



**CARING HOMES
FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN**

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EVERYONE

Please join us

At a

CHOC family picnic 2005

on Sunday, June 26th

11:00 AM- 3:00 PM

*at G. Ross Lord Park
Area #2*

*Enter from Dufferin Street,
North of Finch*

http://www.city.toronto.on.ca/parks/parks_gardens/grosslord2.htm

*Guaranteed fun for children,
parents, family and friends.*

Bring a picnic.

We'll bring the clowns.

Please RSVP us at

info@chocadoption.com

Or at 416-630-2472

WE can't wait to see you all!

April & May Birthdays!!!

Aleksandr H. on your 2nd birthday on April 3rd
Sierra R. on your 7th birthday on April 6th
Alexandra G. on your 2nd birthday on April 8th
Dmitri P. on your 3rd birthday on April 10th
Marika C. on your 9th birthday on April 11th
Andrew L. on your 11th birthday on April 14th
Svetlana D. on your 14th birthday on April 15th
Alexey A. on your 14th birthday on April 15th
Dylan S. on your 6th birthday on April 16th
Joseph G. on your 11th birthday on April 17th
Sasha P. on your 4th birthday on April 20th
Rhetton K. on your 5th birthday on April 23rd
Sophia V. on your 5th birthday on April 23rd
Sofya P. on your 5th birthday on April 24th
Lauren M. on your 5th birthday on April 25th
Austin P. on your 9th birthday on April 27th
Natasha B. on your 3rd birthday on April 28th
Jacob K. on your 12th birthday on April 29th
Ethan M. on your 8th birthday on April 30th
Simon B. on your 7th birthday on May 2nd
Sophia W. on your 1st birthday on May 2nd
Gregory T. on your 7th birthday on May 3rd
Ethan D. on your 10th birthday on May 10th
Luke F. on your 7th birthday on May 10th
Daniel F. on your 4th birthday on May 11th
Jason S. on your 5th birthday on May 12th
Sierra A. on your 8th birthday on May 13th
Heyden V. on your 1st birthday on May 13th
Gregory R. on your 15th birthday on May 17th
Carson K. on your 1st birthday on May 21st
Olivia M. on your 4th birthday on May 25th
Braden P. on your 10th birthday on May 31st



Sorry if we missed yours! ☺

(Please let us know if we did and we'll include it at the head of the list next month.)

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Sponsorship and immigration of your child

Some basic facts to know about sponsoring your future child and other info regarding the immigration process.

To sponsor your child you first need to be accepted by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) as a potential sponsor. You can download the immigration forms and instructions from the CIC website at

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/applications/family.html>

It takes about 1-3 weeks to get your file reviewed. To try to make this process quicker we advise you to write on the CIC envelope: "RE: Child to be adopted". This should help to get your application prioritized.

After submission of all the forms and the supporting documents to the Case Processing Center, they will let you, and the visa office responsible for processing the application, know whether your undertaking has been accepted or refused.

The Case Processing Center will inform you of the results of their assessment of your sponsorship application and will send you the Immigrant's Guide, which you need to take with you overseas (In case you forget it, you will be provided with another one by the Canadian Embassy while there.)

After your child has been assessed by a DMP (Designated Medical Practitioner – designated by Citizenship and Immigration Canada), the results of his/her evaluation are forwarded to the regional Canadian medical services office of CIC for its review and approval.

When Canadian medical approval is received you must provide a statement confirming that you are aware about your child's medical

condition and are willing to proceed further with your child's adoption. (We will let you know when and how this should be done).

This document along with a letter obtained from your Provincial/ territorial authorities, stating that they have no objection to the adoption are forwarded to the Canadian Embassy of the country where you are adopting. Please remember that without this letter your court may not be scheduled.

After obtaining the court decree and other papers related to your child's adoption, the Canadian Embassy will provide a visa for your child's passport.

In Russia please do not be surprised if you will see that your child's name is spelled differently then you have spelled it in your own passports. This is because all names in Russian international passports are written according to French spelling. (This is no longer the case in Bulgaria, where within the past few years policy was set so as to provide personal spelling preferences on the passport.)

In the immigration document called "confirmation of permanent residency" under paragraph #39 you will see the correct spelling of the names. When you arrive in Canada, you will need to line up at immigration services to fill out various immigration forms. Please point out this paragraph #39 to ensure your child's correct spelling will appear in all his/her Canadian documents.

Following immigration, your next step will be to obtain your child's health (OHIP) and SIN cards. You can apply to/obtain them in the area of your residency. The permanent resident card you will get by mail.

After receiving a permanent resident card please do not forget to apply for Canadian citizenship for your child. Once again this can be done through the CIC website at

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/applications/minors.html>

It will take about one year for your child to become a Canadian citizen. Therefore please make sure that you have a visa for your child if you should decide to



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travel with him/her to any country where Russian or Bulgarian citizens require visas.

After receiving Canadian papers your child will have dual citizenship till he/she is 18 years old. In case of Russian adoption, once reaching this age, he/she will be required to choose between Canadian and Russian citizenship and should notify/consult with the Russian Consulate. In the case of Bulgaria, dual citizenship can be maintained.

NEWS from RUSSIA

Breaking news! Russia has begun renewing agency accreditations.

We expect ours any day now.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 4, 2005, Toronto -- One-day International Adoption Seminar. Prepare for adoption; medical issues; attachment; talking about adoption with your child; mixed race adoptions. Videos, presentations, hand-outs, breakfast, lunch. \$195/single; \$315/couple; +tax. Sofie Stergianis, International Adoption Centre, 416-483-0003, sofie@ica.net

June 5, 2005, Toronto -- "Laugh and Learn about Adoptive Parenting", workshop with Denise Goodman, trainer, consultant and presenter on parenting and child welfare issues. Co-hosted by the Adoption Council of Canada and the Adoption Council of Ontario. \$20. Refreshments 6 pm. Program 6:30-9:30. Joint annual meetings of ACC and ACO. ACO, 416-482-0021. ACC, 613-235-0344, 888-542-3678, acc@adoption.ca. Also, June 6: all-day session by Denise Goodman for professionals.

June 12, 2005, Toronto -- FACE family picnic. 11:30 - 2 p.m. Balmoral park, Almore at Faywood. Sportball, Jungle Gyms, Sand (bring your sand toys), Loot Bags. Bring a picnic lunch, food to share and a blanket (no picnic tables). By FACE (Families Adopting Children from Europe). Lisa, face.adopt@sympatico.ca; Louise, 416-484-4588.

June 15, 2005, Toronto -- Parenting After Infertility. Drop-in support group for women who are mothers after infertility, through birth or adoption. 6-8 pm, third Weds. of each month. Free. Women's Health Centre, 790 Bay St. (at College), 8th floor, Toronto. Jan Silverman, 416-351-3721, jan.silverman@swchsc.on.ca

October 8, 2005, Toronto -- International Adoption Seminar- Full day in-depth educational seminar. The course prepares parents for an effective transition for them and their child and also assists in learning to cope with potential adjustment difficulties that they and their child may experience. Examples of course topics include: Preparing for adoption and travel - emotional considerations, dealing with family and friends, positive adoption language; meeting your child; adjustment considerations - food, bath, language, etc; medical issues & child development; attachment & bonding; talking about adoption with your child. \$315 + GST (\$337.05) per couple/ \$195 + GST (\$208.65) single participant - includes breakfast, lunch and resource materials. Contact Sofie Stergianis to register (416) 483-0003, sofie@ica.net

October 29, 2005, London, Ont -- The Adoption Option – Educational seminar for families exploring adoption and interested in learning and preparing for the joys, adjustments and challenges of international adoption. Topics include attachment and bonding and becoming an interracial family. Register by e-mail or phone (519) 675-0362, danny.bell@sympatico.ca



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