



Embassy of the United States of America

Consular Section
November 25, 2008

Ivetai Zalpēterei
Ministry for Children and Family Affairs
Zigfrīda Annas Meierovics blvd. 14
Rīga, LV-1050

Dear Ms.Zalpētere:

In my duties as Consul of the United States in Latvia, it has come to my attention that the charitable organization from the United States of America, *New Horizons for Children, Inc.* and its partner *Options 4 Adoption, Inc.* have attempted to provide evidence to the Ministry for Family and Children Affairs to show that their host family exchange program for Latvian orphans meets the requirements of the recently amended Latvian Law On Protection Of Rights Of The Child.

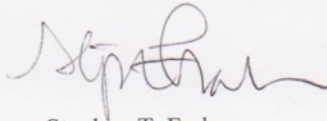
I have reviewed the statements and documentary evidence submitted by the above organizations to the Ministry. Please be informed that, in my opinion, the documentary evidence presented by Kelly L. Barth (representing *Options 4 Adoption, Inc.*) and by Le Ann Dekake (representing *New Horizons for Children Inc.*) demonstrates that the activities carried out by these organizations are consistent with U.S. state and federal laws for these types of organizations.

Over the past years the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Riga has closely monitored this host family exchange program for Latvian orphans. It has been a great success without incident. Based on their prior actions, *New Horizons for Children, Inc.* has demonstrated that they understand and will comply with all Latvian and U.S. immigration and child protection laws. Potential adoptive parents are informed that they must comply with existing adoption laws of both countries before these children may become eligible to immigrate to the U.S. and acquire U.S. citizenship.

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I respectfully request that the Ministry permit *New Horizons for Children, Inc.* and its partners to continue their host family exchange program for Latvian orphans. Please do not hesitate to contact me at + 371 - 6703 6200 if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Stephen T. Frahm', written in a cursive style.

Stephen T. Frahm
Consul of the United States