

Providing Children with Hope for the Future



Requirements

Host homes advocate for their host child by trying to find them an adoptive family. Host homes must meet our adoptive family requirements:

- **Must be Married at Least 3 Years**
- **Homestudy Approved (free)**
- **Criminal/Child Abuse Clearances**
- **Physically/Psychologically Healthy**
- **20 Hours of Host Parent Training**
- **Participate in Fundraising Events**
- **Procure Items & Package Hope Paks**

Host families must adhere to all ICA policies and procedures as well as provide for the host child during their stay in their home and attend all planned orientations, trainings, and camp events. The host family is also responsible to provide one 50 lb bag of humanitarian aid for their host child to take with them to share with the other children at their orphanage.

A Voice of Hope for Children Worldwide

Since 1990, ICA has been a fully licensed non-profit adoption, foster care, and humanitarian aid agency in California. Every year, ICA joins county workers, orphanage directors, physicians and government officials in selecting children that are eligible to participate in the Welcome Home ministry.

Will you help us be a voice for homeless children worldwide?



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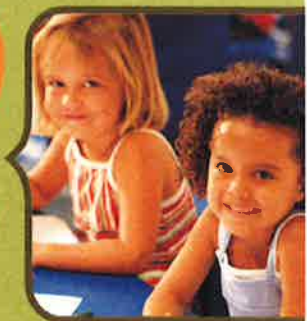




Providing Children with Forever Families



A Chance to Thrive!



Welcome Home!

Welcome Home is a ministry of ICA (a Hague Accredited, fully licensed adoption, foster care, and humanitarian aid agency). The purpose is to find permanent homes for older orphaned children. Welcome Home is held every summer and winter.

What happens in Welcome Home?

Children, ages 5–17, who have been orphaned, abandoned and/or are wards of the state, participate in one of the three versions.

Weekend (USA)

One Week (USA)

3 - 6 Weeks (International)

The children stay in the host families homes and attend planned activities and events designed to advocate for permanency.

Foster Care: Host, Adopt, Sponsor, Give And Learn.

Welcome Home USA

Ages of children: 6 –17 years

Impact one of America's challenges... foster children. Did you know that there are approximately 513,000 children in foster care nationwide, and only 4% of these children are viewed for permanency. Foster children that participate in Welcome Home are legally adoptable and include single children as well as sibling sets (sibling sets may include younger children). Reach out and become part of sharing in their story and bettering their hopes and dreams.

Welcome Home International Latvia & Philippines

Ages of children 5 --15 years

Internationally, there is an estimated 5,760 children that are orphaned everyday with over 14 million children aging out of the systems yearly. These orphaned children are from various different countries, and include single children as well as sibling sets. Open your home and heart to save an orphan from a desperate situation.

Take advantage of this amazing opportunity to make an impact by simply opening your heart and home to a child who is in need of the love and care of a family.

With the combined efforts of individuals and faith-based groups nationwide, children all over the world have been able to receive tangible evidence of hope, love and good news.

What Does it Cost to Host? Fundraise to help with costs

ICA requests that the host family provide for their hosted child just like they would their own children. We invite host families to fundraise or seek a "sponsor" among friends, relatives, and others. Other incurred costs may be for training certifications, and criminal and health clearances.

Forever Families

Adoption

Host to adopt

Once a host family or other party has informed ICA Staff of their decision to adopt ICA will contact the family to discuss the specifics of adopting that particular child or children. This is an exciting and important time for the adoptive family, and each case is given special care and attention.

Humanitarian Aid

Hope Paks in the ICA Gift Catalog

There are numerous ways to support children who are unable to participate in our Welcome Home ministry. Supplying practical items through "Hope Paks" can make a life-long impact to a child.

What is a Hope Pak?

A Simple Gesture

A Message of Love

A Hope Pak is basically a package containing humanitarian aid items that will be sent to minister to the needs of a child in an orphanage or foster home. It sends a message of care, support, and hope for those children who are waiting for a forever family.