

Catholic Social Services

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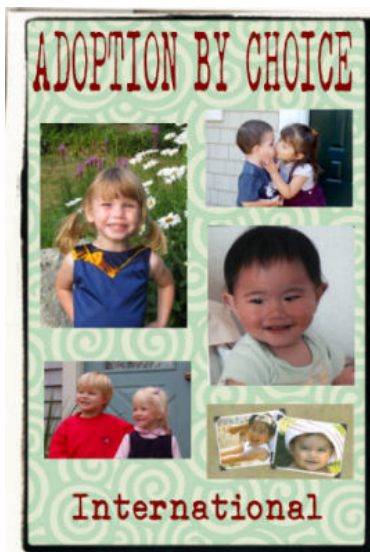
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ADOPTION BY CHOICE - INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS



Catholic Social Services has been working in the adoption field for over 80 years.

CSS began offering international home study services 15 years ago and we have since conducted hundreds of home studies for families adopting from abroad. Post-placement services and adoptive parent trainings are also an integral part of our international program.

Orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children in many parts of the world need love; they need the security of a forever family.

Although we believe that children are best raised in their own country and culture by loving individuals, this is not always possible. When such is the case adoption can give a child the commitment of loving and nurturing family who will provide the emotional support, guidance and educational opportunities leading to a bright, healthy and productive

future

Our highly qualified staff understands the need for professional and ethical services. Recently CSS was awarded [Temporary Hague Accreditation](#) by the Council on Accreditation. Our Adoption Program Coordinator is a trained Hague evaluator with a great deal of knowledge about all aspects of the Hague Treaty on International Adoptions, Convention Countries, and the many complex laws, regulations, documents, clearances, etc. involved with any international adoption.

We believe in providing objective, sensitive and supportive counseling to our prospective adoptive parents to assist them in gaining an understanding of the many issues involved in international adoption. For those unfamiliar with adopting internationally the process can seem daunting and complex. However, our experienced staff assists families every step of the way in meeting immigration, state and legal requirements for international adoptions. Each situation emphasizes the best interest of the children involved. Our Adoption Information Packet includes the adoption fee structure and more information about our adoption services. You can request a [packet by email](#) or by calling one of the phone numbers below.

CSS partners with primary providers with programs in many areas of the world including China, Ethiopia, Thailand, and the Ukraine.

PARTNERING AGENCIES

Catholic Social Services of Fall River, Inc, is able to partner with most primary providers having international adoption programs. When adopting from a Hague Convention country the primary provider must be Hague accredited. Below is a sampling of agencies CSS has successfully partnered for families adopting abroad. We will consider other providers on a case by case basis. The 'partnering agency' is the provider that locates a child in need of a permanent home and assists applicants with their dossier preparation, travel plans, etc. CSS, as the home study agency, provides full home study services, adoptive parent training and post-placement/post-adoption services.

Catholic Social Services
1123 South Church St.
Charlotte, North Carolina 28203
(704) 370-3262
(work in Russia only)

European Adoption Consultants
12608 Alameda Dr.
Strongsville, Ohio 44149
(812) 479-9900

Families Through International Adoption (FTIA)
400 Bente Court
Evansville, Indiana 47715
(812) 479-9900

Living Hope Adoption Agency
449 Pennsylvania Ave.
PO Box 579
Ft. Washington, PA 19034
(215) 540-8999

Faith International Adoptions
535 East Doc Street
Suite 103
Tacoma, Washington 98402
(253) 383-1928

Holt International Children's Services
PO Box 2880
Eugene, Oregon 97402
(541) 687-2202

Maine Adoption Placement Services
277 Congress St.
Portland, Maine 04101
(207) 774-4101

Tree of Life Adoption Center
9570 SW Barbur Blvd
Suite 304
Portland, Oregon 97219
(503) 244-7374

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All children pictured have been placed for adoption.

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