

# Grâce des Enfants

A Non-Profit Organization in Support of "Forever" Families



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*"For a long time, we hoped and prayed for a real mama and papa to come for us, and here you are."*

A translator was interpreting for the nine-year-old boy standing in front of my husband and I. At that moment, we shared a gut feeling that he and his eight-year-old brother were born to be ours. That was the day we decided to adopt Vlad and Yaros, our beautiful Ukrainian boys. We were thrilled to start building our "forever" family, but realistically, we knew it would be a bumpy road. Little did we know that we'd cross paths with such incredible people along the way; people that would have such a significant role in building and reinforcing the foundation of family and people who would invest time, skills and love in support of our "forever" family.



◦ Our "forever" family March 2016

## **"It takes a village to raise a child".**

Lyuba Serebryakova, a friend of a friend, heard about our adoption and offered to help us in any way that we needed. We were having a difficult time and I felt there was a need for translation of important foundational discussions I wanted to have with our boys. She met with us and facilitated those talks. She offered to accompany us on appointments where translation was needed. She connected with our boys, and provided an outlet for them to talk and a means to be better understood by us. She put us in contact with key people who could support us through the rocky transition. Thanks to her, our boys have a Russian/Ukrainian speaking tutor to teach them French. Lyuba contacted me regularly to check in on us and ask if we needed any other kind of help. With Lyuba's help, our newly constructed family was graced with people who were unconditionally committed to supporting us in so many ways.

Our dear friend Lyuba was in the early stages of making her dream of founding a non-profit organization a reality. Her network of people and resources continues to grow. The number of volunteers and service providers is increasing. Many people are on board in support of Grâce des Enfants.

Backed by a multi-talented, vastly experienced team of people, this organization will provide adoptive parents with preparatory workshops, a network of support and the provision of resources before, during and after an adoption. In 2016-17, Grâce des Enfants aspires to facilitate and encourage adoptions of abandoned children by providing online access to training, services and resources for adoptive families across Quebec, so that the prayers and dreams of "forever" families will be answered.

Funding and volunteers are needed to create and reinforce the organization's infrastructure. We kindly ask for your support. Money donations are needed. Your benevolent talents, time, and word of mouth can also go a long way.

**Grâce des Enfants is a village of it's own in a big busy world. It's one that I am proud to be a part of and grateful to have in support of our "forever" family.**

**Please join us in support of this worthy cause!**

