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Dear Prospective Adoptive Parent(s),

Thank you for choosing Heart of Adoptions, Inc. to complete your **Domestic Adoption Home Study**. If you are looking to adopt from the Foster Care System, please reach out to the Home Study Coordinator below before proceeding. We are pleased to share in your expectations for a successful adoption. Heart of Adoptions, Inc. is a full service, licensed adoption agency located in the state of Florida. It is our goal to provide professional and quality adoption services to families hoping to build their family through adoption. Some of the services we provide adoptive families include:

- Home Studies
- Post- Placement Supervision
- Adoption Placement Services
- Interstate Compact Services
- Counseling
- Adoption Education
- Experienced Staff

We understand that adopting a child can be overwhelming and emotionally challenging at times. Our knowledgeable staff is available to walk you step by step through the adoption process as you complete the necessary forms for your home study. One of our highly trained caseworkers will complete your home study and after your child comes home, we will provide any legally required post placement supervision visits to ensure that you and your new child are doing well and assist with any needs. Your caseworker will provide you with guidance and support, as well as referrals for any additional services that your family may request.

To begin the homestudy process, please complete the registration form at the bottom of the “Hoping to Adopt” page and check the option for “Home Study Only” (link is below) where you will then receive your login and password directly from My Adoption Portal (also referred to as: MAP). <https://www.heartofadoptions.com/hoping-to-adopt/> If you receive an error message when you attempt to log in and/or register, stating you already have an account please use your email address and the password “adopt1” (all lowercase, no spaces, and without the quotes) but you should change the password once you get into the program to begin everything. If you have any problems with this, please reach out to the agency to assist you.

Our home study fee is \$1,500 or an expedited home study fee of \$1,800, plus the educational fee of \$100 for the online general adoption classes, and travel. Travel fees

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- ☐ Respond to: 360 Tangerine Avenue, Merritt Island, Florida 32953 ♥ Tel: (321) 301-4545 ♥ Fax: (321) 445-5355
- ☐ Respond to: 4580 Briarcliff Lane, Coconut Creek, Florida 33066 ♥ Tel: 1(800) GO-ADOPT ♥ Fax: (954) 290-0324

begin at \$50 per visit and this payment should be included when you submit the payment for the home study. The typical timeframe for the home study process is eight weeks or less. Please refer to the Domestic Home Study Agreement in MAP to determine what the travel fee would be according to your location. In addition to the general adoption educational classes, please note newborn adoptions required specific newborn adoption classes, in which the information is found within the MAP task “Adoption Education Instructions” – under the specific Education Block.

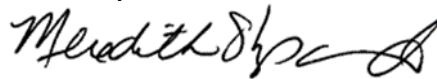
As you provide information and complete required forms, you will be asked to either mail them directly to Heart of Adoptions Inc., or in most cases, save the documents to your personal web portal account at www.MyAdoptionPortal.com. MAP is a safe and secure environment for adoptive families to work with our agency throughout the entire adoption experience. MAP includes our electronic forms, alerts to keep you on track with your home study requirements, and a complete document management system with upload, download, and print capabilities. Once all the documentation is received, the timeframe for the home visit is approximately two weeks with another two weeks to receive the approved home study report.

If you have any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to contact our Home Study Coordinator, Shannon Gayden, at (813) 515-9997. To help ensure you always receive important correspondence from her, we ask that you add Sgayden@heartofadoptions.com to your “safe senders” list for any email accounts that you provide to us.

Should you wish to become active on the Heart of Adoptions, Inc. waitlist, please also contact our Adoptive Parent Coordinator, Jessica Mohan, at Jessica@heartofadoptions.com or (813) 280-6499 Jessica will be more than happy to help you navigate that step of your adoption journey.

We look forward to meeting your family soon and wish you much success on your adoption journey!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meredith Shepard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Meredith Shepard, MS
Executive Director