

## Dear Potential Donor,

I am thrilled to present to you a narrative that epitomizes our organization's unwavering dedication to ensuring safety, integrity, and excellence in the realm of lifesaving training and certifications. Enclosed within this package, you will discover the profound journey that has led us to champion a cause that transcends traditional notions of rescue and embraces a holistic approach to safeguarding lives.

As trainers, our mission extends far beyond imparting lifesaving skills; it encompasses a fervent commitment to upholding the legitimacy and integrity of certifications, businesses, and practices within the field. In a landscape fraught with fraudulent certifications and oversights, our goal is not only to equip individuals with lifesaving knowledge but also to ensure that they receive training from legitimate sources and organizations that uphold the highest standards of ethics and professionalism.

We are deeply troubled by the prevalence of fraudulent certifications, which not only undermine public safety but also jeopardize the credibility of legitimate businesses and practitioners. From preventable deaths to first responders operating in dire conditions without recourse, the consequences of such malpractice are profound and far-reaching. However, amidst these challenges, we find hope in the countless individuals and organizations who operate ethically and strive to make a positive impact in their communities.

Our vision extends beyond the provision of preventive programs such as swim lessons, CPR, and lifesaving skills; it encompasses a broader movement to reinstate public confidence in certifications and businesses that prioritize safety and integrity above all else. Through advocacy, education, and collaboration, we aim to reward and elevate legitimate companies while holding fraudulent individuals accountable for their actions.

Your support is instrumental in enabling us to advance our mission and effect meaningful change in the realm of lifesaving training and certifications. Together, we can ignite a movement that restores public trust, ensures the legitimacy of certifications, and empowers individuals and communities to embrace a culture of safety and preparedness.

On behalf of our organization and the countless lives that stand to benefit from your generosity, I extend my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to our shared vision. Together, let us embark on a journey to reinstate public confidence in certifications and businesses and reclaim the true essence of rescue.



People always ask me why I am t<mark>he way I am, yet I never have a reason f</mark>or them. My name is Evie Gindi and this is my story.

It all began on a Christmas day in 1989 when Romania's last Communist Dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu, faced public execution by a firing squad, unveiling the network of child gulags he controlled. Among the 170,000 abandoned infants, children, and teens housed in these facilities, I was one - a throwaway baby.

My parents, residing in the United States on the Upper West Side in Manhattan, New York had long struggled with infertility. In March 1990, inspired by Sonya Paxton's advocacy for Romanian adoptions, they made the life-changing decision to adopt. By June of that same year, they were in Romania.

Upon my mom's arrival, she met my brother Johnathan, and their bond was inseparable from the first moment they laid eyes on each other. With their dreams of parenthood coming true, they decided to stick around to see if they could expand their family by adopting one more.

Their hope began to wane as they watched other prospective parents come and go, each leaving with a child while my mom's heart grew heavy with disappointment. However, a glimmer of hope emerged when the printer in the orphanage broke down. My dad, along with another gentleman, improvised and fixed it using old telephone wires. Their resourcefulness and generosity were recognized, and as a result, they were granted the opportunity to adopt the next two infants. It was my mom's unwavering dedication and love that ultimately led to me becoming a part of their family.

Before they could celebrate, a bureaucratic hurdle emerged - our adoption papers were deemed invalid under the new Romanian law. Undeterred, my mom, accompanied by a translator, embarked on a journey to find my birth mother and obtain the necessary paperwork.

Miraculously, they succeeded, but not without facing another challenge - I needed numerous vaccinations before we could leave. Concerned about their safety, the doctor advised my dad to get some Scotch to satisfy the paperwork requirement.

With Scotch in hand, my dad ventured out while my mom prepared for our journey back to New York City. Despite the challenges, they pressed on, and with the paperwork sorted, we were waved away on our journey back home.

As the years passed, Mayor Giuliani granted us citizenship, and Judge Judy officially signed off on our adoption, solidifying our place as a family. However, our journey didn't end there. We felt a deepseated need to help, a calling th<mark>at many attribute to a form of mental d</mark>isorder among throwaway babies. But for us, it's more than just a compulsion – it's a mission born from our own experiences.

We've seen too often how tragedies strike home, not just for us, but for countless others who have faced similar circumstances. While accidents are an unfortunate reality of life, it's when they could have been prevented that it becomes truly alarming.

It's time for us to take a stand and address these issues head-on. We cannot continue to turn a blind eye to preventable tragedies. It's time to advocate for change, to ensure that every child has a safe and loving home, and to prevent future generations from enduring the same hardships we faced.

Together, we can make a difference. We can turn our past pain into a force for good, ensuring that no child is ever thrown away or forgotten again.

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