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RECOMMENDATION OF FAMILY ADOPTION CENTER

RECOMMENDATION OF MR. MATTHEW A. MANCUSO

PASSPORT NUMBER: 091081336

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Mr. Mancuso is very capable, willing and well-prepared to provide a stable and loving home. He has begun to make preparations for the arrival of a child. Mr. Mancuso is prepared to help his child develop an educated awareness and understanding of Russian culture and will help the child to identify with his/her heritage. He is committed to raising a child.

I have a Master's degree in Social Work and over fourteen years experience doing adoptions. I have the authority to conduct home studies for Family Adoption Center, a licensed adoption agency/home study agency in the State of Pennsylvania.

This agency hereby agrees to provide post-placement reports for a period of three (3) years.

Wendy Simpson ACSW
Name and Degree

Director
Title

State of Pennsylvania)
County of Allegheny)

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 21 day of November, 1997.

Roberta M. Mattheis
Notary Public

My commission expires: 12/28/98

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HOME STUDY - MATTHEW ALAN MANCUSO
PREPARED NOVEMBER 20, 1997

Matthew Alan Mancuso - Born July 3, 1958
158 Shearer Road
New Kensington, PA 15068
Home phone - (412) 335-3189
United States Citizen
Passport Number: 091081336

This home study is being performed at the request of Mr. Mancuso. He is in the process of adopting a child through an international adoption. The placing agency is a licensed agency in New Jersey, Families Through International Adoption. The phone is (609) 321-0777 and the contact is Ms. Jeannene Smith.

The home study is being prepared by Family Adoption Center, a licensed adoption agency. The interviews were conducted by a Master's degree licensed social worker with over fourteen years of adoption experience. The study was conducted in the office of Family Adoption Center and in Mr. Mancuso's home. It consisted of a written application, a medical statement from his physician, child abuse and criminal record checks, three reference letters, financial and income tax statements and intensive interviews with Mr. Mancuso.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Mr. Mancuso is a Caucasian male of Italian heritage. He is five feet, seven inches tall with a medium complexion, dark hair and hazel eyes. He weighs 145 pounds with an athletic build.



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Mr. Mancuso was born on July 3, 1958 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is the second of four children. is the oldest with and being the younger siblings. They are two years apart from each other.

Mr. Mancuso's mother was a registered nurse and his father owned and operated an Italian bread business. When Mr. Mancuso was a toddler the family moved to Verona, PA. Mr. Mancuso appears to have very positive memories of his childhood which included playing with his siblings and having extended family members only a few blocks away from their home.

Mr. Mancuso stated his home life was typical for children in the 60's and the family considered themselves middle class.

As a child, Mr. Mancuso enjoyed taking art classes along with music lessons. He was an accomplished accordion player as a young child due to his grandfather's influence. As a teenager he played the organ, trumpet, guitar and the drums. Mr. Mancuso played the drums for a high school rock group with his cousin and brother. They successfully had one paying job before breaking up the band.

Holidays and family gatherings were always important as well as fun events for the Mancuso family.

During Mr. Mancuso's preteen and teenage years the family made a series of moves due to his father's involvement in various businesses. There was a time they moved out of Pennsylvania to Chicago. They did return to Pennsylvania after several months. Mr. Mancuso stated that he and siblings adapted to the moves and learned to make friends and navigate new schools and communities during this time.

Mr. Mancuso stated he enjoyed his childhood and has fond memories of his youth.

Presently, Mr. Mancuso's is a healthy, active woman with her own business. She is years old and stated a pet kennel. She has also published a book on dog training. works with in the pet business. and also live close to them. Mr. Mancuso's died suddenly in 1986 due to brain aneurysm and that was a great loss for everyone.

Mr. Mancuso stated that his strengths are his ability to think logically, he is resourceful and creative. He stated that he views himself as being loyal and an easy-going personality. He stated he feels at times his shyness gets in the way of socializing with new people. He prefers to spend time with long time friends or his family.

He enjoys cooking for friends, playing with his computer, working on his investments. Riding his motorcycle is also a favorite pastime.

MARRIAGE

Mrs. Mancuso completed high school and Mr. Mancuso was offered a better position at the plant. This enabled them to return to Verona and be close to her parents. At the same time, Mr. Mancuso had stopped taking classes due to the added responsibilities of being a parent and the money needed to pay for tuition. Keibler Industries proposed a tuition plan for Mr. Mancuso and he returned to college majoring in mechanical engineering.

Mr. Mancuso has very strong memories about being a father to _____ and enjoyed his role. He continued to grow with responsibilities in the company and receive promotions.

In 1984 he and Mrs. Mancuso built their home where he still resides. He and _____ appreciated the rural setting while Mrs. Mancuso did not participate in the various adventures they would take such as walking in the woods behind their home or visiting the neighbor's horses.

When _____ was ten years the differences between Mr. and Mrs. Mancuso became more apparent. He stated he was always more of a "homebody" while she preferred the social scene. Mr. Mancuso stated he requested a divorce

The divorce was finalized in March of 1987 and they had been married almost eleven years. Mr. Mancuso remains positive about the marriage until the end. He immersed himself in his work to cope with the loss. By mutual agreement, Mrs. Mancuso returned to Verona to be near her family and to raise _____. Mr. Mancuso paid generous support and had weekend visits with his daughter.

As _____ entered her teenage years the weekend visits became fewer and fewer. She wanted to be near her school friends and participate in activities with them. At first, Mr. Mancuso would invite a friend or two to spend the weekend with them however _____ spent her time with her friends rather than her father. As she got older the closeness began to fade and by the time she graduated high school they only saw each other on birthdays and holidays.

This lack of relationship has been very difficult for Mr. Mancuso and he feels strongly that he will always be available to _____. He paid for her education at a culinary school. At this time she is twenty years old

ADOPTION

Mr. Mancuso wants to adopt a child as he strongly misses the parenting role that he had with his daughter. He very much wants to provide a strong home life for a child in need. Along with his desire to be a parent and his travels throughout the world have given him an appreciation of other cultures and the ability to help a child without a home.

Mr. Mancuso had spent a considerable amount of time researching adoption and discussing adoption with adoptive parents for the past six months.

He has discussed adopting a child with his family and they are supportive.

THE CHILD

Mr. Mancuso would like to adopt a girl between the ages of five and six of the Caucasian race. He is willing to consider a child with minor disabilities that can be corrected. He is also willing to take a child diagnosed with learning disabilities.

Mr. Mancuso feels that as a single parent adopting a young child and not an infant would be the best situation. He would prefer a daughter since he has experience with parenting a girl as he did with his daughter. He understands the adjustments that will be necessary in his life and he is prepared to make the changes to accommodate a young child.

Mr. Mancuso also understands that adoption brings challenges and issues that parents who give birth to a child do not have to manage. He is willing to seek professional assistance if necessary to aid him with the placement. Mr. Mancuso is eager to become a parent and has considered making changes in his work schedule to spend more time with the child he adopts. Some of his work he can do from his home office along with computer and fax support. He has already spoken to a local child care center that can provide extended day coverage while he is working.

RELIGION

Mr. Mancuso is of the Catholic faith. He no longer is an active member of a church at this time. He understands the importance of exposing a child to a religious faith and plans on doing this with the child he adopts.

EDUCATION / EMPLOYMENT / MILITARY SERVICE

Mr. Mancuso never served in the military.

Mr. Mancuso attended public grade and high school. He stated he has very fond memories of both grade and high school.

In high school Mr. Mancuso played football and was on the wrestling and track teams. He also was a member of the chess club. He took academic courses and would take the higher level math and science classes, often he was ahead of his other classmates. His grades were above average and upon graduation had taken calculus, physics, nuclear science, chemistry, biology and anatomy. At that time Mr. Mancuso was planning to attend college and becoming a chiropractor.

During high school Mr. Mancuso began working at the same company where he is now employed with the janitorial department. His job consisted of sweeping the floor, emptying the trash and scrubbing the bathrooms. Eventually he worked with other departments, the weld shop, the machine shop, the paint shop, the maintenance shop and the parts warehouse. He saved his money and before he graduated high school Mr. Mancuso had bought and paid for his first car, a used 1969 Firebird.

Mr. Mancuso is close to his nearest neighbors including one with four daughters.

Any child he would adopt would have their own room. Currently the room is a mix-match of furniture which he plans on replacing with appropriate furnishings for a young girl.

PETS

Mr. Mancuso does not own any pets. Mr. Mancuso did state that he considers himself sharing the neighbor's cat as the cat visits Mr. Mancuso on a regular basis and often leaves "gifts" for him.

CRIMINAL RECORD/CHILD ABUSE CHECKS

Mr. Mancuso submitted the required criminal record and child abuse checks for review. Both were negative and are included with this report.

REFERENCES

Mr. Mancuso submitted three references from friends and family members who have known him for years and can testify to his personality and ability to parent. All the references were very positive and favorable to Mr. Mancuso. All the references stated they believed Mr. Mancuso should be permitted to adopt. The references are included with this report.

MEDICAL

Mr. Mancuso is under the care of Dr. Perviz Heyat of the New Kensington Health Center. Dr. Heyat examined Mr. Mancuso on July 14, 1997 and determined he is in good general health with no problems to indicate that he should not be an adoptive parent. Mr. Mancuso's medical history and physician's statement are included with this report.

FINANCIAL STATUS

Mr. Mancuso's 1996 income tax return showed a total income of \$111,699. He included a financial breakdown of his assets and expenses. He carries no debts as his home is paid off and has no car payments. He has a four wheel drive vehicle and a motorcycle.

Mr. Mancuso carries medical insurance through his employer that provides comprehensive coverage with Blue Cross/Blue Shield/Select Blue program. He has life insurance along with significant pension and financial portfolio savings.

His employer Keibler Thompson Corporation submitted a letter stating Mr. Mancuso's current salary is \$115,000.00 per year.

The addition of a child to Mr. Mancuso's income will not be a hinderance financially to Mr. Mancuso. He lives well within his means and has significant holdings for his future.

All financial information is included with this report.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

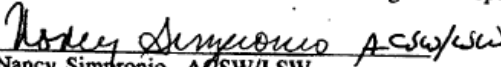
It is the recommendation of this licensed social worker that Mr. Matthew Mancuso be approved for the international adoption of a young child.

He is a caring, loving man who misses the parenting role that he had with his daughter. He is a highly moral individual and will provide not just a financially stable home but the ability to parent a child with values. He is committed to having a family and is willing to make the necessary adjustments to his home and to his lifestyle to insure that the best interests of a child are paramount.

Mr. Mancuso understands that at times as a single parent he may require the assistance of other support people. His mother and sister are willing and able to assist. One situation Mr. Mancuso needs to establish is to have a will written and provide guardians for his child he adopts. He has given this matter some thought and plans on asking long time friends of his who he admires for their parenting skills.

Mr. Mancuso is committed to contacting professionals if needed for help with either parenting or adoption issues.

Family Adoption Center is willing to conduct the required supervisory visits along with being a local support for Mr. Mancuso during the adoption process.


Nancy Simpronio, ACSW/LSW
Director

PA License # 000561-E



I, Nancy Simpronio, do hereby swear and affirm that the facts contained in the foregoing Home Study are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Nancy Simpronio ACSW/LSW
Nancy Simpronio, ACSW/LSW

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 21st day of

November, 1997

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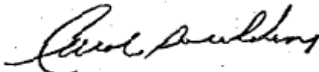
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August 20, 1997

This letter hereby verifies that Matthew A. Mancuso has been a full time employee of Keibler Industries, Inc. since November 1, 1976. It should also be noted that Mr. Mancuso was a part time employee for two years prior to that date.

Mr. Mancuso is currently a company Vice President in charge of Engineering and Equipment Sales. His average income for the last three years is \$115,000.00 per year.


Carol Goulding
Office Manager


State of Pennsylvania
County of Westmoreland

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the County and State, hereby certify that before me personally appeared, Carol Goulding, who acknowledged that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

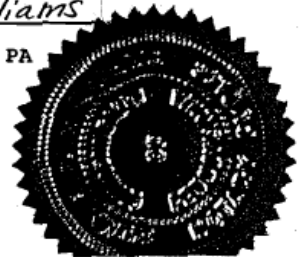
WITNESS my hand and notarial seal, this 17th day of Dec., 1997.

My commission expires:

March 13, 2000


Notary Public
Printed: Bonnie S. Williams
Residence of Notary Public
Westmoreland County, PA

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New Kensington, Westmoreland County
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September 12, 1997

Attn: To Whom It May Concern
Subj: Letter of Recommendation

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Matt Mancuso to become an adoptive parent.

I have known Matt for over eight years now. He was my immediate supervisor for six years, while I worked as a Design Engineer at Keibler Thompson Corp. and now as I work with Matt in an ongoing business relationship. He is a well-rounded individual, displaying intelligence, dedication, responsibility and also a sense of humor. Traits that are required to be successful not only in the business world, but also as a parent.

As the father of three young boys, I believe I have a good idea of what it takes to be a good parent. I think Matt would provide the same kind of lifestyle and atmosphere for a child that I would desire for my children, if someone else were to rear them.

Sincerely,

September 13, 1997

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in reference to Matt Mancuso, a long-time friend and colleague, who desires to adopt a child. We have known Matt for over 20 years, having met him through Keibler-Thompson Corporation, where he and Paul worked.

We believe that Matt would make an excellent parent for an adopted child. First, he is financially secure, has a nice home and a good job. Secondly, Matt's demeanor and personality are well-suited for children. He is a quiet, easy-going man who has the time and patience for children. But most importantly, we believe that Matt has a lot of love to give a child. We know that Matt is sincere about his commitment to adopt a child and is able to give a child lots of love and attention. He is able to provide a secure, comfortable, stable and loving environment to a lonely boy or girl.

Please feel free to call us if you have any questions regarding our comments.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENT

This examination is made in order that we may determine whether the applicant's physical health will permit him/her to adopt a child. The applicant's present, as well as future health, is of paramount importance and should be given serious consideration. For the most part, we ask that the physician use his or her own discretion as to the appropriateness of bloodwork, x-rays, or other tests. This form may be returned to the parent or mailed directly to the Alliance.

- 1. Patient's name: Matthew Mancuso DOB: 7-3-58 Ht: Wt: 148 1/2
2. General appearance: Good
3. Heart: RRR: no murmur Blood Pressure: 118/86 Lungs: clear
4. Hearing: good Vision: good Dental: N
5. Heart disease: NO Diabetes: NO Venereal disease: NO
Infectious disease: NO Alcoholism/other addiction: NO
Seizure disorder: NO Nervous disorder: NO
Allergies: Bee sting - not anaphylactic HIV-AIDS test (date and results): 7/16/97 NEGATIVE
6. Abnormal findings (please explain): NO
7. Has the patient any chronic disease that in your opinion would be detrimental to the supervision and care of children? NO If yes, please explain:
8. Is there anything in the patient's present state of health that would tend to shorten his/her life span? NO If yes, please explain:
9. In view of your finding, do you consider the patient physically competent to adopt a child(ren)? Yes
10. If the applicant has children, what is, to your knowledge, the state of health of each child? Has one daughter in good health

7/14/97
Date of Examination

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Physician's Signature

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