

## FUNDRAISING

### ADOPTION BRIDGE

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[www.adoptionbridge.org](http://www.adoptionbridge.org)

AdoptionBridge is a website where you can tell your adoption story, post pictures, videos, and keep people informed about what's going on. You can accept donations from your friends and family, and these funds are sent to Nightlight. Set up a page for your adoption, and then send the link to all your friends, church members, family, etc.

### ADOPT TOGETHER

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[www.adopttogether.org](http://www.adopttogether.org)

Adopt Together is a website where you can tell your adoption story, post pictures, videos, blogs and keep people informed about what's going on. You can accept donations from your friends and these funds are sent to Nightlight. Set up a page for your adoption and then send the link to all your friends, church members, family, etc.

### A MOTHER'S LOVE

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[www.amotherslovefundraising.com](http://www.amotherslovefundraising.com)

An adoptive mom who helps people all across the country through fundraising to defray the cost of their adoptions. She will supply fundraising flyers and catalogs at no charge.

### KINGDOM KIDS

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[www.kingdomkidsadoption.org](http://www.kingdomkidsadoption.org)

Kingdom Kids has developed a program by which prospective adoptive families raise funds for their adoption. Once you decide on an agency and program the process of fundraising can begin. The first step is to obtain a fund raising packet. Next you will develop a support letter which explains your situation and the details of your adoption and send to your prospective donors. All donations are sent directly to KK, are tax-deductible and are used at Kingdom Kids discretion.

### **Additional Information**

### ZOE FOUNDATION

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[www.zoefoundation.org](http://www.zoefoundation.org)

This organization assists families who are adopting children with Down syndrome.

[www.embracingorphans.com](http://www.embracingorphans.com)

A Ministry who has established relationships with artisans in eight countries. Host a home fundraising party and keep 25% of the proceeds toward your adoption expenses.

### **Making Donations Toward An Adoption**

Family and friends can make a donation toward an adoption by donating to a non-profit organization, which, in turn, will contribute to your adoption. For donors to receive a tax deduction, they must make their checks payable to the non-profit organization. DONORS MUST NOT WRITE the adoptive family's name on the check. The donor can place the adoptive family or child's name on a sticky note and then place it on the check. Adoptive families CANNOT donate toward their own expenses. However, ask your agency if any part of the agency's fees is tax-deductible donations.

As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the organization or agency collecting the funds must have complete control over the funds and is in no way obligated to place the donated funds toward the adoptive parents' adoption expenses. If the family for some reason does not proceed with an adoption, then the donations cannot be returned to the donor.

If a family member is 70 ½ or older, there is a further incentive for that relative to make a donation: Congress has reinstated the IRA Charitable Rollover for 2010 and 2011. Those 70 ½ and older can distribute funds *directly* from their IRAs to a tax-exempt entity. The transfer will count toward the person's minimum required distribution and will not count as taxable income. The person will receive the equivalent of a charitable deduction even if that person does not itemize deductions on the donor's tax return. The extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover allows gifts made by January 31, 2011, to be treated as 2010 donations.

### **Recommended Fundraising Resources**

#### **Adopt Without Debt: Creative Ways to Cover the Cost of Adoption**

by Julie Gumm

Passionate about helping others achieve their adoption dream, author and adoptive parent Julie Gumm shares how to find extra money in your household budget, apply for grants, and fundraise in order to build your family without saddling it with debt.

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