INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION GENERAL AGREEMENT

This is an agreement between The Gladney Center for Adoption (Gladney) and ______________________________________. Gladney is a private nonprofit charitable corporation organized under Texas laws and licensed to place children for adoption by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. ______________________________________ have requested the assistance of Gladney for the purpose of adopting a child. This agreement is performable in Tarrant County and any issues arising as a result of (my) our relationship with gladney will be addressed and/or resolved in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

SERVICES:

(I)We, __________________________________________________________ hereby request Gladney to provide (me) us all necessary assistance with international adoption paperwork preparation, home study/home study review services, child referral and placement services, post-placement supervision and/or post-placement report administration services.

In exchange for Gladney's commitment to devote its resources to assist (me)us, (I)we commit to working solely with Gladney in the pursuit of adopting a child. This commitment includes the families responsibility of Duty of Candor. (I)We understand that

- Under penalty of perjury it is my (our) duty to disclose all possible situations and changes in my (our) family to the agency under 8 CFR 204.311(d). Possible situations and changes may include but are not limited to change in household members such as pregnancy, birth, adoption, foster or custody changes; loss or change of employment; change in household income and others.
- Such situations or changes could result in my (our) adoption file processing being placed on hold or possibly being closed.
- Disclosure of situations or changes should occur in a reasonable time frame to allow for decisions to be made in the best interest of a child.
- Duty of Candor is an ongoing process until a final decision is made regarding United States Citizenship and Immigration Services admitting the child to the United States on a visa.
- Any information withheld or not disclosed by the family that impacts the validity of their home study or adoption process may result in immediate termination of the home study and/or adoption process for the applicants.
- All monies paid to the agency are non-refundable should the applicant fail to comply with Duty of Candor.

(I)We understand that Gladney's intention is to help (my) our family succeed in adopting internationally and that Gladney will strive to place an acceptable child(ren) with (my)our family. However, (I)We understand that there are risks involved in international adoption. (I) We understand that Gladney will work to minimize these risks, but that Gladney cannot make any guarantees on behalf of any government, foreign adoption official or foreign attorney and that Gladney cannot guarantee the placement of a particular child from a particular country. (I)We understand that Gladney's role is to provide (me)us adoption
opportunities and to facilitate (my)our adoption process in a legal and ethical manner within the framework allowable by the U.S. and the country from which (I)we will be adopting.

FEES:

(I)We have applied to adopt a child from the country of _________________ through Gladney’s International Program. As such we have requested Gladney to provide both the stateside and in-country services associated with the adoption of a child from this country.

(I) WE AGREE TO PAY THE TOTAL CURRENT GLADNEY CENTER PROGRAM FEES._________ (initials)

(I)We understand that the program fee deposit paid with submission of our application is non-refundable. The remainder of our program fee is re-refundable at 50%. All other fees are non-refundable. I(We) further understand that all fees are subject to increase without prior notice to (me)us. In addition, all monies paid to the agency are non-refundable should we fail to comply with Duty of Candor.

(I)We understand that if (I)we are not provided with Gladney approval to adopt that our program fee deposit will be refunded. If the homestudy has not been assigned to a caseworker and/or the caseworker has not visited the home for assessment the homestudy fee will be refunded. If the homestudy caseworker has already visited the home for assessment the homestudy fee will not be refundable. A homestudy will not be provided to the family. All refund requests should be in writing. Transfer Fee: If for some reason we request and are approved to transfer to a new country or program within Gladney, we agree to pay the applicable $2,000 transfer fee. We understand that the transfer fee is non-refundable.

(I)We understand that the Gladney fees do not include any out-of-pocket expenses associated with foreign adoption, such as: Miscellaneous Postage expenses, Immigration and Naturalization expenses, Document Authentication expenses, Document Translation expenses, Foreign Adoption Facilitation and/or Finalization expenses not included in the Program Fee which are due directly to foreign sources, Travel expenses to adopt internationally, and U.S. registration of foreign decree or re-adoption expenses. Gladney does not retain nor control these fees and for this reason cannot refund or adjust these fees.

(I)We understand that the foreign adoption fees to be paid directly to foreign facilitators and foreign government officials in the country from which (I)we hope to adopt a child(ren) have been estimated to the best of Gladney’s ability at the time of child referral. (I)We understand that it is possible that the fees may change prior to (my)our traveling to adopt a child. (In such cases, this contract remains in effect and will be amended with the new fee information.) (I)we also understand that if (I)we switch countries within Gladney’s International Program, that (I)we must pay the current fees associated with the foreign program (I)we choose to switch to. Gladney program fees only, are transferable to the new program. Families will not be entitled to a refund for fees already paid.

PRE-ADOPTION PREPARATION FOR CHILD:

(I)We understand that it is (my)our responsibility to prepare ourselves fully for the adoption of (my)our child through reading and reviewing multimedia international adoption resources which cover topics related to: attachment and bonding issues, adjustment difficulties, adopting an
institutionalized child, adopting a toddler or older child, grief and loss issues associated with your child’s and family’s adoption, preserving your child’s culture, language, and heritage, ongoing infertility issues throughout the adoption process and beyond, etc. (I) We understand that each family’s international adoption experience is unique and that (I) we must prepare (my) ourselves well for the unknowns about the child (I) we will bring home.

(I) We understand that it is highly recommended that (I) we spend significant time with, and at the very least speak with, 4-5 other families who have recently adopted internationally. (I) We understand that (I) we should choose these families from a broad group of families including some families whose family structure is similar to ours, some families who adopted children similar in age(s) to the child(ren) (I) we plan to adopt, some families who experienced difficult as well as relatively easy adoption processes, some families who adopted multiple children if (I) we are adopting multiple children, and some families who adopted from the country where (I) we will be adopting, as well as other countries. (I) We understand that the purpose of gathering a broad range of experiences is to better prepare for (my) our own adoption experience, better prepare to parent an internationally adopted child, and build a network to help support me through the pre- and post-adoption phases. (I) We understand that enabling (my) our child to grow up around other internationally created families will be important in helping to enhance my child’s self-esteem and to preserve and celebrate his/her heritage and culture.

(I) We understand that Gladney strongly recommends that (I) we join adoption support groups, including (my) our local Gladney Family Association, which will enable (me) us to meet other international adoptive families. (I) We understand that these groups provide excellent opportunities for adoption education, social and cultural activities geared towards international families and that they serve an important role both pre- and post-placement.

(I) We understand that it is very beneficial to spend significant time with a child(ren) about the same age as the child (I) we will be adopting, to prepare well to parent. (I) We understand that (I) we can get experience with children of family, friends or neighbors or by helping out at a church nursery, children’s hospital, school, or extracurricular activity. (I) We understand that if (I) we are adopting an infant, that (I) we should be prepared to know how to feed, diaper, bathe and care for an infant. (I) We understand that if (I) we are parenting a toddler or older child that (I) we are prepared for the energy level and needs of that child.

(I) WE understand that we are subject to the licensing laws of the state in which we live and we will be responsible for requesting an update to our home study if required by that state. (WE) UNDERSTAND THAT (I) WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FEE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS UPDATE. _______ (initials)

TRAINING:

(I) We understand that once (I) we are officially approved by Gladney that (I) we must each complete and formally report to Gladney our quarterly education and training until (I) we adopt. (I) We understand that this is a Texas licensing requirement. (I) We also understand that we must complete 10 hours of preparation and training (not including the homestudy) designed to promote a successful intercountry adoption. (I) We understand that the training must be completed prior to traveling to adopt the child or the child is placed with (me) us.

(I) We understand that the training completed must include the following topics:
1. The intercountry adoption process, the general characteristics and needs of children awaiting adoption, and the in-country conditions that affect the children in the country from which the prospective adoptive parent(s) plan to adopt;
2. The effects on children of malnutrition, relevant environmental toxins, maternal substance abuse, and of any other known genetic, health, emotional and developmental risk factors associated with children from the expected country of origin;
3. Information about the impact on a child of leaving familiar ties and surroundings.
4. Information on the impact of institutionalization on children, including the length of time in the orphanage, age of child, type of care provided, etc.
5. Information on attachment disorder and other emotional problems that institutionalized or traumatized children and children with a history of multiple caregivers may experience, before and after their adoption;
6. Information on the laws and adoption processes of the expected country of origin, including foreseeable delays and impediments to finalization of an adoption;
7. Information on the long-term implications for a family that has become multicultural through intercountry adoption; and
8. An explanation of any reporting requirements of the country, such as the completion of post placement reports for the required period of time.

Gladney will make every effort to provide, as available, the following information to help us to be as fully prepared for the adoption of a particular child, including such areas as:

1. The information that is available on the child’s history and cultural, racial, religious, ethnic and linguistic background, keeping in mind that most of this information is not available. However, all available information in Gladney’s custody will be provided to the family;
2. The known health risks in the specific region or country where the child resides; and
3. Any other medical or social background, birth history, educational data, developmental history, or any other data known about the particular child that is available.

We understand that Gladney offers the required trainings. We agree to complete the required trainings and to provide our Gladney caseworker with proof of completion of each required training.

CHILD REFERRAL:

We understand that Gladney will do its best to make an acceptable referral to our family and that Gladney will stand by us should the placement of any child who is referred to us fall through prior to placement, by assisting us to place another acceptable child with our family. We understand that if we have paid any fees at the time of child referral to a foreign official or attorney that these fees may not be applied to another referral should we change our mind about the child. If our first referral falls through, a portion of the fees may be used to pay for fees associated with the next child referral, however this is at the discretion of the provider in-country. We understand that fees paid to any foreign official or attorney are paid at our own risk and that they are not refundable by Gladney because Gladney does not retain the fees or have any control over them.

We understand that the medical and social background information provided with our child referral may be incomplete, out-of-date, or inaccurate. We understand that Gladney will give us all available information on the child referred to us. We understand that Gladney, in accordance with the laws of the sending country, will use reasonable efforts or
require the foreign supervised provider to use reasonable efforts to obtain available information, including:
1. The date the Convention country or child welfare authority assumed custody of the child and the child’s condition at the time;
2. The history of any significant illnesses, hospitalizations, special needs and changes in the child’s condition since the country or child welfare authority assumed custody of the child;
3. Growth data, including prenatal and birth history, developmental status over time and current developmental data at the time of the child’s referral for adoption;
4. Specific information on the known health risks in the specific region or country where the child resides.

(I) We understand that Gladney or its foreign supervised provider will use reasonable efforts to obtain social information about the child, including:
1. Information about the child’s birth family and prenatal history and cultural, racial, religious, ethnic and linguistic background;
2. Information about the child’s past and current placements prior to adoption, including, but not limited to any social work or court reports on the child and any information on who assumed custody and provided care for the child; and
3. Information about any birth siblings whose existence is known to the foreign supervised provider including information about the siblings’ whereabouts.

Where medical or social records cannot be obtained, Gladney or its foreign supervised provider will continue reasonable efforts to obtain such records until the adoption is finalized.

Gladney will allow the family up to two weeks to review referral information on a child unless extenuating circumstances involving the child’s best interests require a more expedited decision. (I) We understand that referrals will occur according to the laws of the country which may require the family to obtain the social and medical information themselves.

However, (I) we understand that Gladney is not able to make any guarantees regarding the medical, emotional, social, or spiritual well-being of the child referred to (me) us. As such, (I) We understand that it is (my)our responsibility to obtain expert medical and child development advice from individuals of (my)our choosing, including pediatricians, pediatric specialists, psychologists, child developmental specialists, etc., before (I) we accept a child referral. (I) We understand that it is important to obtain this advice in a timely fashion in order to minimize the time a child spends in an orphanage or foster care setting, however, (I) we also understand that (I) we must take the time to make the very best decision for (my) our family regarding this particular child.

(I) We understand that there is the possibility that the adoption of any child referred to (my) our family for international adoption could fall through for some reason at any time prior to bringing the child home to the United States. (I) We understand that there may be difficulties with the foreign adoption process or with the U.S. Immigration Process and that (I) we need to temper (my) our excitement about this child until (I) we are certain that (I) we will be able to complete the adoption and bring the child back to the United States.

(I) We understand the reasons that the placement of a particular child might fall through pre-placement include, but are not limited to: 1) the child becoming too ill for placement, 2) additional information becoming available about the child which would prevent the foreign referral source from allowing the child to be adopted internationally or which would make the placement of this child unacceptable to (my) our family, 3) foreign officials responsible for finalizing this child’s adoption not approving (me) us to adopt the child, 4) the child’s birth parent(s) or a national adoptive family coming forward for the child prior to (my) our finalizing the
child’s adoption, and 5) U.S. immigration officials not agreeing to issue an immigration visa to (my)our child.

(I)We understand that Gladney prohibits its employees and agents from giving money or other considerations directly or indirectly, to a child’s parent(s), other individuals, or an entity as payment for the child or as inducement to release the child.

PLACEMENT AND ADOPTION OF CHILD:

(I) We understand that a court of competent jurisdiction or the foreign government officials responsible for international adoption in the foreign country retain total and sole authority over the ultimate approval, placement and/or adoption of a child(ren) by (me)us.

(I) We agree to abide by all orders of the court of competent jurisdiction and/or the adoption laws and regulations of the foreign government responsible for giving final approvals for (my)our child's(ren's) adoption.

WAIVER and DISCHARGE:

(I) We hereby waive and discharge any right of action or claim whatsoever against Gladney, and all employees, agents, and sub-contractors arising out of its processing of (my)our placement and/or adoption applications including, but not limited to the following:

1. Any medical or emotional problems of the adoptive child not diagnosed before, during or after placement in the adoptive home.
2. Any death, injury or health threat to the undersigned or the adoptive child during any international and/or stay in a foreign country or travel undertaken for the purpose of taking custody of the adoptive child.
3. Any deviation from the description of the child to be adopted.
4. Any complications which arise regarding the legal status of the child, the child’s ability to be adopted and/or the foreign court or government’s decision not to finalize the adoption.
5. Any complications arising from CIS and the child’s immigration status and (my)our attempts to bring the child out of the country.

TRAVELING TO ADOPT A CHILD:

(I) We understand that (I)we must be comfortable with all travel required. (I) We understand that (I)we should contact the U.S. State Department to obtain travel advisories.

(I) We understand that (I)we must travel to adopt (my)our foreign child in his/her country of residence. (I) We understand that Gladney has made provisions as necessary for individuals to facilitate the adoption and immigration process in the foreign country where I(we) will adopt a child. (I) We understand that Gladney will assist (me)us in making travel arrangements which are as comfortable as possible, but that Gladney cannot guarantee (my)our comfort during travel. (I) We understand that availability of transportation and lodging choices varies during different travel seasons and (I) we also understand that cultural differences may impact (my)our travel. (I) We understand that (I)we should take extra amenities with (me)us such as child care items, clothing, food, reading materials, games/hobbies, etc., which will help make (my)our stay more enjoyable. (I) We understand that (I)we must help create (my)our own pleasurable travel experience.
(I)We understand that Gladney recommends that (I)we obtain international travel insurance to help minimize and protect (me)us against certain travel uncertainties and overseas medical crisis for (me)us and (my)our adoptive child.

(I)We understand that if after seeing (my)our assigned child in-country that (I)we determine that (I)we are uncomfortable adopting the child referred to me(us) due to circumstances of which (I)we were not aware at the time of the child referral, (I)we agree to work with Gladney, and its representatives and subcontractors, to arrange placement of another acceptable child with (my)our family. (I)We understand that releasing the referral of one child and accepting the referral of another child may lengthen (my)our stay in country or may necessitate an additional trip(s) to the foreign country and may thus cause (me)us more expense.

(I)We understand that the time which both in-country adoption processing and U.S. immigration visa processing will take depends upon the particular program, the particular foreign source, and the particular foreign officials and the particular American officials with which (I)we (am)are working, and that the time estimated by Gladney for (me)us to complete the process may take longer than expected. (I)We understand that changes in the political situation or adoption policy in the country from which (I)we are adopting may greatly influence the timeliness and/or final outcome of (my)our adoption. (I)We understand that Gladney does not control any foreign government, foreign governmental official or foreign attorney. Gladney can only legally facilitate an adoptive placement in a fully functioning foreign adoption system under the laws and procedures of that given country.

While in the foreign country, (I)we agree to act respectfully and responsibly. (I)We understand that (I)we (am)are ambassadors of the United States, Gladney, and all future families that hope to adopt from the country where (I)we will be adopting. (I)We agree to bring all concerns, questions, etc., to (my)our U.S. Gladney caseworkers attention prior to discussing them with any foreign official. (I)We agree to allow (my)our Gladney caseworker to mediate on (my)our behalf.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD:

(I)We agree to be financially responsible for all costs related to a child's(ren's) care, rearing, education and housing once (I)we have accepted the referral of a specific child(ren) and completed the adoption. (I)We understand that it is (my)our responsibility to pay for all health and medical expenses associated with the child. Furthermore, (I)we submitted a letter from (my)our health insurer verifying health insurance coverage without any pre-existing condition clauses for (my)our adopted child upon placement.

(I)We understand that (my)our child may require medical care after the child is referred to (me)us but prior to the child’s placement with (me)us for which (I)we may be asked to pay (depending upon the country). (I) We understand that these expenses will unlikely be covered by medical insurance and that (I)we have set aside funds to pay for these expenses. If (I)we have concerns regarding mounting medical expenses, (I)we understand that (I)we have the responsibility to question the tests being run, the costs associated, etc., and to determine whether or not (I)we will proceed forward with the placement.

(I)We understand that once (my)our chosen child’s foreign adoption decree is issued, (I)we have sole financial responsibility for the child(ren) (I)we adopt, just as if the child were born
biologically to (me)us. This is regardless of whether (I)we have yet met or received placement of the child.

PRE-PLACEMENT SUCCESS:

(I)We understand that (I)we must cooperate fully with Gladney throughout the pre-adoption process. (I)We understand that this will be an extremely emotional time and that there will be many ups and downs. (I)We understand that Gladney’s expectations, and thus (mine)ours, may need to change many times throughout the process. (I)We will do (my)our very best to maintain perspective. (I)We understand that it is imperative that (I)we maintain confidence and support (my)our caseworker(s) in their efforts to assist (me)us in a successful placement. (I)We understand that (my)our continued approval to adopt is based in part on (my)our continued cooperation. ______ (initials)

(I)We understand that international adoption is a particularly sensitive matter worldwide. (I)We understand that (my)our actions might not only impact (my)our own placement, but the placement of many other children as well. (I)We understand that (I)we may not distribute any Gladney International Program correspondence (i.e., program updates, promotional materials, etc.) to anyone through any means of communication, including the Internet, fax, phone, mail, etc., as this information is meant solely for (my)our purposes. (I)We also understand that no Gladney promotional materials or publication should ever be distributed to any foreign individual or official. (I)We understand that any distribution of such information may be detrimental to (my)our placement. (I)We understand that communicating directly with any foreign official or individual regarding the fact that (I)we are adopting or regarding any aspect of that adoption may also be detrimental to (my)our placement and (I)we agree to route all communications regarding (my)our case directly through Gladney.

POST-PLACEMENT SUCCESS:

(I)We understand that all children adopted internationally have some degree of emotional, physical, mental and social developmental delays and adjustment difficulties. (I)We understand that it is not uncommon for a child adopted from an orphanage or group setting to be delayed as much as 1 month for each 2-4 months they spend in an institutional setting.

(I)We understand that there are unknowns regarding the ultimate adjustment of (my)our child or (myself)ourselves to the adoption. (I)We understand that it may take time for (myself)ourselves to emotionally connect with the child (I)we adopt and that (I)we must be prepared to allow time for this to happen.

(I)We understand that (I)we must do everything possible to provide (my)our child the love, nurturing, nutrition, and understanding to thrive in (my)our home. (I)We understand that the child (I)we are adopting may have suffered a great deal prior to placement with (my)our family. (I)We understand that this may impact the child’s ability to trust and love (me)us immediately. (I)We understand that trust and love is something that is built over time and that it will take (me)us time to earn (my)our child’s love and trust. (I)We agree to do everything in (my)our power to parent (my)our child(ren) appropriately to earn their love and trust. (I)We agree to do everything possible to preserve (my)our child’s foreign culture, heritage and language.

(I)We understand that (I)we have a responsibility to do everything within (my)our power to make the placement of (my)our adopted child successful. (I)We understand that this includes
maintaining (my)our own physical and mental health as well as maintaining (my)our child’s physical and mental health.

(I)We agree to timely inform Gladney of any difficulties (I)we may be experiencing in (my)our child or family’s adjustment process. (I)We understand that Gladney will stand by (me)us through any difficulties and provide (me)us as much emotional support as possible. (I)We agree to quickly seek the assistance of local counseling specialists in the areas of attachment and bonding, infertility, etc., if requested by Gladney or (my)our local caseworker conducting (my)our post-placement supervision. (I)we understand how crucial this assistance may be to the success of (my)our child’s placement and the overall adjustment of (my)our family.

I(We) understand that if Gladney is not conducting our homestudy and/or post placement services, and I(We) are working with another agency for homestudy assessment and post placement supervision and support, that we are aware of and agree to ongoing communication between the two agencies as needed or until sending country post placement reporting requirements are fulfilled. I(We) understand that additional communication between both agencies may be required and I(We) agree to this communication.

POST-PLACEMENT REPORTING:

(I)We agree to submit to a post-placement supervision period following the placement of (my)our child(ren) with (me)us. (I)We understand that (I)we are responsible for making sure that these supervision visits occur. (I)We understand that if this service is provided by an agency other than Gladney, that (I)we will request that agency to provide Gladney originals of the post-placement supervision reports. (I)We understand that Gladney will then forward these reports to the appropriate adoption officials in the foreign country. (I)We also agree to provide family written post-placement reports to Gladney as needed. ________ (initials)

Post placement reports are extremely important to both Gladney and the placing country. This allows for evaluation of the adjustment of the child and/or children and family and continued communication on the placement with the sending country. Should you not fulfill your post placement requirements, Gladney reserves the right to pursue legal action to obtain this documentation/information.

U.S. REGISTRATION OR READOPTION OF CHILD:

(I)We understand that Gladney strongly recommends that I(we) register (my)our child’s foreign adoption decree in the United States to ensure that 1) (my)our child’s foreign adoption is given full recognition under U.S. law and 2) (my)our child can obtain a U.S. birth certificate.

(I)We understand that (I)we should consult an attorney specialized in handling international re-adoption cases to explore the range of options (I)we have for any U.S. legal work regarding (my)our child’s adoption after it is finalized internationally. (I)We understand that Gladney can assist (me)us in finding an attorney who can assist (me)us, however, Gladney cannot guarantee the work of the attorney. Although most Gladney families choose to solely register their foreign adoption decree, (I)we understand that (I)we have the right to re-adopt (my)our child in the United States. (I)We understand that a few states require that (I)we re-adopt (my)our child in the United States regardless of the adoption being finalized internationally.
(I) we understand that Gladney can refer (me)us to an attorney to assist with this process at (my)our request either pre- or post-placement. (I)We understand that if (I)we re-adopt or register (my)our foreign adoption decree through another source, that (I)we must provide Gladney a copy of the final U.S. adoption decree or registration document.

CITIZENSHIP:

As of February 27, 2001 the Child Citizenship Act guarantees internationally adopted children who are provided an IR3 or IH3 visa, automatic citizenship when they enter the United States. Families will receive their Certificate of Citizenship automatically. Please provide Gladney with a copy of the certificate. Children who are provided with an IR 4 or IH 4 visa will need to apply with CIS to obtain citizenship.

ADOPTION DISRUPTION/DISSOLUTION:

(I)we agree, that in the event (my)our child’s adoption may be in jeopardy of disrupting, that (I)we will consult with Gladney at the earliest possible time to determine how Gladney may be able to guide (me)us in (my)our child and family’s adjustment.

(I) We agree, that in the event of an adoption disruption (prior to finalization in the foreign country), that we will cooperate fully with Gladney, other agencies, court officials and other responsible persons, both domestic and foreign, to accomplish an appropriate resolution which will be in the best interest of the child and in accordance to applicable state, federal and foreign regulations.

(I)We agree, that in the event of a dissolution of (my)our child’s adoption after adoption finalization in the foreign country, that (I)we will cooperate fully with Gladney, other agencies, court officials and other responsible persons (including notifying the Central Authority of the child’s country of origin), both domestic and foreign, to accomplish an appropriate resolution which will be in the best interest of (my)our child (considering the child’s wishes, age, length of time in the United States, and other pertinent factors). (I)We understand and agree that as the child’s legal parent(s) that (I)we are responsible for any and all financial obligations which may arise with regard to such a resolution and we understand that Gladney may facilitate a domestic adoption with an approved family as determined by Gladney.

(I)We understand that an adoption dissolution would be a devastating event in both (my)our life and that of the affected child’s and that (I)we would do everything possible to smooth the transition for (my)our child and family. (I)We understand that outside counseling for both (my)our child and family will be necessary and agree to seek those services.

SIGNATURES:

(I)We have fully read this document and agree to all of the terms within. (I)We understand that this agreement is performable in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.
State of______________, County of____________________
Sworn to and subscribed in my presence, this ____ day of ________________, _____.

Notary Public