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Dear Sponsor,

I am the Assistant Director for Children at Heart Adoption Services, Inc. We are a small, family-run international and domestic adoption agency, with four employees between our two offices (one in NY and one in NC). The agency was founded by my parents in 1995. Around 1990, my mom and dad saw a special on 20/20 regarding orphanages in Romania. While I was only 11 at the time, I clearly remember the footage of children laying in beds and cribs, who were so badly neglected they could only lay there, their bodies now deformed, rolling from side to side to soothe themselves. It was horrific. These images led my parents to adopt a baby girl from Ukraine in 1994, which added a sister to my family for me and my two biological brothers. Everyone was overjoyed by my sister's adoption - however, my parents could not shake the fact that they had to leave so many children behind in the orphanage. Subsequently, my parents founded Children at Heart Adoption Services, Inc. in July of 1995. To date, nearly 500 children have been adopted through our international programs. My father has spent almost a year of his life in Brazil, working to establish an adoption program there (which has yet to happen), and providing much needed aid to children living in desolate orphanages there. He has spent the same amount of time away from my family while traveling all over Russia and Kazakhstan, setting up successful adoption programs in those countries, and providing much needed aid along the way. He has traveled to Brazil three different years around Christmas, to dress as Santa Claus ("Papa Noel") in the sweltering heat to hand out Christmas presents to orphans. My father is ready to make another trip to Brazil or Kazakhstan this December to play Santa.

The adoption of my siblings and the founding of Children at Heart have changed my life - for the better. I joined my parents at work in 2002. Our agency provides a much needed service to children who are in need of families. So much has changed over the past 9 years since I began working at CAH. My mother worked extremely hard for our agency to achieve Hague accreditation in 2008. Beyond their time, my parents have provided CAH with all of their savings to keep things going during difficult times. Our biggest program since I started working here has been in Kazakhstan - at one point, it was our only international program. In May of 2010, Kazakhstan stopped accepting adoption dossiers, while they transitioned into a Hague country. We were told this closure would last just a few months, but we're now going on 15 months, with no clear end in sight. While this has taken a toll on our agency, it has also made us refocus on the children. We have opened a program in Poland, the goal of which is to find homes for older children, and those with special needs. We were accredited in Nepal, however, the US government has suspended adoptions there, pending reforms in Nepal's adoption system - we are ready to help children in that country when adoptions resume there. We most recently started a domestic program, which focuses on helping pregnant mothers in need of adoption services in the southeastern NC area, where there are no other adoption agencies.

At this time, I'm seeking funding to keep the agency going while Kazakhstan is closed. We need funding to help us get the word out to birthmothers that we are here to help. We need funding to provide aid to the orphanages in Kazakhstan, while the children wait so long for adoptions to resume there. We need funding to establish new programs in other countries. We need help. That is the bottom line. We cannot survive on the fundraisers that we put together ourselves - while they have been successful on a small scale, right now, it's just not enough.

I hope that you will consider supporting CAH through a corporate or individual sponsorship - we truly need your help. If you are unable to be a sponsor, please consider making a monthly or one-time contribution to Children at Heart. I can gladly provide references of many families who adopted through CAH or are waiting to adopt while Kazakhstan is closed. They can say more than I can about the service we provide, and our need for support. Thank you so much for your time and consideration. For more information on Children at Heart please visit our website at www.childrenatheart.com or contact us at 910.763.4414. Please keep in mind that Children at Heart Adoption Services, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, and all donations made to CAH are tax deductible.

We hope you will consider being a sponsor for our agency!

Sincerely,

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- ◆ Mention on the CAH website “news” page and Children at Heart’s Facebook page as a sponsor.
- ◆ One month of advertising on the CAH website, including your business logo and a website link.

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- ◆ Mention on the CAH website “news” page and Children at Heart’s Facebook page as a sponsor.
- ◆ Three months of advertising on the CAH website, including your business logo and a website link.

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- ◆ Mention on the CAH website “news” page and Children at Heart’s Facebook page as a sponsor.
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\$2,000 Level

- ◆ Mention on the CAH website “news” page and Children at Heart’s Facebook page as a sponsor.
- ◆ Twelve months of advertising on the CAH website, including your business logo and a website link.

Donations above \$2,000 will receive their own level - and our deepest gratitude!

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Your tax-deductible contribution may be in the form of:

- ◆ Cash, or check made out to *Children at Heart*

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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Monthly Contribution: _____

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Thank you for your support of Children at Heart Adoption Services, Inc!