



October 18, 2013

RE: Potential Referral of [REDACTED], to [REDACTED] family

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been contacted by [REDACTED], for whom I conducted a home study assessment. The [REDACTED] were thoroughly studied and were approved to adopt up to two children with medical needs including a cleft lip and/or cleft palate and hearing difficulties as well as a number of other possible issues.

I have received the referral information on [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED], and discussed it with them as well. The [REDACTED] have consulted with their family doctor, Dr. David J Henningsen, MD, who also reviewed the information and stated that he believes [REDACTED] would benefit greatly from joining the [REDACTED] family. The [REDACTED] consulted with Christine Christofferson, school psychologist at the school where [REDACTED] is employed. She also gave a positive recommendation. Dr. Dana Johnson, MD, PHD at the University of Minnesota Department of Pediatrics International Medicine Program and Clinic also reviewed the information from the [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED]. Dr. Johnson's review also provided links to area resources to support [REDACTED]'s placement in the [REDACTED] home.

In addition, [REDACTED] has experience working with people with disabilities, and [REDACTED] has been certified in Music Therapy, therefore spending much clinical time in the past with children and adults with disabilities. Also, [REDACTED] personally know a hearing specialist that attends their church and works at [REDACTED]'s school. [REDACTED] personally knows two speech therapists through her school, and the school would provide occupational therapy.

In working with [REDACTED] as their home study social worker, I found them to be very warm, gentle, and nurturing people. Their son, [REDACTED] has clearly benefitted from their time, attention and loving parenting. In my opinion, they would provide a wonderful family and home environment for [REDACTED] should placement with them be considered.



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The finances of the [redacted] family indicate they are frugal and good fiscal managers. Their resourceful nature will lead them through any areas of challenge, while keenly being focused on their desire for what is best for the child.

For [redacted], adoption has been a distinctive calling which they have felt for some time. They intentionally had chosen international adoption knowing that children are already born and waiting for families, and feeling drawn to becoming a family of mixed race and culture. While they are cautious to only agree to the child's needs they feel prepared to meet, they also strive to be fully open to God's plan, and know that any child is special and worthy of adoption. They believe that God will bring the child who He desires for their family to embrace in adoption to them, and they are unconditionally committed to parenting the child for a lifetime.

Any child the [redacted] adopt would be given unconditional love and acceptance, concentrated focus on management of any special needs, and an optimal future with many opportunities and encouragements along the way. Lutheran Family Service of Iowa offers our whole hearted support of their hopes to adopt through the Philippines. We are committed to providing them the support and follow up as necessary, including post placement services as required by the country and the state of Iowa.

Please feel free to contact me if I can offer any further information or insight, and thank you for your consideration of this family to become adoptive parents through international and special needs adoption.

Sincerely,

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May 23, 2014

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Re: [REDACTED], request for special consideration

To Whom It May Concern:

We are honored to give recommendation and approval for the home of [REDACTED] to be considered and approved for the adoption of [REDACTED] a preschool age child from the Philippines who is in need of a forever home and family.

[REDACTED] are approved for adoption by Lutheran Family Service of Iowa, and have been eagerly and prayerfully considering the child that would come into their family by adoption. They are joyful and enthusiastic that [REDACTED] is that child.

The [REDACTED] family is capable and prepared to meet the needs of any child, male or female, with moderate levels of disability, including but not limited to issues associated with Spastic Cerebral Palsy and Global Developmental Delays. In addition to the training and information they absorbed throughout the home study process, the [REDACTED] have already excitedly been researching the mentioned health conditions through self education and dialogue with their pediatrician and a professional from their community who works with these conditions and is a friend. [REDACTED] and their children have been mentally, emotionally, and practically preparing for a child with unique developmental and physical needs.

Within their home community, the [REDACTED] have numerous resources for children and families with unique needs, including developmental experts and counselors, their Area Education Agency with specific intervention/support services, their church family and friends for short periods of respite care if necessary. Many of the school personnel in their community are also friends of the [REDACTED] family.

Academically, [REDACTED] would consider home school if it seemed best, and had already seriously measured this option in the past with their children. This would especially be a consideration throughout the preschool and early elementary phase. [REDACTED] is a licensed teacher and would enjoy this journey and network with other families and resources to provide optimal educational opportunity. If special programming were necessary, they would want to make a way for the best alternative to be available.

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June 25, 2014

To Whom it may concern,

We are honored to give recommendation and approval for [redacted] to be considered and approved for the adoption of [redacted] and [redacted]. Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] are experienced parents with a strong support system. They are capable and prepared to meet the needs of two children of either gender up to the age of 4 years old with any level of moderate special needs and disability, including but not limited to global developmental delays. The [redacted] family recognizes that [redacted] and [redacted] could have additional special needs that haven't been identified and they are committed to loving them unconditionally and seeking the resources to parent and support these children. They live in an area that has excellent children's services and resources to meet any medical or emotional needs.

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] have completed over ten hours of training in international adoption topics. They are committed to developing strong relationships within their children by enhancing their positive qualities, leading them by example, and exposing them to opportunities. Mr and Mrs. [redacted] will help each of their children reach their full potential. They are financially equipped to provide for any additional services or care that may be recommended for [redacted] and [redacted].

Mrs. [redacted]'s family adopted eight children internationally and through that experience grew a heart for adoption. Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] have a strong support network in family members who have experience parenting children who were adopted internationally. The [redacted] family is also very active in their church and invested in the community. They are supported by the church in their decision to adopt.

Any children the [redacted] family adopt would be given unconditional love and acceptance, concentrated focus on management of any special needs, and an optimal future with many opportunities and encouragement along the way. It is my recommendation that the [redacted] family would be a wonderful adoptive family for [redacted] and [redacted].

Sincerely,

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