

# HoltInternational

FINDING FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

Dear Birth Parent,

Thank you for contacting Holt International's Post Adoption Services (PAS) program. With the information you provided in your email I was able to verify that Holt International Children's Services facilitated your child's adoption. Information on adoptees and their adoptive families is confidential; however, there are options for contacting your child.

## Registration in the Voluntary Adoption Registry (VAR).

The VAR is a passive registry. This means that no search is conducted. If you choose to register, your openness to contact by your adult birth child is made part of our file at our headquarters. If your adult birth child comes forward, we will contact you. If he/she also registers and if you are still open to it, you will receive contact information for them and they will receive contact information for you.

Registration requires filling out the Affidavit for Identifying information, having your signature notarized, and returning it with a copy of your birth certificate. There is no fee for this service.

## An Assisted Search.

This option is for those who wish Holt International to undertake a search for your adult child residing in the United States. To pursue this option you will need to register in the Voluntary Adoption Registry (see 1) and also fill out the Assisted Search Application.

We recommend that you write an introductory letter to your adult child and include photos when you request a search. The fee for this service is \$400 and is nonrefundable.

If fees pose a financial hardship to you, please consider applying for a scholarship. Scholarship applications are available from the Post Adoption Services program, [pas@holtinternational.org](mailto:pas@holtinternational.org).

## Confidential Intermediary Services

Holt encourages birth family members to correspond with adult adoptees if the whereabouts are known and they are open to communication. Even if the adoptee is not currently available, birth family members may send letters and photos through us to be placed in the adoptee's file. They will be available there for the adoptee if she or he comes forward. Guidelines for sending letters and photos are available on request.

If you would like to pursue any of these options or have questions, please let me know, I'm glad to help any way I can.

Sincerely,

Debby Hanson  
Administrative Coordinator  
Post Adoption Services