

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.

Management & Staff

- 3) We have recently hired an administrative assistance by the name of Christine Cernivz to help facilitate our programs.
- 4) As of January 2017, Johanne Wagner has taken over the USA program.
- 5) As of September 2017, Johanne Wagner has taken over the Honduras program.

PROGRAMS UPDATE

Vietnam

Our Vietnam accreditation is valid until Dec 31st 2018. At this time we have accomplished 6 adoptions in 2017.

In November 2017, the DA unofficially advised our Representative that the DOJ of each province will provide a list of children for adoption to the DA and DA will assign them to the agencies according to their quota. As a result, the agencies will visit the orphanages and arrange for the medical, etc.... for the available children. We are currently waiting for the official release to restructure according. We will forward it to you when we have received it.

Our program continues to be open to families interested with the adoption of a child with special needs. The majority of the children's health status profiles are of minor/correctable condition.

Our coordinator Johanne and I travelled to Vietnam in June 2017; we meet with Mrs. Hao the director of the DA in Hanoi. She shared their interest in accepting a few specific religious orphanages for Inter Country Adoption. They believe this would increase the Intercountry adoption rate and give an opportunity for healthy children as well.

Vietnam Criteria

- Open to married couples or single women
- Applicants must be 25 yrs. or older
- Healthy boys and girls
- Children between 2-5 yrs. old available
- Older children (faster to process)
- Special needs children available

Haiti

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

In May 2017, Manon Parent became the acting program coordinator and the TDH registration was put on hold in order to concentrate in reducing the processing time of our TDH's waiting list.

We are currently finalizing dossiers that were deposited in 2015 and we will not reopen the program until these families have received their proposals.

Haiti Criteria

- Open to single applicants (male/female) between 35 to 50 yrs. old
- Healthy boys and girls
- 12 months to 12 yrs. old
- Siblings and twins are common
- Special needs children available
- 2 trips to Haiti are required

Ukraine

The reputation of our Ukraine program is solid. The central authorities are pleased with our professionalism towards how we prepare our dossiers and families.

We currently have 4 families registered and 1 family in the country to complete their adoption.

Once a dossier has been deposited in the country, it usually takes 3 months for the family to travel in Ukraine to complete an adoption.

Ukraine Criteria

- Open to married couples
- Applicants must be 25 yrs. or older
- Healthy boys and girls
- Children between 2-12 yrs. old available when adopting a sibling group with a child that is at least 5 yrs. or older
- Lots of siblings available
- Choose and meet child prior to adoption

Bulgaria

TDH is affiliated with the “Our Family” Bulgarian agency and relies on their credibility and expertise.

Nadia Lutskaya, our coordinator will be travelling in 2018 along with the SAI from Quebec; she will be meeting with our Associates “Our Family” agency and will also be planning to visit orphanages.

Bulgaria Criteria

- Open to married couples or single women
- Applicants must be 25 yrs. or older
- Healthy boys and girls
- Children between 2-5 yrs. old available

- Older children (faster to process)
- Special needs children available

United States

In Jan 2017, Johanne Wagner took over the program.

Two families have registered this year; both have finished their in country-dossier and are currently waiting for a match.

USA Criteria

- Open to heterosexual or same sex couples and single applicants
- Applicants must preferably be between 30 to 50 yrs. old
- Open adoption
- Newborn babies
- Our program through our partner agency covers most States

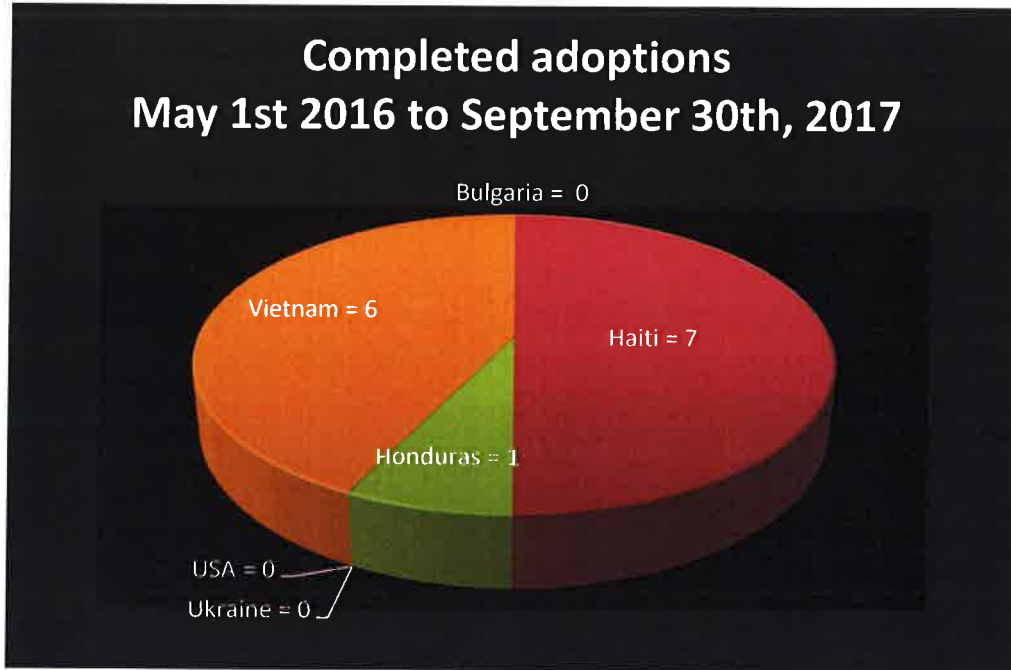
Honduras

We have 1 family who completed an adoption, 1 family who received a proposal and 1 family who just registered with TDH Ontario Inc.

The waiting period is approximatively 2 years and more.

Honduras Criteria

- Open to married couples or single women
- Applicant must be 25 to 50 yrs. old
- Boys and girls over 5 yrs. old
- Siblings are common
- Special needs children available



STRUCTURE, ADMINISTRATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Our Administration Team



Manon Parent
Interim Director



Agathe Bélanger,
Administrative Officer



José Garcia
Controller



Christine Cernivz
Administrative Assistant

Our Programs Coordinators



Johanne Wagner
Vietnam / USA / Honduras
Program Coordinator



Nadia Luts kaya
Ukraine / Bulgaria
Program Coordinator



Manon Parent
Haiti
Acting Program Coordinator

Board of Directors

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

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. Wendy DeVries (wendydevries@sympatico.ca).

Communications

Lee-Anne Maier, Website Master.

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, Executive 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.