to Promote Foster Care Awareness**

PHILADELPHIA, PA (May 1, 2007) — The May flowers are coming and wouldn't you like to help a child blossom during National Foster Care Month which is celebrated each May? Our clocks and seasons have changed and spring time may be an opportune time to bring change in your life and in that of a child. Have you ever thought about extending your family or being a foster parent to a child? If so, consider having a PERL in your life. A pearl is precious like a child and what better name for an organization spelled P-E-R-L, which is an acronym for Providing Effective Resources and Linkages for families and children, to help you with the process.

On **Thursday, May 17, 2007 from 7 to 9 p.m.** in the Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia at New Covenant's Campus, Elders Hall, 7500 Germantown Avenue, PERL Inc. for families and children is sponsoring an event to commemorate National Foster Care Month. This is an opportunity for you to learn about PERL Inc., the process of being a foster parent, and to hear bestselling author and native Pennsylvanian Thomas Brooks discuss his inspirational book *A Wealth of Family: An Adopted Son's International Quest for Heritage, Reunion and Enrichment*. Admission price will be \$15 and includes light appetizers and a complimentary copy of the award-winning book.

Brooks is an entrepreneur who co-founded the [MinorityProfessionalNetwork.com](http://MinorityProfessionalNetwork.com) in 2001, a leading global online resource for career, economic and lifestyle content. Brooks, an adoptee and former foster child, completed a successful search for his biological parents across three continents – North America, Europe and Africa. For more info on Brooks and his heartwarming book, visit: [www.AlphaMultimedia.com/PressRoom.htm](http://www.AlphaMultimedia.com/PressRoom.htm)

PERL Inc. for families and children was founded in the year 2000 and operated by women who are adoptive parents as an adoption, foster care, and children and youth agency. It is a private, independently operated, non-profit licensed social service agency in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. PERL's primary mission is to improve the quality of family life by providing assessment, placement, support to birth, foster care and adoptive families, and training and education programs for any family and child.

"At PERL, we strive to match children with families who want to create and ensure permanency, safe, secure, nurturing environments with a sense of place and belongingness, consistency and stability in the lives of children. We are always looking for good families for good kids", says PERL Executive Director Winona Boyd. To register for this event and for more information, contact Winona Boyd at (215) 247-8843 or visit the website at [www.perlinc.org](http://www.perlinc.org).

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