



# THE SACRED PORTION CHILDREN'S OUTREACH

*Working on behalf of the needy children of the world who are without homes or families*

## SUMMER OF HOPE HOSTING REQUIREMENTS

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

In general, families who wish to host a child through the Summer of Hope program must be at least 27 years old and have been married for at least 3 years. The couple must be physically and psychologically fit to host a child(ren), able to provide proper care and support. Neither host parent can have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.

### STATE OF MONTANA REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Public Health and Human Services is requiring that host families be issued a provisional foster home license in order to host a child through the summer program. This process involves the following:

- Resource Family Application and Profile
- Release of Information (one for each adult in household)
- Personal Statement of Health
- Fingerprint based criminal records check (for each adult in household)
- Satisfactory child protective services check (for each adult in household)
- Satisfactory Montana motor vehicle check
- Social worker visit to include completion of the Foster Home Licensing/Relicensing Agreement
- Social worker written assessment

### PHILIPPINE SUMMER HOSTING REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the above requirements, families wishing to host a child from the Philippines must provide the following:

- Application for the Philippine summer hosting program
- Physical health report (can be a signed statement from a doctor)
- Statement of financial stability (copy of most recent tax return will suffice)
- Letter of Acceptance to host a Filipino child
- Written statement by the host family's biological or adopted children (10 years and older) consenting to their parents' plan to host a Filipino child
- Recently taken whole body, colored, clear, properly labeled pictures of the couple, family and home
- Signed Host Family Agreement

## **OTHER**

- Letters of reference (4)
- Confidentiality Agreement
- Client's Rights document
- Release Form To Use Likeness

## **TRAINING**

All host families participating in the Summer of Hope program, regardless of the country they will be hosting from, must complete 15 hours of training to adequately prepare them for their hosting experience. Training components are as follows:

10 hour formal training session held on a Friday evening and Saturday which will cover the following topics:

- The impact of institutionalization on development
- The attachment cycle and impact of poor, inadequate or absent parenting
- How institutionalization impacts the emotions and behavior of the older child
- Typical challenges and adjustment issues
- Developmental parenting and behavior management
- Life in the orphanage
- Culture/customs

An additional 5 hours of informal training will be conducting during the regularly held meetings of the host families leading up to the time when the children arrive. The following topics will be covered:

- Review of host family responsibilities
- Preparing for the arrival of the child
- Safety/childproofing your home
- Coping strategies for host families
- Advocating for your host child

The host families will also be given a recommended reading list from which they can choose additional reading.