

DONATIONS/GRANTS/LOANS

We welcome donations: International Family Services has been granted 501(c)(3) non-profit status by the IRS. As such, IFS is able to accept donations and issue tax receipts. We welcome donations that will aid us in our mission to ease the suffering of the world's orphans.

One of the greatest humanitarian gestures a person can make is to help a family pay for an adoption. Unfortunately, the IRS does not allow taxpayers to deduct donations designated for payment of services rendered to a specific person (like paying for a child's education).

IFS cannot accept donations which are designated for specific adoptions: We believe this is necessary in order to preserve our 501(c)(3) status. Payments can be made on behalf of a family, but IFS will not issue donation receipts for such payments.

Your friends may still be able to donate to your adoption:

Kingdom Kids Adoption Ministries: Helps families raise money for adoption by establishing a channel for contributions from friends. Their Website is www.kingdomkidsadoption.org or call 509-465-3520

Child Adoption Funds: Helps families raise money for adoption by establishing a family foundation for friends and family to contribute towards adoption expenses. Visit: www.childadoptionfunds.org for more information.

Your Church: Ask your pastor/elders if your church can accept donations that can be used to help pay for your adoption. Your church may be willing to issue receipts and use the funds for your adoption.

OTHER FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Tax Credit: You may be eligible for the adoption Federal Tax Credit, which can reimburse you for as much as \$10,000 of your adoption costs. Consult your tax accountant to determine your eligibility. In addition, several states offer additional tax credits for adoption, including international adoptions.

Employers That Offer Adoption Benefits:

<http://www.adoptionfriendlyworkplace.org/employers.asp>

or contact your human resources department and see if your employer offers adoption benefits.

Oxford Adoption Foundation. Provides low-interest loans for families who have exhausted other financial options. Telephone: 239-430-6240 Website is www.oxfordadoption.com

National Adoption Foundation: Awards grants from \$500 to \$4000. Website is www.nafadopt.org

The Boatner Family Foundation: A small foundation which provides grants from \$1,000 up to \$10,000. For more information contact: The Boatner Foundation, P O Box 132272, The Woodlands, Texas 77393-2272.

A Child Waits: Loans are available for up to \$10,000 for one child. They assist families who can financially support a child and repay the loan, but who do not have the current funds to adopt. Website is www.achildwaits.org or call 413-499-3992.

Hebrew Free Loan Association/DOMOI Foundation: Provides loans of up to \$10,000 for Jewish families who wish to adopt. Website is www.hflasf.org//adopt-loans.html or call 415-546-9902.

First Union Bank Adoption Loan Program: Call 888-314-5437. An adoption loan program available to families who live in those states in which First Union operates.

Northwest Airlines Special Delivery Program: Significant fare discounts for international adoptions. Northwest Airlines and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines offer Special Delivery SM fares to families adopting children from any of our over 100 international destinations throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, India and the Middle East. When you have your travel dates and are ready to make a reservation, please call KLM/Northwest International adoption fare specialists at 1-800-322-4162 Mon-Fri 7:30 AM - 7:30 PM CST or visit www.nwa.com/features/adopt.

Military Adoption Reimbursement Program: Military non-recurring program is a one-time subsidy program for full-time military personnel. Adopting couples can receive up to \$2,000 reimbursement on adoption expenses for one child or \$5,000 for siblings. Eligible personnel should complete DD Form 2673 (Reimbursement For Adoption Expense). See Defense Finances and Accounting Service Instruction 1341.

Gift of Adoption: Awards grant from \$2,000 - 5,000. Website is www.giftofadoption.org.

Pathways for Little Feet: A 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization that provides interest-free loans to qualified adoptive families who need financial assistance to finalize their adoptions. Pathways for Little Feet works with families who adopt from all over the globe and is committed to creating a world in which every child belongs in a loving home. For more information visit www.pathwaysforlittlefeet.org or call 713-860-4981.