



Dear Prospective Embryo Adoptive Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Deaconess Pregnancy & Adoption (DPA). Our agency has been blessed to be a part in the creation of more than 5,500 families. DPA is a child-placing agency licensed through the State of Oklahoma. Our ministry strives to provide loving homes for children, nurturing care for biological parents and their families, and quality services for couples wishing to create or grow their families through infant and embryo adoption.

With over a century of experience in adoption, we have learned that openness in adoption truly serves the best interest of children. It is our belief that **adoption is about adding connections and family to children's lives...not subtracting them.**

Our staff views each child as a priceless jewel. Thus, placing a child in an adoptive family's home is a responsibility we take very seriously. It is our belief that we are accountable to God for each child He entrusts in our care, thus some of the information we request regarding your physical, spiritual, and emotional health is intensely personal.

The screening process with DPA has been developed with the best interest of the child in mind. Therefore, our minimum guidelines are as follows:

- Husband and wife married to each other for at least two years. If either has been previously married and divorced, it is required the current marriage be five years in duration.
- No younger than 21 and no more than a 45-year age difference between the adoptive parent and the adopted child.
- Current active members of a Christ-centered church. Pastor reference will be requested with *Application* packet.
- Willingness to participate in a semi-open to open adoption.
- Husband and wife must be U.S. citizens.

If you have any questions, or would like to set up at time to talk by phone or in person at our office, please feel free to contact us. If you would like to move forward with the application process, please let us know and we will send you a digital application.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Howe, CCLS".

Catherine Howe, CCLS
Adoptive Parent Supervisor

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EMBRYO ADOPTION APPLICATION

Application and File Set-Up Fee of \$250.00, payable to DPA, must be included for processing.

(All information will remain confidential unless your permission is granted, in writing, to release part or parts of it. Please make sure each spouse fills in the answers specifically pertaining to him/her.)

Date: _____
Husband's full name: _____
Wife's full name (including maiden): _____
For court papers/legal documents, do you sign with your middle name or your maiden name? _____
Home street address: _____
Home city, state, zip: _____
County: _____
Home telephone number: (____) _____
Husband's cell number: (____) _____
Wife's cell number: (____) _____
E-mail address: _____
Have you resided in Oklahoma for the past **five consecutive years**? Husband _____ Wife _____
If no, in what other states have you resided? _____
Date and place of marriage: _____
Names and birth dates of children of this marriage: (State whether adopted or biological) _____
Who referred you to us? _____
Emergency contact name and phone number: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

PLEASE SEND DIGITAL PICTURES OF THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION

- 1. Recent photo of your family**
- 2. Photo showing the front of your house**

HUSBAND:

Age and date of birth: _____
Social Security No.: _____ Ethnicity/Nationality: _____
Do you have any Native American heritage? Yes No
If yes, are you enrolled? Yes No If yes, tribe/enrollment number _____
Education (Highest level completed): _____
Occupation: _____ Employer: _____
Office address: _____
Office telephone: _____ Fax: _____
Office e-mail: _____
Annual income: _____
Religious preference: _____

Dates of previous marriages and divorces: (If applicable, please attach a detailed explanation for each.) _____

Children by previous marriages/relationships: (names, gender, ages and custody status) _____

United States Service Record/Military Status: _____

Have you ever been arrested or do you have **any type** of criminal record? Yes No
(If yes, please attach a detailed explanation of each.) _____

WIFE:

Age and date of birth: _____

Social Security No.: _____ Ethnicity/Nationality: _____

Do you have any Native American heritage? Yes No

If yes, are you enrolled? Yes No If yes, tribe/enrollment number _____

Education (Highest level completed): _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Office address: _____

Office telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Office e-mail: _____

Annual income: _____

Religious preference: _____

Dates of previous marriages and divorces: (If applicable, please attach a detailed explanation for each.) _____

Children by previous marriages/relationships: (names, gender, ages and custody status) _____

United States Service Record/ Military Status: _____

Have you ever been arrested or do you have **any type** of criminal record? Yes No
(If yes, please attach a detailed explanation of each.) _____

SPIRITUAL LIFE

HUSBAND: Please describe your spiritual journey and personal relationship with Christ:

WIFE: Please describe your spiritual journey and personal relationship with Christ:

Please describe your spiritual lives as a family (prayer, Bible study, church activities, etc.):

MARRIAGE

HUSBAND: Please describe your relationship with your wife:

WIFE: Please describe your relationship with your husband:

CHILDREN (If applicable): Please describe you and your spouse's relationship with your children:

Was this child(ren) added to family through adoption? Yes No

MEDICAL SUMMARY

Please list all major illnesses/surgeries/current medications

HUSBAND: _____

WIFE: _____

Have either of you received a diagnosis of medical infertility? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Have either of you ever had problems with alcohol or legal/illegal drug use? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

REFERENCES

Many of our families have participated in counseling or mental health services. We view this as a strength and appreciate your explanation with application. In addition, we often request a reference from the counselor in the process of screening families

Have either of you ever received counseling from a professional mental health provider or a lay counselor (i.e. pastor, priest, small group leader, etc.) for any reason at all in your life?

Yes No **If yes, please attach a detailed explanation.**

Enclosed is a reference questionnaire to be completed by your pastor, priest or church staff member. Please ask them to complete it and mail it to us as soon as possible. Deaconess reserves the right to call and verify all references.

Pastor/Priest/Church Staff Member: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

ADOPTION EXPERIENCE

Why are you choosing to create or expand your family through embryo adoption? _____

If you are seeking embryo adoption due to infertility, please explain how you are grieving that loss.

Have you ever tried to adopt an infant or an embryo? _____

Have you ever had an adoption disrupt or an unsuccessful embryo transfer? If so, briefly describe the circumstances.

Have you had a home study done by anyone for adoption purposes? If so, by whom and when?

Was your home study approved? Yes No

Have you ever explored adoption through another agent or agency? If yes, are you still utilizing their services? If no, please state why not? _____

What other resources are you using to create or expand your family through infant or embryo adoption?

SIGNATURES:

Husband

Date

Wife

Date

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CHRISTIAN-BASED ADOPTION COVENANT

Deaconess Pregnancy & Adoption (DPA) is a Christian non-profit Oklahoma-licensed child-placing agency and affiliated ministry of the Free Methodist Church USA (FMCUSA). DPAS operates within the beliefs, traditions, and framework of the FMCUSA. This *Christian-Based Adoption Covenant* does not exhaust the extent of beliefs of DPAS or the FMCUSA. All references to “we” or “our” refer generally to DPAS and its Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors determines DPAS’ practice, policy, and discipline in accordance with the Holy Bible and the FMCUSA’s Book of Discipline.

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and turn away from their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11). We also believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31) and that hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be rejected and are not in accord with the Holy Bible nor the beliefs and traditions of the FMCUSA.

We believe it is God’s desire that we care for the orphans and fatherless among us (Psalm 68:5; James 1:27); therefore, we diligently strive to place those entrusted in our care into strong Christian homes that will provide love and support from a Christ-centered perspective.

We believe that the understanding of human personhood and well-being, including human sexuality and marriage, is provided through the Holy Bible (Genesis 2:20-24; Mark 10:6-9; Hebrews 13:4). It is our belief that, at creation, God designed marriage for the well-being of humanity. Marriage is the joining of one man and one woman into a lifelong relationship which the Holy Bible calls “one flesh.” Therefore, marriage is the only proper setting for sexual intimacy.

All prospective adoptive parent applicants who are applying for child-placing services through our infant and embryo adoption programs are required to be in agreement—by signing below—with the Christian principles outlined in this document and give evidence of a Christian commitment. This commitment requires that each applicant has made a personal decision to accept Jesus Christ as his/her Savior, to follow Christ as a faithful disciple, and to regularly participate as a couple in the life of the same Christ-centered church. A reference letter from the minister, pastor or priest is a necessary part of the application process. Further, DPAS requires one applicant be male, one applicant be female, that they be married to each other, and be in a monogamous relationship with each other.

Both applicants for adoption affirm that they believe in the sanctity of human life beginning at conception and agree to personally follow and belong to a church that is committed to the following beliefs and traditions:

1. The Holy Bible is the only inspired, authoritative Word of God.
2. There is one true and Holy God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. Jesus Christ is the Son of God who died for the sins of the world and through whom alone salvation is given.

By signing below, I affirm that I am in agreement with the Christian principles contained herein.

Adoptive Parent

Date

Adoptive Parent

Date

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AGREEMENT FOR EMBRYO ADOPTION SERVICES

ADOPTIVE PARENTS: _____
(the "Clients").

Request for Services

We, the above-named Clients, hereby apply to Deaconess Pregnancy & Adoption ("DPA") for embryo adoption placement services. In applying for embryo adoption placement services, it is our request that DPA consider our family as a potential home for an embryo(s) adoption placement and attempt to match our family with an embryo donor. We request DPA to provide our family with a full range of adoption services.

Provision of Information & Documentation

We agree to provide detailed family background information on all family members. We will complete all forms requested. It is agreed that the staff of DPA, or an appointee of DPA, may visit our home during the home study process. We agree to participate in interviews with DPA staff members. We will provide personal references and copies of all requested and needed documents, such as birth certificates, marriage license(s), divorce decree(s), military discharge, medical reports, and any other items that may be requested. We will fully cooperate with DPA in applying for and obtaining a criminal history/background report, sex offender registry reports, and child abuse registry checks as required by law, and will furnish any and all results to DPA. We agree to seek a psychological evaluation if deemed necessary to continue the adoption process. If we have previously had a home study performed, we will provide DPA with a copy of any and all previous studies, reports, and related materials. We will cooperate fully with the staff at DPA to enable them to collect sufficient information about our family from which to complete an adoption evaluation of our family and to consider our family as a prospective adoptive home.

False or Misleading Information:

We understand that any false or misleading information provided by our family may be a basis for DPA to discontinue the home study process or to discontinue services to our family. In such a case of discontinuance for any reason whatsoever, we understand there is no refund of fees paid by our family, and all fees and costs paid to DPA are non-refundable.

Home Study Report

DPA will complete a written home study report which will include our family background information and DPA's recommendation about the suitability of our home for an adoptive placement. We understand that this report is confidential and may only be released to other adoption agencies, attorneys or third parties with our written permission. We also understand that if we are not residents of Oklahoma, a home study must be performed by an adoption agency or a licensed professional in our state of residence. DPA will approve only our family upon receipt of, and a positive review of the home study and all accompanying verification documents.

DPA Recommendation

We understand that a recommendation for placement is required by the court as part of the home study report, and such recommendation will be based upon professional assessment of the family's strengths and ability to provide a stable home environment for a child. We understand that DPA cannot guarantee in advance that the home study process will result in a positive recommendation for adoption. We agree to hold DPA harmless for the positive or negative evaluation which it may make and from any consequences which might result from such a recommendation.

Approval for Adoption

When DPA completes a home study with a positive recommendation for placement or when it receives a current positive home study on our family from another agency or qualified professional, then the agency will make an approval decision. Once our family is approved for adoption, Deaconess Pregnancy & Adoption will begin to consider our family for adoptive placement opportunities.

Duration of Home Study Validity

We have been informed that under the Oklahoma Adoption Code our home study will be valid for twelve (12) months from the date of approval by DPA. We understand our home study must be updated or its validity will expire at the end of the twelve (12) month period. We understand that there is an additional fee for the services required by law to update the home study. We understand that unless we keep our home study current, the services of DPA to match us with an appropriate adoption situation will expire with the validity of our most recent home study or home study update approved by DPA.

No Guarantee of Match

As prospective embryo adoptive clients, we understand that DPA makes no guarantee, either stated or implied, that we will be matched for an embryo transfer. DPA agrees to give thorough consideration to our desire to adopt, to identify our strengths as a potential adoptive family, and to assist us in clarifying the range of characteristics of a donor family. We understand that it is the practice of DPA to recognize the right of a biological parent(s) to select the adoptive family which seems to be the most appropriate to parent the child(ren). Since the biological parent(s) controls the selection process, we understand that DPA or its staff can make no guarantee when or if our family will be selected by a biological parent(s). No verbal comments by DPA staff shall be considered to provide any such guarantee of placement or to alter this agreement in any manner. DPA also reserves the right to refuse placement and presentment of family profiles to donor families based upon DPA's sole and exclusive discretion.

Efforts to Match

Upon completion or acceptance of a home study with a positive recommendation for placement, DPA agrees to provide a full range of services as an adoption agency to attempt to match our family with a prospective biological parent(s) or to otherwise match us with an embryo who would be appropriate for our family. DPA may also work with other embryo storage agencies in attempting to match our family with an adoption opportunity.

Sharing Non-Identifying Information

In order to facilitate our family being considered for a particular child, DPA may share non-identifying information (such as first names and profile book) about our family with prospective biological parents, other embryo placement agencies, fertility clinics, embryo storage facilities, or with others who might be able to assist in the embryo donation process. We understand that DPA will share identifying information about our family only upon our written permission.

Intermediary Services

DPA may act as an intermediary between our family and a prospective biological parent, another embryo adoption agency, fertility clinic, embryo storage facility, or attorney. DPA may facilitate communication or meetings, and may perform other services which might result in our family being matched with a biological parent(s) who have frozen embryos.

Use of Other Licensed Resources

DPA recognizes that adoptive families may wish to pursue multiple avenues to adoption. We understand that DPA has no objection to adoptive clients working simultaneously with other licensed adoption agencies or adoption attorneys. Since DPA makes no guarantee of placement, it does not attempt to restrict clients from seeking the services of other licensed or professional adoption resources. We do agree to inform DPA of any other adoption resources that are being used and to promptly notify DPA as soon as we are matched with a birth mother or child. Should we desire that our home study or other documentation contained in our adoptive client file at DPA be transferred, we agree to pay the associated fees for this service.

Exclusion of Facilitators

We understand that DPA reserves the right to refuse to work with any unlicensed adoption professionals or persons who are unregulated "adoption facilitators." We understand that DPA advises adoptive clients that there is a high level of risk associated with such service providers. We agree to inform DPA if we should choose to work with such an unlicensed individual or organization. We understand that in such circumstances, DPA reserves the right to discontinue services with our family.

Notice of Potential Change in Family Status

Since the mission of Deaconess Pregnancy & Adoption Services is to help build families, we are pleased in any circumstances that help a family to achieve the goal of parenthood. In the event our family is matched with an adoption opportunity through another agency or resource or in the event we become pregnant before the court

process of embryo adoption, we agree to notify DPA immediately. We understand that DPA has no objection to adoptive families continuing their fertility treatments as long as the family keeps DPA informed. We understand that in case of a change in family status or a pending change, DPA will temporarily place our file on hold until we notify DPA otherwise. If the adoption opportunity does not result in a placement or the pregnancy does not go full term, DPA will be glad to reactivate the file and continue the efforts for embryo adoption.

Disclosure of Information

DPA agrees to provide all available social and medical information before we are asked to accept an embryo adoptive match. We agree that DPA shall not be liable for information which may not be available about the child or biological parents nor shall DPA be liable for information about medical or other conditions of the child which are not known to the agency at the time of property transfer.

DPA Fees

We agree to pay DPA all fees set forth in the *Embryo Adoption Fees Agreement* which is incorporated herein, and made a part hereof, by reference as part of this agreement, and to reimburse DPA for agreed expenses which it incurs on our behalf. We agree to pay the initial fees and to pay other fees as they become due. We understand that the placement fee will be due once we have accepted the match with an embryo donor. We have received a copy of the *Embryo Adoption Fees Agreement*. It is understood that fees are subject to change without notice, and fees will be charged based on current rates for any particular services or units of service as of the time the services are provided. It is further understood that the court date for transfer of property will not be scheduled until all DPA fees are paid in full. All fees and costs remitted to DPA are non-refundable.

Policy on Charitable Contribution

We understand that DPA is a non-profit, charitable organization. DPA may receive tax-deductible contributions. However, we have been informed by DPA that adoptive families who are in the process of seeking to adopt are not expected to make donations. DPA does not give preferential treatment to anyone, including Board members, employees, or donors, in the provision of services. Families who have completed an adoption, of course, are encouraged to contribute and to be a part of the important work of DPA in finding loving homes for children.

Agreement to Mediation

We agree in the event that a problem or dispute should ever arise between ourselves and DPA, we will seek first to resolve it through direct negotiations with DPA staff. If these direct negotiations with the DPA staff are unsuccessful, then we agree to use third party mediation as the sole means for dispute resolution. The mediator may be selected jointly by both parties and shall be a person trained and qualified in mediation services. It is agreed that the cost for such mediation will be shared equally by DPA and the adoptive clients.

No Obligation to Accept Placement

If for any reason we do not believe the match of the embryo(s) with our family would be in the best interest of either the child(ren) or our family, it is understood that our family is not obligated to accept the match.

Social Services Only

It is agreed that DPA only provides social services as an adoption or child-placing agency. DPA does not provide legal, accounting, or other professional services, and as adoptive clients, we understand we are responsible to arrange and pay for such other services as needed. While DPA does arrange for the legal process by which the biological parents' transfer the embryo(s) by property transfer we understand that the attorney for this process represents DPA and does not represent us. While DPA may give us information about the legal process of adoption, we understand and agree that DPA and its staff are not providing legal advice. We understand we have the right and responsibility to seek independent counsel, if needed, at any point in the adoption process.

Right to Refuse Services

DPA retains the right to discontinue service to any client at any time at its sole and exclusive discretion.

Miscellaneous

In the event any provision of this Agreement is inconsistent with or contrary to any applicable law, rule, or regulation, or if any provision of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, that provision will be deemed to be modified to the extent required to comply with said law, rule, or regulation, or to make it valid and enforceable, and this contract as so modified, shall remain in full force and effect. If said provision cannot be so modified, it shall be deemed deleted and the remainder of the Agreement shall continue and remain in full force and effect.

The parties acknowledge and agree that (a) each party has reviewed and fully understands the terms and provisions of this Agreement, (b) the rule of construction that any ambiguities are resolved against the drafting party shall not be used in the interpretation of this Agreement, and (c) the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be construed fairly as to all parties and not in favor of or against any party regardless of which party was generally responsible for the preparation of this Agreement.

The parties, in the interest of certainty, stipulate that the laws of the state of Oklahoma shall in all instances govern the interpretation of this Agreement and the rights of the parties under this Agreement and any amendments thereto, without regard, however, to any choice of laws or conflicts of laws provisions which would direct the application of the laws of another jurisdiction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement upon the date shown below.

SIGNATURES:

Adoptive Father Signature

Date

Printed Name

Adoptive Mother Signature

Date

Printed Name

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EMBRYO ADOPTION FEE AGREEMENT

Application Fee & File Set-Up Fee

\$250

- Due at the time of submitting application to agency
- Establishment/administration of file
- This fee is active along with a current home study until a child is adopted
- \$125.00 applicable to families who have previously adopted through Deaconess Pregnancy & Adoption Services (DPA)

Adoption Seminar Fee

\$250

- Due at time of invitation to seminar to reserve place
- 7 hours of adoption education, including panels featuring triad members
- Continental breakfast and snacks included
- A copy of *The Connected Child* and other adoption resources
- Fee is not applicable to families who have previously attended seminar

Home Study Fee

\$1,000

- Due with completed *Home Study Packet*
- A domestic home study is valid for 12 months from date of approval in Oklahoma
- Processing and maintenance of file
- Individual interviews, joint interview and one home visit
- Review of home study material, compiling and writing report
- Administrative costs (faxing, copying, phone calls, standard postage, etc.)
- Coordination with attorney and court
- **Additional Fees:** Fingerprint processing fee is \$50.00 per person. Fingerprint checks must be updated every five years. Criminal History/Background Check Fee is \$19.00 per person.

Outreach Fee

\$1,000

- Required to activate profile
- Assistance in creating and/or reviewing family's adoptive profile
- Posting profile information on our website (if desired)
- Updating website with any changes requested
- Networking profile with other agencies when appropriate
- Screening prospective biological parent(s)
- Presenting a family's adoptive profile to appropriate biological parent(s)
- Advertising in a variety of media platforms
- Providing education about embryo adoption in churches and other community service organizations;

ADDENDUMS & ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS:

Home Study Addendum - Other Provider

\$150

DPA will accept a home study/home study update by another provider (licensed and certified to conduct home studies in the state of Oklahoma); however, there are additional costs involved. This fee covers:

- Review of home study/home study update; phone calls, e-mails for clarification/additional information
- Processing of multiple agency-specific forms and verifications
- Validating that agency standards are met
- Preparing addendum to the home study/home study update for final approval

ANY CHANGE required to Home Study within 12 months of approval

Text Addendum

\$100

- Any text changes needed (i.e. change in health status, criminal history, embryo desired, employment, etc.)
- Fee due with completed addendum home study paperwork

Home Visit Addendum

\$250

- If family moves to a new home or if a new individual joins the household, a home visit is required.
- Fee due with completed addendum home study paperwork

HOME STUDY UPDATE:

Home Study Update

\$250

- Fee due with completed home study update packet.
- Home study approval is valid for 12 months. After that point, the home study must be updated in order to adopt an embryo(s).
- DPA can update another agency's home study for an embryo adoption.
- The home study can be updated if the original home study is less than five years old.
- Re-establishing/maintenance of file
- Individual interviews, joint interview and one home visit
- Review of updated home study material, compiling and writing report
- Administrative costs (faxing, copying, phone calls, standard postage, etc.)
- Coordination with attorney, court and/or another child placement agency
- *Additional Fees:* Fingerprint processing fee is \$50.00 per person. Fingerprint checks must be updated every five years. Criminal History/Background Check Fee is \$19.00 per person.

TRAVEL FEES:

- Mileage is not included in the fees paid for home study services and post-adoption visits. Mileage is billed at current federal rate.

PROGRAM FEE:

Agency Adoption Program Fee

\$5,000

- Due upon receipt of invoice
- \$2,500 of fee is due upon match with the biological family of the embryo(s). If legal property transfer is not completed, \$500 of fee is non-refundable; however, it is transferable.
- \$2,500 of fee is due upon completion of first trimester (12 weeks) of pregnancy. This fee is non-refundable; however, it is transferable to a second pregnancy if the first pregnancy is not successful.
- Initial match meeting with a prospective biological family.
- Facilitating meeting(s) as needed between the prospective biological parent(s) and adoptive parents
- Gathering prospective biological parent(s)' medical and social background information
- Indian Child Welfare Act investigation and compliance- if applicable
- Agency representation at the property transfer court hearing(s)
- Agency visits at one month and one year of age
- Financial coaching
- Biological family and adoptive family post-adoption education, support and consultation
- Administrative costs (faxing, copying, phone calls, express postage, etc.)
- Operational costs
- ***Related attorney and medical fees are separate from agency adoption fees and services***

ADDITIONAL EMBRYO TRANSFERS

Agency Adoption Support and Post-Placement Fee

\$500 per additional delivery

- Agency visits at one month and one year of age.
- Facilitating meeting(s) as needed between the prospective biological parent(s) and adoptive parents
- Biological family and adoptive family post-adoption education, support and consultation

OTHER COSTS:

These fees are estimates for planning purposes only and the actual cost may or may not exceed the ranges listed.

Post-Adoption Supervision

Fee varies by state

- Fee applies to out-of-state families only
- Two post-placement supervisory reports at one month and one year will be completed and submitted to the agency.

Attorney Expenses for property transfer

Approximately \$1,500

- Due upon receipt of invoice
- **This will be billed at match with an embryo(s).** Once balances are paid in full, the property transfer court hearing will be scheduled.

Medical Expenses

Varies by Fertility Clinic/Hospital Facility

- All medical costs for embryo preparation, transfer, pregnancy, delivery, and ongoing care of the child are the responsibility of the adoptive family and are **paid directly to the medical provider(s)** (Varies by fertility clinic and hospital chosen for transfer/delivery).
- Donor fees for embryo screening and shipping

By signing this document, you agree to pay the above-mentioned fees to utilize the services of DPA. All fees are non-refundable and subject to change without notice. A \$50 fee will be charged for returned checks. Credit card payments are accepted up to \$450.

Adoptive Father signature

Adoptive Mother signature

Adoptive Father printed name

Adoptive Mother printed name

Date

Date

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INFORMATION ON EMBRYO YOU WISH TO ADOPT

*NOTE: We realize the incredible significance and possible impact on your family that this page holds. Again, we want to strongly encourage you to pray before completing the following information. It is never our intention to try to persuade you to "broaden" your acceptance factors. We believe, through prayer, God will guide you to the child He desires to place in your family. **Given the limited time frame we sometimes have to present profiles and our commitment to confidentiality, it is imperative that you complete this form with definitive answers, understanding that we are unable to provide specific information regarding a biological family prior to your profile being selected. We will show your profile based on preferences as they match the prospective biological parent(s) verbal report. However, unknowns about the child's medical, social, and genetic background may exist.**

Adoptive Parents' Names: _____ Date _____

Ethnicity Preference:

Every ethnicity marked indicates your willingness to accept a child of both full and/or blended heritage. (i.e. If you mark Caucasian and Black, your profile will be shown to full Caucasian, full Black, or any blend of the two.)

Caucasian: _____ Asian: _____
Hispanic: _____ Native American: _____
Black: _____ Middle Eastern: _____

Please choose your preference:

Maximum number of embryos you are willing to adopt? : _____

Are you open to having multiple pregnancies from the above # of embryos? Yes No

Reminder: You will be responsible for all viable embryos that you adopt.

Pre-Existing Conditions and Genetic Possibilities:

A biological mother/father diagnosed with a severe mental illness? Yes No
(Severe mental illness may include Bipolar, Schizophrenia etc. Please consult with your physician and other resources to learn more.)

List any genetic diseases or diagnosis you are not comfortable with.

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OPEN EMBRYO ADOPTION CHECKLIST

*With over a century of experience in adoption, Deaconess Pregnancy & Adoption (DPA) recognizes openness in adoption truly serves the best interest of children. **Adoption is about adding connections and family to children's lives – not subtracting them.** Therefore, we are strong proponents of semi-open to open adoption. This checklist was developed to help you in determining how you would like to relate to your child's biological family.*

*When you review these options, you may have strong opinions and/or mixed emotions. **It is our agency's policy that you send pictures and letters at least twice a year via DPA for the biological family from birth to age 18 of your child(ren's) life and are open to meeting at least once a year with the biological family. It is also our expectation that any pictures, letters, or gifts that are received from a biological family member will be given to the child(ren).***

With the increase of search groups and larger numbers of biological parents and children of adoption seeking information, reunions are increasing. In lieu of this fact, there appears to be a significantly increasing chance your child(ren) will reunite with his or her biological family at some time in the future. We want to prepare you and your child for this possibility. Openness in adoption comes in varying degrees. We prayerfully place this list before you and ask you to search your heart on each matter.

Please indicate your preference by placing a check next to the appropriate answer.

IDENTIFICATION

Willing to share our last names with the biological parent(s). Yes No

MEETINGS

Willing to conduct pre-birth meetings with the biological family. Yes No

How many visits would you like to have with the biological parent(s) during the first year? _____

Would you like the visits to be mediated or unmediated? (circle answer)

How many visits are you open to having with the biological family on a yearly basis? _____

COMMUNICATION & CORRESPONDENCE

Willing to exchange non-identifying e-mail addresses with our biological family. Yes No

Willing to communicate with our biological family via Zoom or other electronic means? Yes No

Willing to make and/or receive phone calls from our biological family with agency as mediator. Yes No

Willing to make and/or receive phone calls from our biological family without agency as mediator. Yes No

Willing to communicate/correspond directly with our biological family, **without** DPA as mediator. Yes No

Adoptive Father signature

Adoptive Mother signature

Date

Date

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Pastor/Priest/Church Staff Member

Adoptive Family's Names:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
I. Pastoral Relationship		
What is the length of time you have known them		
Husband?	Wife?	
How would you describe your relationship with them?		
II. Marriage Relationship		
Are you aware of any marital tensions and/or difficulties? Please comment:		
Have they received any marital counseling/mentoring?		
Please describe the couple's relationship to each other as you see it:		
III. Church Membership		
How long have they been affiliated/attending your church?	Husband:	Wife:
In which of the following activities do they regularly participate?		
Sunday School:	Evening Worship:	
Morning Worship:	Wednesday Services:	
Church Training:	Other:	

IV. Readiness for Adoption	
How have they responded to the realization that they cannot biologically conceive a child?	
How do they relate to children?	
Please comment on their emotional stability and maturity:	
Completed by (please print):	
Completed by (please sign):	Title/Position:
Church:	
Address:	
Phone: ()	Date:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form! Please return to:

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