

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church Adoption Grant

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:18

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in the Soulard neighborhood of St. Louis wants to help orphans find Christian families in our area. Just as we were adopted to become children of God, we believe that God predestined adoption as a beautiful and Biblical way to make a family. Because financial constraints can prevent some families from adopting, we are offering a \$1000 Grant to a family in the St. Louis area.

Please Collect:

- Your **completed** and **approved** Home Study from a licensed 501(c)3 agency
- First **two pages** of federal tax returns (*please do not send the entire tax return*) for the most recent year available *and* the year prior to that
- Family photo or video testimony
- Attached Application
- Two Letters of Reference

Please compile and submit to Historic Trinity by **September 15.**

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
ATTN: Adoption Grant
812 Soulard Street
St. Louis, MO 63104

Please note:

- Applications cannot be submitted post-placement.
- The grant will be awarded on Historic Trinity’s Adoption Sunday in November. You will be contacted by email by the end of October if you received the grant.

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans.” James 1:27

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Please print clearly.

Husband's Name _____

Husband's Profession _____

Wife's Name _____

Wife's Profession _____

Children's Names & Ages _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Adoption Agency _____

Social Worker _____

Home Church (if applicable) _____

Family Website or Blog Address (if applicable) _____

Please type a brief response to each of the following questions.

1. Describe your daily walk with God. (Both husband and wife should reply.)
2. How has God led you to adopt (your adoption testimony)?
3. What is your philosophy regarding the spiritual training of your child(ren)?

"In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will." Ephesians 1:5

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Friend Reference

Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference form on behalf of the family. We understand that you may not know all the details of the family's life but we ask you be as candid as possible. By **September 15**, please send the completed form to:

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Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

Name of Family: _____

How long have you known this family?

How are you acquainted with this family?

How would you describe this family?

Please describe this family's support system.

Do you have any concerns about them as parents?

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Employer/Co-worker Reference

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Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

Name of Family: _____

How long have you known this person?

How would you describe this person's work habits?

How would you describe this person's character?

Please add any additional comments or concerns.