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World Association for Children and Parents  
Attn: Mary Duncan  
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Seattle, Washington 98138

Dear Ms. Duncan:

I am pleased to inform you World Association for Children and Parents was nominated and selected to receive a 2008 Adoption Excellence Award in the category **Media/Public Awareness of Adoption from Foster Care**. The agency is recognized for the extraordinary contributions it has made in providing adoption and other permanency outcomes for children in foster care.

The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) established the Adoption Excellence Awards program in 1997 to recognize outstanding accomplishments in achieving permanency for America's children waiting in foster care. These awards honor States, child welfare agencies, organizations, courts, businesses, individuals, and families. To learn more about the program and to see a complete list of last year's awardees, please visit [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/current\\_initiatives/aeawards.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/current_initiatives/aeawards.htm). The list of 2008 award winners will be posted in the near future. Please check the same website periodically.

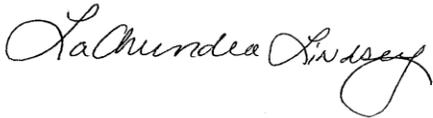
This year, the Adoption Excellence Awards will be presented to 20 recipients at a ceremony held on October 21, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Washington Capitol, 550 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20024. The ceremony will take place during a luncheon at the Children's Bureau's "Policy to Practice Dialogue: Child Welfare Leadership in Action" conference. This conference will focus on exploring good practices and strategies for achieving permanency for youth in the child welfare system. In addition to the awards ceremony during the luncheon, the Children's Bureau, the Collaboration to AdoptUsKids and The Advertising Council will launch their newest public service announcements that encourage the adoption of teens from foster care. At the ceremony, World Association for Children and Parents will be presented with a beautiful engraved award.

I hope that you will be able to travel to the Washington, D.C. area to receive your award. Unfortunately, we are unable to furnish transportation or hotel accommodations for the October 21, 2008 ceremony. Reduced room rates at the Holiday Inn Washington Capitol are \$201 per

night plus tax, if you mention that you are “associated with the National Child Welfare Resource Center for Adoption” or use the group code: CHL. If you can attend the awards ceremony, please contact me, La Chundra Lindsey, by September 29, 2008. I can be reached at (202) 205-8252 or [lachundra.lindsey@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:lachundra.lindsey@acf.hhs.gov). You will also need to let me know the number of people who will attend with you and the number of hotel rooms you reserved. The telephone number for the Holiday Inn Washington Capitol is (800) 972-3159 or (202) 479-4000 and the website, where you can find information on the hotel and nearby attractions, is <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/wassm?rpb=hotel&crUrl=/h/d/hi/1/en/hotelsearchresults>. If you are unable to attend the ceremony, your award will be sent to you in the mail. Please confirm your mailing address by sending it to me via email. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me.

Congratulations, and I look forward to seeing you on October 21!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "La Chundra Lindsey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

La Chundra Lindsey, MSW  
Child Welfare Program Specialist  
Children’s Bureau