

Orphans All Adoption Matching Grant Information

We believe that God yearns for every child to be woven into the fabric of a healthy, loving family. *Orphans All* desires to walk out the challenge placed before all of us to care for the orphans of the world by promoting both domestic and international adoption. As a community of people who have been touched by the miracle of adoption, we want to play an active role in helping others who desire to adopt.

Orphans All views the financial challenge associated with adoption to be one of the greatest obstacles a family will face in their adoption journey. In response to this practical need, *Orphans All* will provide assistance in the funding of adoptions. Our goal is simple – to help as many children and families experience the blessing of adoption as our resources will allow.



***Orphans All* is Partnering with Lifesong for Orphans**

Orphans All partners with *Lifesong for Orphans* to administer the application and granting process. *Lifesong for Orphans* is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) orphan care and adoption ministry that helps churches across the country establish and administer adoption assistance funds and has helped 550+ orphaned children become adopted into Christian families. In this partnership, *Orphans All* will establish the vision and direction for the fund as well as make known the opportunity for people to

"Adoption is a ministry to effect future generations...and Lifesong's Adoption Grant, and Church Adoption Fund programs are fantastic resources for how God could provide for your adoption financial needs..."

Howard Dayton, Co-Founder, Crown Financial Ministries

contribute financially to the fund. *Lifesong*, on the other hand, exclusively handles the application process (and all related confidential information), provides all of the administrative and operational support needed to evaluate applicants, makes the decisions regarding grants and handles all contributions and disbursements on behalf of *Orphans All*.

How *Orphans All* Adoption Assistance Funding Works

Matching grants leverage dollars! *Orphans All* provides matching grants, ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000, to applicants who meet the established parameters described in the Eligibility section below.

Additionally,

- Lifesong provides families with a Support Raising Process to help them gather prayer and financial support for this adoption. Contributions on behalf of a child's adoption can be tax-deductible.

- *Orphans All* Adoption Fund matches the funds raised on a “dollar-for-dollar” basis up to specified amount [based on prior history, a \$3,000 matching grant would be a catalyst to raise an additional \$5,000 to \$6,000].

Lifesong makes all decisions regarding whether qualified applicants are given funds for matching grants based on various factors, including the amount of money in the *Orphans All* fund at the time of application, the applicant’s financial situation and adoption-related needs, and the way in which to best maximize the resources held in the *Orphans All* fund. Following approval by Lifesong, all disbursements of matching grants are made by Lifesong directly to the applicant’s adoption agency.

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.
Ephesians 1:5

As a partner to *Orphans All*, Lifesong handles all aspects of the application process including evaluation and verification of all financial and other confidential information. No one from *Orphans All* or RiverTree Christian Church has access to any of your confidential information, and all decisions regarding the award of any matching grants are made solely by Lifesong.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a matching grant *Orphans All* applicant must:

- Provide a statement of their personal faith in Jesus Christ
- Establish their need for financial assistance in connection with an adoption by fully completing the application process
- Have an approved home study conducted by a licensed social worker
- Have a letter of recommendation from a member of the *Orphans All* leadership team or a pastor in their church who knows them sufficiently well to make such a recommendation
- Demonstrate the financial ability to support the adopted child
- Demonstrate the need for financial assistance in the adoption process. Generally this means that it would be difficult or impossible to adopt without the grant
- Be willing to formulate a mailing list of supporters and mail a support letter to each one

In addition, the funds of *Orphans All* will be allocated to qualified applicants according to the following priority: first, to active partners of RiverTree Christian Church; second, to those who are members of another local church and are connected with Born in Our Hearts [an adoption and foster care ministry of RiverTree]; and third, to those in the community who are active members of a church not connected to RiverTree or Born in Our Hearts.

How You Can Help Families Meet the Financial Challenge of Adoption

Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God our Father means that we must care for orphans and widows in their troubles, and refuse to let the world corrupt us.

James 1:27

Orphans All and its partner Lifesong simply provide a conduit through which God’s resources flow from one family to the other. There is an equally powerful and essential role families can play by contributing to the fund. *Orphans All* provides a great way to bless Christian families seeking to adopt and offers this with NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS whatsoever. Every dollar contributed will move through the granting process and reach an adopting family. All contributions to *Orphans All* are made through Lifesong and are fully tax deductible.

For More Information...

Application packets can be found at the Welcome Center at RiverTree Christian Church.

Many organizations and resources will contribute to the success of *Orphans All*, below please find a summary of these partners.

Organization	How they partner	How they can be reached
Born in Our Hearts	A ministry of RiverTree that promotes adoption awareness, support, and connectedness	www.borninourhearts.org
Lifesong for Orphans	An adoption ministry that partners with <i>Orphans All</i> to provide application processing, guidance for matching grant programs, and grant disbursement	www.lifesongfororphans.org
<i>Orphans All</i>	An adoption ministry that addresses the practical needs of domestic and international adoption	Web site under construction
RiverTree Christian Church	Serves Born in Our Hearts and <i>Orphans All</i> as a covering for both leadership and prayer	www.rivertreechristian.com