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FACTS ABOUT SELECTING ADOPTIVE PARENTS

- You may request that your child be placed with an adoptive family of your same religious and/or ethnic background, i.e. racial. All efforts will be made to honor your request by Adoptions With Love.
- All adoptive families must complete a special training program that develops their understanding of how to best meet children's needs. This includes information about child development, explaining adoption to children, baby care, etc.
- Adoptions With Love checks on the applicants and members of their households to determine if they have criminal records that would make them unsuitable to raise children.
- Adoptions With Love receives references regarding all applicants to determine if their friends, employers and relatives consider them to be suitable to be adoptive parents.
- A Social Worker from Adoptions With Love meets with the applicants to determine if they can provide a safe home and a good family life for a child.
- Applicants must obtain a statement from a physician confirming that they have no health problems that would interfere with raising a child.
- You may request that your child be placed with a particular family for adoption. This is called a designated adoption. However, the decision for placement will be the responsibility of Adoptions With Love. In the unlikely event that the family you select for your child is unable, for unforeseen reasons, to receive placement of the child, Adoptions With Love will use its sole discretion in selecting a family that is as close to the family you had selected as possible. Adoptions With Love will inform you if the family you selected for your child is unable to adopt your child. If this should happen, Adoptions With Love will make every attempt to have you participate in the selection of another family for your child.
- If a specific family has been selected for your child, you will be provided with certain information. This will be non-identifying and will state ethnicity, religion, talents, life style and why it is believed this family will meet your child's needs. If you do not wish this information, you will be asked to sign a document stating that.

AFTER THE ADOPTION

NOTIFICATION REGARDING DISRUPTION

You may request that you be notified in case the adoption doesn't work out to take part in the planning for your child.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

My name on this form means I have read the information as written.