

LYDIA J. TARR

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adoption Advocate

2001 -

Present

Orphans International, Indianapolis, IN (2005-Present)

- Create community awareness about adoption
- Solicit donations for orphanage support
- Market hosting program to area churches and local community
- Recruit volunteers and services for hosting program
- Develop relationships with potential host families and screen for hosting/adoption readiness
- Ensure families complete paperwork, background checks, and educational requirements
- Match families and children based on criteria of family, priority, and desires
- Encourage and support families while fundraising, waiting, and post-adoption

- Established relationships with Ukrainian missions
- Helped to place 46 children in 2006
- Produced 2 adoption seminars
- Worked with Kingdom Kids Adoption Ministries to raise over \$20K in orphanage support
- Assisted in dossier preparation for 32 Families
- Traveled to Ukraine, provided relief and support in 8 orphanages

Adoption Ministry, (2004-2005)

- Worked with Indian Creek Christian Church to form adoption ministry
- Produced and promoted 2 adoption seminars
- Provided support to adoptive families

Adoption Ministry, O'Fallon, MO (2001-2002)

- Worked with Calvary Church to form adoption ministry
- Produced and promoted an adoption seminar
- Provided support to adoptive families

EARLIER BACKGROUND

Prior to 2001, worked in advertising and marketing for 15 years in a variety of roles

EDUCATION

Southwest Missouri State University
Interior Design

Art,

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

BG Center online training courses

Professional seminars on attachment and adoption issues

Personally adopted 3 children internationally