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## **Adoptive Family Disclosure**

We here at Reece's Rainbow are excited about your desire to adopt one of our precious waiting children with Down syndrome or other special needs through our ministry. We are grateful that you understand the need to ensure your preparedness and to best protect the children from being on hold for several months for a family who is not able to complete the adoption.

We work very hard to raise grant funds for every child, but these funds are only available at the end of the process to pay for final costs such as airfare, final agency fees, etc. Families interested in making a commitment must have the initial costs/fees available prior to commitment. It is easy to decide you really want to adopt, but not always so easy to accept that you may simply not be in a position to do so, for various reasons.

Please complete this disclosure honestly and promptly, sign it and have it **notarized**, and return to us via fax at 240-241-7871. All information is held in the strictest of confidence. Your truthful and upfront responses are not used to judge your family's ability to parent. Certain issues or histories do not automatically disqualify you from adopting, but we do need to know about them so we are prepared moving forward.

A copy of this signed disclosure will be shared with your social worker for their records.

Please INITIAL on each line to indicate your agreement and understanding of each item. Please SAVE THIS DOCUMENT to your own hard drive and complete it, then print, sign, notarize, and fax to 240-241-7871.

**TODAY'S DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

We, \_\_\_\_\_ are officially committing to adopt \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We understand that this application is a commitment to a child for **grant purposes only**. The process of placing a legal hold on an orphaned child is handled by your licensed child placing agency and/or independent facilitator *at the time of dossier submission*. This child does not and can not be "ours" until after the court hearing in country.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We understand that all children advocated for through Reece's Rainbow are **legally cleared and available to be adopted internationally** at the time they are posted. However, at any time, a child can be adopted domestically, taken into foster care, adopted by other families outside of RR, pass away, etc. We are aware that the child we hope to adopt may not be available when our dossier is ready, and that we need to keep our hearts and minds open to other children and other diagnoses.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We understand we **can not make any public or blog announcements** regarding our intended child until all agency and RR applications have been submitted and approved.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We understand that grant funds from Reece's Rainbow will be disbursed after our dossier has been submitted and we have been invited by the foreign officials to travel. Grant funds can be used for such costs as airfare, agency fees dues at that time, in-country expenses (facilitation fees, etc). Any costs prior to this time (home study, initial agency fees, dossier translation and submission, etc) are our responsibility and must be paid promptly by us so as not to delay the adoption.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We understand that grant funds must be applied for prior to COURT, and will be reallocated to another waiting child if an app has not been received prior to that time.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We understand that Reece's Rainbow can accept donations for our adoption up until we are home with our newly adopted child. Funds received after that time will be reallocated to another waiting child or the Voice of Hope fund.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We confirm this agency/social worker is licensed in our province to perform international home studies.

The name of our social worker is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Their phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Their contact/e-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We hereby authorize our home study social worker to speak confidentially with representatives from Reece's Rainbow (and vice versa) regarding our approval or any concerns/questions that may arise during the process.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We understand that a final copy of our **home study must be e-mailed** to Reece's Rainbow to complete our application and eligibility for grant funds. Fax: 240 241 7871

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We confirm we are **under contract with a licensed child placing agency**. The name of this agency is \_\_\_\_\_. Our contact there is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Their email address is \_\_\_\_\_.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We understand that **forward progress** must be made at \*all times\*, and any delays (which do happen!) must be communicated to RR.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We understand that the expected time of **dossier submission** is within 9 months of commitment.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We understand that if our adoption is not complete **within 20 months**, families must re-submit their application to retain eligibility for grant funding. All circumstances will be considered in the decision to renew the application.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We confirm we are **able to travel** as stated and required by our country of choice to complete the adoption.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We confirm that we have made arrangements for the **care of our existing children** while we are away.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We disclose that we DO/DO NOT have **time constraints**, or a certain period of time during the year when we can not travel. We need assistance in scheduling our travel for the requested times.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We disclose there IS/IS NOT a history of **mental health concerns**, including even mild depression, situational/post partum depression, anxiety, ADHD, bipolar, suicidal concerns, etc. If you are currently taking anti-depressants, please let us know that prior to submitting this application so we can discuss the options.

If there is a HISTORY, please describe here:

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We disclose there IS/IS NOT a **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND**, including juvenile convictions, motor vehicle violations, drug/alcohol violations, time spent in mental health facilities, etc.

If there is a HISTORY, please indicate all of those here, with dates and details of the circumstances. Any violent crimes, domestic violence, or crimes involving children will most likely not be approved by the foreign officials.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We understand that should we decide to **change agencies or facilitators** during our adoption process, we must notify Reece's Rainbow immediately and in writing. We will provide the full name and contact information of the new agency or facilitator, and submit an addendum to our grant application indicating this change. We are still eligible for grant funds regardless of which agency or facilitator we use.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We understand that should we **fail to disclose required information or provide false information** at any time throughout our adoption process, Reece's Rainbow reserves the right to terminate our application and hold any donated funds as a grant for that child. *Failing to disclose information or falsifying any legal documents is a serious offence in Canada*, and will be treated as such with regards to any grant eligibility.

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ We understand that **clear, regular communication** regarding any questions, concerns, agency issues, status updates, progress/delays, funding concerns, etc is crucial to the success of our adoption.

Your signatures:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Father)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mother)

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME**

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

In \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Application received by Reece's Rainbow on date:

Reviewed and approved by: