



# Adopting Families

*It's a Child's Life Foundation* has been hosting the Orphan Love Mud Run (5K mud run with a lot of fun obstacles) to raise money for adopting families since 2012 and have raised over \$140,000 for 50 families and 13 charitable organizations that work to help children in need. We love seeing so many people come together for the common goal of bringing children home to their forever families and are excited each year to see who we're working and running for.

All proceeds raised will be divided equally amongst the qualifying families for up to \$2,500/family. We encourage all our families to not just count on the collaborative funds raised from this run but to also use it as a medium for a person fundraiser for your family's adoption. We will also add an additional \$500 to the adopting family that recruits the most runners for the event that sign up for the running with purpose award when signing up. All entries will count whether in the kid's fun run or the 5k run.

## **Requirements to Become a Benefitting Family:**

- The completed application (below)
- A copy of your completed Home Study (first and last page will be sufficient)
- A letter or email from your agency stating your affiliation with them
- A minimum of \$500 in sponsorships. All donations are tax deductible which helps in asking friends, family and businesses and can come in the form of one \$500 sponsor, five \$100 sponsors, two \$250 sponsors or any combination. All donations will be added to the pool of funds that will end up being divided amongst all families. The more sponsors we get, the more money we can give so let's all work together and help bring more children home!
- At least one of the adopting parents either registers to run the 5K Mud Run or signs up to volunteer for it.
- Past benefitting families may apply if the money if the money is going towards a separate adoption.



**Ready to apply and be a part of the Orphan Love Mud Run 2020?**

Fill out the attached application and email it back to [adopt@itsachildslife.org](mailto:adopt@itsachildslife.org) We will go over it and get back to you for the next steps to be officially approved.

Once your family is approved to be a fundraising family, we will be sending a letter template that explains the run and who *It's A Child's Life Foundation* is. We encourage you to use it to send to your friends and family and let them know what you are doing.

**Now, to answer a very common question...Can people donate directly to a family through IACL to be a tax write off?**

Unfortunately, no. We are not set up that way and must follow our IRS guidelines to maintain our 501(c)3 status. We know many people would prefer to donate just to your own family's adoption but we believe just as it takes a village to raise a child, it also takes a village to adopt one and we love to see the huge village come together for the common goal of bringing more children to their forever families! We do encourage you to look into other options of tax deductible donations through other organizations and use our mud run to help get those donations for your own family's efforts.

If you have any questions on this or need ideas on how this would work, please send an email to [adopt@itsachildslife.org](mailto:adopt@itsachildslife.org)

Husband's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

County Adopting From: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Study Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you adopted in the past?: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you already been matched with a child(ren)?: \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a family blog, website, Facebook or Twitter? If yes, would you mind sharing with us?: \_\_\_\_\_

At what stage of the adoption process are you in currently?: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the total estimated cost of your adoption?: \_\_\_\_\_

What other fundraisers have you done for this adoption?: \_\_\_\_\_

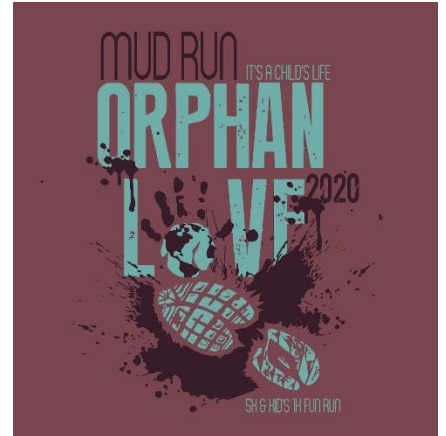
Have you received additional grants for this adoption?: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your employer offer adoption benefits?: \_\_\_\_\_

How much do you have left to raise for this adoption?: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about It's A Child's Life & the Orphan Love Mud Run?: \_\_\_\_\_

Is it okay if we use your family's name, adoption story, family blog and pictures that you submit on our website to allow the runners to see who they are running for?: \_\_\_\_\_



**Important: Please Read Before Signing Below**

All funds raised through the event and given directly to It's A Child's Life Foundation, will be distributed only to third-party service providers (adoption agency, social worker, travel agent, lawyer, etc.) and not directly to the family member. As of 2013, It's A Child's Life Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and all funds given are tax-deductible. Each adopting family will receive the same grant, as it is our goal to have everyone work together to accomplish one main goal of helping more children come home to their forever families; however, the amount give cannon exceed the cost of the adoption. The approved expenses to be considered as part of the costs are: agency fees, social work and home study fees, lawyer fees, government fees, travel costs and anything mandated as part of the adoption. If there are donations to be made specifically to the family, they will have to be made to that family directly and cannot be issued through It's A Child's Life Foundation. The grants will be issued as soon as the funds are made available. Due to the use of an online race registration and It's A Child's Life Foundation allowing people to register the day of the race, it may take a few weeks to have all funds available to disperse. We understand how important it is that funds are received and will do everything in our power to get them to you as quickly as we can.

I/We acknowledge all of the above statements made and requests needed in regard to what is expected of me/us to become an adopting family through the Orphan Love Mud Run event.

Husband's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's Signed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Signed Name: \_\_\_\_\_