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1. Organize a fundraising event at your school, college, or workplace
2. Coordinate a matching donation program at your workplace
3. Hold a raffle with prizes provided by local merchants
4. Participate in a marathon, bike tour, golf tournament, or other sports-based fundraising event
5. Invite your favourite sports team to adopt Embracing Children as their charity for a season
6. Organize a charity ball or dinner
7. Consider making a gift of stock or a bequest to Embracing Children.
8. Buy a gift from our gift store.
9. Personal Donation via credit card, cheque, cash, money order, or pay pal on our website. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations of \$10 or more.

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[www.embracingchildren.com](http://www.embracingchildren.com) for further  
information regarding our charity  
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## ECHO

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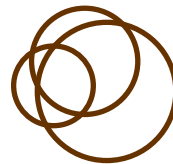
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**HAVE YOU ALWAYS  
WONDERED HOW YOU CAN  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN  
HELPING MORE CHILDREN  
TO BE ADOPTED INTO A  
LOVING HOME?**



**Please support ECHO in  
“Helping to Bring Children Home”**



Many children around the world are living  
in orphanages waiting to be adopted into a  
loving home.

**Embracing Children  
Humanitarian  
Organization**



**NON-PROFIT CHARITY**



## OUR MISSION IS:

Embracing Children Humanitarian Organization is a volunteer run, non-profit charity that provides grants to Canadians to assist with international or domestic adoption costs.

## OUR VISION:

We believe every child in need should have the opportunity to be adopted into a loving home.

## WE BELIEVE:

- In supporting adoption by providing grants.
- Every child has the right to a happy and nurturing home.
- Finances should not be a barrier to adopting a child.

## THANK YOU

Our thanks go out to everyone who has continued to help us by providing their time, energy, information, and feedback. We greatly appreciate your enthusiasm, encouragement, and suggestions. Our success is your success.



## FACTS ABOUT ADOPTION:

**By many estimates there are well over 100,000,000 orphans in the world today** (UNICEF report: Children on the Brink 2004). Over 3,000 children are adopted in Canada annually.

Fees for adoption range between \$10,000 and \$50,000, with most families seeking personal loans or spending their life savings to adopt a child from an orphanage. This can be significant, if not insurmountable barrier to loving families who want to adopt.

ECHO provides grants - not loans – to help reduce the high cost of adoption so that more children can be adopted into loving families. Adoptive parents can then focus on their child, not their debt associated with adopting that child.

There are similar organizations in the Ontario and USA. However, **we are the only registered charity providing this service in BC!**

In an ideal world, adoption would not cost the adoptive family anything, and the money that would have been spent on the adoption process could instead go towards the child's future

**Your support will make a difference!**

## WHAT WE DO: ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(1) We are developing working relationships with BC Adoption Agencies here in Canada, and orphanages abroad. Our goal will be to set up a program that will enable ECHO to sponsor individual children that are waiting to be adopted.

(2) We plan to continue to meet with other community agencies to expand the awareness of our non-profit charity and increase our membership base.

(3) We are working to expand our fundraising base by applying for grants and submitting proposals to corporations for donations.

(4) We host fundraisers such as: bake sales, family picnics, silent auctions, benefit concerts, and ECHO Fundraising Calendar sales. Further details will be included in future newsletters and on our website.

(5) Our **[www.embracingchildren.com](http://www.embracingchildren.com)** website is frequently updated with fundraising events, a charity store, grant applications, donation and contact information, and volunteer opportunities.

