



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 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.

OUR PROGRAMS

Vietnam

Our Vietnam accreditation is valid until Dec 23rd, 2021.

Year to date, we have completed 1 adoption.

In 2019, the DA reduced 3 groups of classifications to 2 groups based on the availability of the children's health conditions, and quotas for each agency per classification.

Group 1 – healthy and minor to moderate medical conditions, our quota is 3 children per year.

Group 2 - severe medical conditions and our quota is unlimited per year.

Vietnam Criteria

- Open to married couples or single applicants
- Applicants must be 25 yrs. or older
- Either gender
- Available children between 1-4 yrs. old
- Older children available (faster to process)

Estimated cost for an adoption

USD \$ 18,200

CAD \$ 19,200

Ukraine

Year to date, 1 family has completed their adoption; 4 families have registered with the program and are in the process of completing their dossier.

Ukraine Criteria

- Open to married couples only
- Applicants must be 25 yrs. or older
- Either gender
- Single child between 5-12 yrs. old
- Sibling groups between 0-12 yrs. old available
- Sibling groups are common

Estimated cost for an adoption

USD \$ 14,500

CAD \$ 21,750

Bulgaria

TDH is affiliated with “Our Family” the Bulgarian agency and relies on their credentials, and expertise in the country to facilitate TDH’s adoptions.

We have 4 families registered with this program and they are in varies stages of their adoption.

Bulgaria Criteria

- Open to married couples or single applicants
- Applicants must be 25 yrs. or older
- Either gender
- Available children between 2-5 yrs. old
- Older children available (faster to process)
- Special needs children available (faster to process)

Estimated cost for an adoption

EURO € 8,200

CAD \$ 20,000

United States

One family completed 1 adoption this year, and we have currently 3 families registered with the program whom are awaiting a match with birth mothers.

The program continues to work through our partnership with the FFTA agency, located in New York State.

USA Criteria

- Open to heterosexual or same-sex couples and single applicants
- Applicants must preferably be between the ages of 30 to 50 yrs. old
- Open adoption
- Newborn babies

Estimated cost for an adoption

USD \$ 60,000

CAD \$ 14,000

Honduras

On July 1st, 2019 the country implemented the Hague convention regulations and the transition is smoothly progressive. We expect DINAF to provide updates and will adapt to the new legalisation in early 2020.

Year to date, no adoptions were completed. We presently have 14 families registered in the country.

The waiting period for a child proposal is approx. 2 to 3 years.

Honduras Criteria

- Open to married couples or single women only
- The applicant must be 25 to 60 yrs. old
- Either gender
- 2 yrs. and older
- Sibling groups are common
- Special needs children available

Estimated cost for an adoption

USD \$ 12,550

CAD \$ 22,150

Haiti

2019 was a difficult year for Haiti, they experienced many months of civil unrest that affected all services in the country. At this time, the government seems to have taken control of the situation, and our agency is conducting business as usual with constant monitoring of the situation.

Despite the challenges in Haiti, this year TDH was able to complete 11 adoptions. We have currently 26 families waiting to receive child proposals.

Haiti Criteria

- Open to single applicants between 35 to 50 yrs. old
- Either gender
- Available children are 18 months old and up
- Sibling groups and twins are common
- Special needs children available
- Two trips to Haiti are required

Estimated cost for an adoption

USD \$ 21,833

CAD \$ 26,150

STRUCTURE, ADMINISTRATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Our Administration Team



Manon Parent
Director



José Garcia
Controller



Nadia Luts kaya
Ukraine / Bulgaria
Program Coordinator



Manon Parent
Haiti/USA/Vietnam/Honduras
Program Coordinator

Board of Directors

- Wendy DeVries, President
- Mat Braganca, Vice-President
- Rosalind Chan, Secretary
- Kevin Maynes, Treasurer
- Marlene Alt, Member
- Erin Maynes, Member

Intercountry Staff

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

Complaint Procedure

We want to ensure that you are completely satisfied with the adoption process when you work with TDH Ontario Inc. As a client, you are receiving this policy, along with our Fee Agreement, so that you are aware of the complaint procedures prior to retaining our services. If at any time throughout the process you believe that any of the services or activities of TDH Ontario Inc. (including its use of supervised providers) raise an issue of compliance with The Hague Convention, the Intercountry Adoption Act (IAA) or the regulations implementing the IAA, you should communicate your concerns directly to the employee of TDH Ontario Inc. with whom you have the complaint.

If, after your initial verbal communication, you are still not satisfied, please speak directly with Manon Parent; the Director. If still not resolved within five (5) business days, you must submit a signed and dated written complaint to the Director and provide a copy to the President of the Board of Directors. The Director will then have 30 days to respond in writing to your request. (An expedited review in 10 days will be provided for complaints that are time-sensitive or involve allegations of fraud).

If you are dissatisfied after receiving a response from the Director, you may continue the process through TDH Ontario Inc.'s Board of Directors or you may contact the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. You may file a complaint form or write a letter that

fully explains your concern. Submit copies of all letters and papers that explain your complaint to:

Private and International Adoptions
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
Client Services Branch
101 Bloor Street West, 6th Floor,
Toronto, ON M5S 2Z7

TDH Ontario Inc. permits any prospective adoptive parent, or adoptive parent, or adoptee to lodge a signed and dated complaint about any of TDH Ontario Inc.'s services or activities (including its use of supervised providers) that he or she believes raises an issue of compliance with the Convention, the IAA, the regulations implementing the IAA and Provincial Laws directly with TDH Ontario Inc. TDH Ontario Inc. advises such individuals of the additional procedures available to them if they are dissatisfied with TDH Ontario Inc.'s response to their complaint. No person may be discouraged from, nor retaliated against in any way, for: voicing or filing a written complaint; expressing a grievance; providing information in writing or interviews to an accrediting entity TDH Ontario Inc.'s performance; or questioning the conduct of or expressing an opinion about the performance of TDH Ontario Inc

Communications

Agathe Bélanger, Website Master.

Financial Statements

- Our 2019 financial statements prepared by our controller, Jose Garcia, and audited by Chris Schreindorfer, CPA is available on request.

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, Executive Director
TDH (Terre des Hommes) Ontario, Inc.