

International Family Services

Donor Policy Benefiting a Specific Child

International Family Services believes that rescuing a helpless child from a hopeless situation is one of the greatest humanitarian gestures a person can make. IFS does not consider any adoption donations it receives as benefiting an adoptive family, but rather, as helping a hopeless orphan child from a third-world country who desperately deserves a forever family.

To help implement this financial goal IFS is able to

- accept donations and
- make funds available to those who apply for adoption grants.

All funds generated become the property of International Family Services, a 501(c)(3) charity. While IFS cannot and will not guarantee that all funds received will benefit any one specific family's adoption expenses, IFS makes its best effort to provide for requested grant applications. Only a small percentage of each donation (7%) is kept for IFS administrative overhead and to fund other orphan related humanitarian programs.

Here is how to donate on behalf of an orphan's adoption.

The donor sends their gift(s) to IFS. Donors may specify the child they wish their donation to benefit. Should a specific child's adoption not be completed, for any reason, all funds donated, even in the name of a specific child, will remain with International Family Services for the adoption of another orphan child or other IFS orphan related humanitarian projects at IFS's discretion. IFS keeps up to 7% of all donations to cover overhead and to fund other humanitarian programs.

IFS will issue a tax-deduction receipt to the donor for the full amount of the donation. All donors must fully understand that they are making a donation to International Family Services and all donations become the property of IFS upon receipt even if a specific adoption is not completed, no matter the circumstance.

Donors not desiring tax deductible receipts may donate in the name of a specific family's adoption by merely sending their gift to International Family Services and IFS will pass the gift directly through to the benefit of the designated family, minus 7% processing fee. In this case no tax receipt will be issued.

To apply for an adoption grant.

Upon request by a family choosing to adopt an international orphan child, IFS will provide a grant application. Adoptive families may request funds for the adoption of a specific child, however, IFS cannot and will not guarantee that the applicant(s) will receive grant funds for the adoption of any one specific child.

The funds for an approved request are not given directly to the applicant(s) but will be sent by IFS to the adoption agency with which the family has contracted to complete their adoption, in most cases International Family Services. The adoptive family will be required to provide IFS a copy of their contract with their adoption agency should their agency be other than IFS. Approved grant funds will be made available to that agency on behalf of the adopting family after the adoptive family has officially committed to the adoption of a specific child.

International Family Services is a non-profit humanitarian organization incorporated in the state of Texas and is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. All qualifying donations are tax deductible and non-refundable.

Preferential Treatment

It is the policy of International Family Services that IFS shall not give preferential treatment to its board members, contributors, volunteers, employees, agents, consultants, or independent contractors with respect to the placement of children for adoption. – *Ref: 22CFR96.39(c)*

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