



## **Application for the 2013 Trot to Adopt - Jan 19, 2013**

Thank you for your interest in the 2013 Trot to Adopt. The Trot to Adopt is a fundraiser for families in the CSRA seeking financial assistance for their adoption process. It came about in 2011 for the purpose of raising funds for the one family's adoption. Because of the impact it made on the community, rallying together for a child in need of a family, and because of the success in raising funds, prospective adopting families asked if there could be another Trot. The 2013 5K will be the third annual Trot to Adopt held at the Blanchard Woods Park in Evans. It is our desire to support families who intend to raise the child they are adopting in a Christ-centered home where they can live out the gospel daily.

*"He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him In His Arms, He said to them, "whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One who sent Me." Mark 9:36-37*

We intend for all families selected to experience the greatest level of success from the Trot to Adopt. Therefore, it must be understood that the Trot to Adopt is an endeavor that requires work and a high level of commitment - much like a group fundraiser. Each family selected will be asked to be active participants, with the majority of the fundraising burden being divided among just a handful of families. We have found that those who raise the most funds are those families who have strong church, work and community ties. The race-fees are just a small part of the funds raised and shared among families. Most of the funds raised are from the contacts/supporters of the participants who sponsor the runners/walkers a dollar amount of their choice, earmarking their sponsorship dollars for one of the families.

### **Requirements for applicants (incomplete applications will not be accepted)**

- enclose a copy of your completed home study
- enclose your completed application with attached essay questions
- must live in the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA)
- show evidence of financial need (within application)
- provide 4 referrals - postmarked by Oct 1 to address below
- application and documents must be postmarked by Oct 1, 2012:

Trot to Adopt      1140 Parkside Trail      Evans, GA 30809

## Referrals

- pastor's referral (letter should be from an elder if you are a full time pastor)
- home study agency referral letter - mailed from home study agency
- 2 personal references

## Disbursement information

- All monies raised will be disbursed only for adoption expenses.
- Money will not be paid directly to the adoptive family, rather directly to the adoption agency.
- Trot-To-Adopt and For One under no circumstances shall be responsible for any obligation incurred by the prospective adoptive parents for adoption related obligations.
- No party shall be deemed a third party beneficiary of any money raised.

## Personal information

Prospective adoptive parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ cell/work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names and ages (*include all dependents 18 years and younger*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  adopted  biological

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## Employment information

Name of employer/organization \_\_\_\_\_

Position held \_\_\_\_\_

Length of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Gross income \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's employer/organization \_\_\_\_\_

Position held \_\_\_\_\_

Length of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Gross income \_\_\_\_\_

Explain any employer adoption assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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## Church information

Name and address of home church \_\_\_\_\_

Phone of home church \_\_\_\_\_

Name of pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Church website \_\_\_\_\_

## Home study agency / adoption information

Agency name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of caseworker coordinating adoption \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of completed home study \_\_\_\_\_  
Caseworker's email \_\_\_\_\_ Caseworker's phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you plan on adopting a special needs child? \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you accepted a referral? \_\_\_\_\_ expected placement date \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of adoption you are seeking: \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Information

Current combined adjusted gross income \_\_\_\_\_  
Last year's combined adjusted gross income \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you rent or own your living space? \_\_\_\_\_

## Adoption related fees and available resources

### Adoption Related Fees

Agency fees	\$ _____
Home study	\$ _____
Travel	\$ _____
Placement fee	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
Total costs	\$ _____

### Available resources

Checking acct.	\$ _____
Savings account	\$ _____
Cash	\$ _____
Other personal funds	\$ _____
Employer assistance	\$ _____
Other grants	\$ _____
Other grants	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
Total resources	\$ _____

Resources Still needed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay questions

Please answer the following questions - typed on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Write your Christian testimony (both applicants).
2. Describe your daily walk with God.
3. Briefly share how you came to the decision of adoption.
4. Please list any special situations or circumstances that we should be aware of as we process your application.
5. Please explain what your understanding is as to how the Trot-To Adopt works as a fund raiser for involved families.
6. Please explain why, and how, your family would be successful at raising funds through the Trot-To-Adopt if selected to participate.