



## Eternal Family Program

When making the decision to adopt many families are often discouraged by the cost. If you have prayerfully considered adoption and believe it is a step you are being led to take, the Eternal Family Program will be of assistance to you. It is a partnership between you, America World, and your church, business, friends or family.

America World will accept contributions on your behalf and will provide an email to donors, which will substantiate that the funds have been received by America World.\* You will be copied on the correspondence so that you can keep track of the amounts given and to follow-up with your own thank-you note. Regarding tax deductibility, America World suggests that the amount claimed as a tax deduction by donors, if any, should be discussed with a tax professional. America World will not issue a tax receipt as our agency does not make a recommendation as to whether or not Eternal Family Contributions qualify as tax-deductible contributions under the Internal Revenue Code.

The funds you raise may be used for any adoption-related fee that is paid directly to America World. Unfortunately, we are unable to distribute EFP funds for fees owed to third parties. In the event that a family raises funds in excess of their adoption costs, America World will retain the excess funds to be used for furthering its mission to serve the world's orphans.

You are welcome to use the following sample letter as a means to present this opportunity to your friends and family. Families can donate either by check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to America World Adoption Association (AWAA), and both the check and "Eternal Family Program" form should be sent directly to America World Adoption Association, Attn: Accounting Dept. 6723 Whittier Ave., Suite 202, McLean, VA 22101. Credit card contributions can be made online at [https://www.awaa.org/give/general\\_donation.aspx](https://www.awaa.org/give/general_donation.aspx). "Eternal Family Program" should be selected from the drop-down field and the designated family field completed.

America World hopes that this program is a blessing to you and an encouragement to those who financially partner with you. We are excited for you to soon experience the blessing of adoption!

*\*Please note that an administrative fee of 5% will be charged to offset processing fees and the work of America World staff in tracking and accounting for all contributions. In the event that your family raises money in excess of your adoption costs, the excess funds shall be retained by America World to be used toward furthering its mission to serve the world's orphans.*

# Eternal Family Program - Sample Letter

<Date>

Dear Friends and Family,

We are currently in the process of adopting a little <boy/girl> from <country>, and we are excitedly working through the mounds of paperwork to bring our child home! As many of you know, the financial considerations are significant and will cost us around <amount>.

Our agency, America World Adoption, has a program called the "Eternal Family Program" which enables family and friends to contribute toward the cost of our adoption. Of course, we present this to you as an opportunity and not an obligation. If you feel led to partner with us financially, America World will accept contributions on our behalf and will provide a letter or email to you which will substantiate that the funds have been received by AW. Regarding tax deductibility, America World suggests that the amount claimed as a tax deduction, if any, should be discussed with a tax professional. America World will not issue a tax receipt or statement regarding the deductibility of the donation as a tax-deductible gift.

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Thank you for considering partnering with us financially. We understand that not all are led to give financially, but we do ask everyone to join us in prayer through this process. We cannot wait to bring our child home.

In Christ,

John and Jane Smith

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Name of Adopting Family you want to support:

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Please record your name, address, phone number, and the amount of your contribution in the box below. Please include this form with your check. Checks should be made payable to America World Adoption Association (AWAA).

On behalf of the adoptive family, we thank you for your support!

Your name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Your email address:

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Your address:

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code:

\_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number:

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Please indicate the amount of your contribution:

- \$20       \$50       \$100       \$200  
 \$500       \$1,000      \$\_\_\_\_\_ Other

- Please check here if you would like your donation to remain anonymous.
- Please check here if you do not wish to receive future information on how you can partner with us in the mission of serving the world's orphans.

*On occasion, adoptive families may raise support in excess of their fees. In such cases, the excess funds shall be retained by America World to be used toward furthering its mission to serve the world's orphans. An administrative fee of 5% will be charged to offset processing fees and the work of America World staff in tracking and accounting for all contributions.*

*America World recommends that you consult a tax professional regarding the deductibility of your contribution.*

*Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless, Psalm 82:2*