



# TDH (TERRE DES HOMMES) ONTARIO, INC

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## OUR HISTORY

TDH was originally founded in Montreal in 1976. After 30 years of completing hundreds of adoptions, an Ontario office was established in Vankleek Hill in 2006. The Ontario and Quebec offices operate as separate agencies as per provincial restrictions.

### Origin of the Name

TDH is the acronym for the French phrase “Terre des hommes” which is the title of a book by the French aviator/author/philosopher St Exupéry, who also wrote “The Little Prince”.

St-Exupéry created the phrase after viewing Europe from his open-cockpit airplane, and noticing that he could not see any national borders. The phrase literally translates to “men of the land” but implies that we are all members of one human family.

#### The TDH Family

The International Federation of Terre des hommes is located in Geneva, Switzerland and has national member agencies that operate autonomously.

TDH Canada is a federally registered Canadian charity that is responsible for raising funds to implement international projects that benefit children, such as new school construction and financial aid for food and medicine.

The two TDH adoption agencies in Canada that are loosely connected to TDH Canada are:

- 1) TDH pour les enfants, a Quebec-registered non-profit organization responsible for international adoption that works with Quebec residents.
- 2) TDH Ontario Inc. an Ontario-registered non-profit organization licensed by the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services under the Intercountry Adoption Act to facilitate intercountry adoption for the residents of Ontario and additionally the balance of Canadian provinces, excluding Quebec.

## MANAGEMENT & STAFF

Since the loss of our founder and Executive Director, Dorinda Cavanaugh, the Board of TDH Ontario has been focused on normalizing operations and ensuring that there is no disruption of services to our clients. To achieve this we put several changes into place. One was the appointment of Manon Parent as Acting Director and Lori Rosove as a consultant and mentor for Manon. The board intend to determine how best to proceed, to initiate a search for candidates and to complete the hiring process by the end of calendar 2016.

As of March 2016 Johanne Wagner became the new coordinator for the Vietnam program, her and her husband have adopted 3 times from Vietnam and her experience with special needs children makes her a great asset to our agency and to the families.

December 2015, received a grant from the Ontario Job Creation Partnership program in order to create a promotional package for our agency. Marina Harvey a graphic designer was hired for a period of 3 months and completed the project.

TDH Ontario & Existo Communication a Web hosting company signed a contract in order for the firm to take over the management of our website.

**TDH ONTARIO 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary Statistic  
2006 to June 23, 2016 Adoptions**

	HONDURAS	UKRAINE	USA	VIETNAM	HAITI
2006				1	
2007				36	
2008				27	
2009				27	
2010	1			28	
2011	1	2		10	
2012	2	2		15	
2013	2	3		14	
2014	0	2	1	13	
2015	1	1		13	
2016	0	1	0	2	1
	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>1</b>

*Haiti = Open in 2014*

## PROGRAMS UPDATE

The Bulgaria program was added to our roster of countries for which we have accreditation. However due to changes in Russian we have closed this program permanently. The number of countries we are now working with is 6.

### Vietnam

At this time, our agency is still waiting for Vietnam accreditation that expired Dec 31st 2016; we are being told by our representative that it should come in the next month. For this reason, TDHO is not accepting new registration to the program until we have received the accreditation. Despite this situation, the DA is continuing to work with us; and 2 adoptions were completed since January 2016. Just this month we received an ART.16 for a family that had been matched for over a year and who will be travelling in July to complete their adoption.

As per 2014 agreement with Gloria Varghese, TDH Ontario Inc. is no longer requesting a donation to the Vietnamese orphanage from its contract.

Our program is strictly open to families interested with the adoption of a child with a special need health status.

We have presently 4 children that were assigned to our agency for almost a year, they are children with a moderate to severe health condition, our agency continues to support those children as we have no match with the families on our waiting list that are opened for these conditions.

Our coordinator travelled to Vietnam last April and will be returning in December 2016.

## Haiti

TDH no longer works with specific orphanages, as child assignments are made directly by IBESR.

IBESR has requested for the accredited agencies to help improve life condition of the older children remaining in the orphanages. In order to help those children TDHO would like to submit a summer vacation tentative project to the IBESR later this year. It would allow children of 6 to 15 years old to come and live a positive experience with a Canadian family for an estimated time of 3 to 4 week period.

Our organization have good ongoing relationship with IBESR and its Director Mrs. Villedrouin, for this reason Isabelle is able to get information ahead of time before it comes out official, In fact she was made aware that the existing adoption quota will be increased starting October 2016 and IBESR is in the process of hiring 10 new employees to reduce the delay in the adoption process.

After our first adoption last April, our coordinator met with Mrs. Lyle of the Embassy of Canada in Haiti. They were able to establish and standardize a document system that will considerably reduce the time of processing a visa for the next adoptive family.

Our coordinator travelled to Haiti 3 times in 2015 and twice this year, she is planning to travel back in August and submit in person our accreditation renewal file.

## Ukraine

Despite the politic tension in Ukraine, the adoption process in this country has remained stable since the two problematic regions of Lugansk & Dontsk were suspended for international adoption. TDH has been extra careful to make sure families are constantly accompanied by our in-country team throughout each step of the process.

The Ukraine Consult of Ottawa provided to our agency information concerning the amount of children that were adopted last year (2015). 29 children were adopted in Canada and 22 of those children adoptions were done from TDH in Montreal and 1 from Alberta. All of these adoptions have a successful story of their own. Considering the reality of the International

adoption being that the IAA children is decreasing every year which brings up the waiting period, the children available now are much older than before. We at TDH think it's important for families to know about the Ukraine program and its particularities. And in that sense our agency will definitely be more active in the next year in promoting this program which we are confident with.

## **Bulgaria**

TDH continues to promote this program, we have received inquiries but no family have completed the registration with our agency.

Our coordinator travelled to Bulgaria on Sept 2014 to meet with the Our Family agency and plans to returning beginning of 2017.

## **USA**

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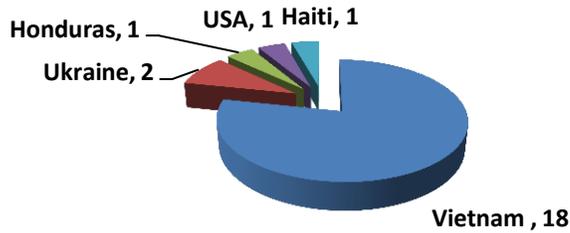
## **Honduras**

TDH continues to promote this program, we have received inquiries but no family have completed the registration with our agency.

The children available are over 5 years and older and the waiting period is approximatively 4 years and more.

- Last year in July 2015, José Garcia our accountant went to Honduras and met with our in-country representative and established a contact with Mrs. Enma Elvir a lawyer and a representative for DINAF.

### Adoption Completed October 1st, 2014 to April 20, 2016



## STRUCTURE, ADMINISTRATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS

### Our Administration Team



**Manon Parent**  
Interim Director



**Agathe Bélanger,**  
Administration Officer



**José Garcia**  
Controller

## Our Programs Coordinators



**Emilce Svetlitza**  
Honduras / USA  
Program Coordinator



**Nadia Luts kaya**  
Ukraine / Bulgaria  
Program Coordinator



**Isabelle Coutou**  
Haiti  
Program Coordinator



**Johanne Wagner**  
Vietnam  
Program Coordinator

### Board of Directors

- Marlene Alt, President
- Mat Braganca, Vice-President
- Brendan Cavanaugh, Secretary
- Jose Garcia, Treasurer
- Katherine Rouleau, Member

### Intercountry Staff

- Martha Montaya, TDH Representative in Honduras
- Kseniya Myslyvets, TDH Representative in Ukraine
- Caleb Girodier, TDH Representative in Haiti
- Thuy Tran Bich, TDH Representative in Vietnam
- Nguyen Thi Cam Loan, TDH Representative in Vietnam

## Complaint Procedure

Complaints about any part of the adoption procedure or decisions of the agency are always taken seriously, and an effort is made to reach a satisfactory conclusion to any problems. Individuals with complaints are welcomed and encouraged to first address their concerns to the agency directly. Subsequently complaints may also be channeled through the President of the Board of Directors of the agency, Mrs. Marlene Alt ([doug.mar@sympatico.ca](mailto:doug.mar@sympatico.ca)).

## Communications

Lee-Anne Maier, Newsletter Editor

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## Financial Statements

- Our financial statements prepared by our accountant, Jose Garcia and audited by Chris Schreindorfer, CPA.

## CONCLUSION

We hope this report has given you a “snapshot” of who we are and our accomplishments, challenges, and goals for and the future. We welcome you to contact us with your comments and questions.

Respectfully yours,



Manon Parent, Interim Director  
TDH (Terre des hommes) Ontario, Inc.

N.B. The statistics in this report include all adoptions done by TDH Ontario, including those done in other provinces.