

## Request for Action on Form I-600A

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Applicant Names Bari and Carolyn Courts Form I-600A Approval Date: 6/15/2015

SIM Number 1409000002 No-Fee Extension Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Failure to submit this notice along with your request may result in processing delays.**

Please mark all blocks that apply below:

- I am requesting my one-time no-charge extension of Form I-600A. I have attached the following:
  - ✓ A letter requesting the extension
  - ✓ A copy of all pervious Form I-600A approval notices (171H)
  - ✓ A copy of my current valid Form I-600A approval notice (171H)
  - ✓ An amended/updated home study with original signatures that is no more than six months old
  - ✓ A photocopy of my original home study
- I am requesting my one-time, no-charge be re-fingerprinted. This is my first request for re-fingerprinting. I have attached the following:
  - ✓ A letter listing the names and dates of birth of all adult members of my household
  - ✓ A copy of my current valid Form I-600A approval notice
  - ✓ A copy of my latest home study
- I am requesting that an amended I-600A approval notice be issued due to the fact that certain circumstances have changed. I have attached the following:
  - ✓ A letter explaining the nature of these changes
  - ✓ An amended/updated home study with original signatures that is no more than six months old
  - ✓ A photocopy of my original home study
  - ✓ A copy of my current valid Form I-600A approval notice
- Circumstances have changed due to the addition of an adult (over 18 years) member of the household since my original approval. Please contact the National Benefits Center by:
  - ✓ Calling the Adoptions National number: 877-424-8374 or
  - ✓ Emailing at: NBC.Adoptions@dhs.gov
- I am requesting that my Form I-600A approval notice be transferred to a different overseas site than originally indicated on my Form I600A.
  - This is my first request for a change of overseas site.
  - My original Form I-600A did not list a specific country and I now need to have an overseas site notified of my approval.I have attached the following:
  - ✓ A letter indicating from which country I intend to adopt and which overseas site I would like notified.
  - ✓ An amended/updated home study (Required only if your original home study specifically recommended your adoption for a child from a different country.)
  - ✓ A photocopy of my original home study
  - ✓ A copy of my current valid Form I-600A approval notice.
- I am requesting to be re-fingerprinted. This is my second or subsequent request to be re-fingerprinted. Please contact the National Benefits Center by:
  - ✓ Calling the Adoptions National number: 877-424-8374 or
  - ✓ Emailing at: NBC.Adoptions@dhs.gov

Bari Courts  
Signature of Petitioning Parent/Date  
Date of Birth 11/12/1966

Carolyn K Courts  
Signature of Joint Petitioner (if any)/Date  
Date of Birth 10/17/1965

Current Address: 1139 Wellesley Ave Batavia, Ohio 45103 Is this a new address? XX Yes XX No

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**Name and Address of Prospective Petitioner:**

Bari Lee Courts  
1139 Wellesley Avenue  
Batavia, OH 45103

**Name of Prospective Petitioner:**

Bari Lee Courts

**Name of Spouse (if married):**

Carolyn Kay Courts

**Application Receipt Number:**

SIM1409000002

**Filing Date:** December 24, 2013

**Completion Date:** 01/23/2014

**Expiration Date:** July 23, 2015

**NOTICE OF FAVORABLE DETERMINATION CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR ADVANCE PROCESSING  
OF ORPHAN PETITION**

It has been determined that you are able to furnish proper care to an orphan(s) as defined in Section 101(B)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. A separate Form I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative, must be filed on behalf of each child with documentary evidence as described in instructions 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g, and 2h of that form. No fee will be required with Form I-600 if filed within **18 months** from the date of completion of all advance processing. If you do not file Form I-600 within **18 months**, your application will be considered abandoned. Any further proceedings will require the filing of a new Form I-600A.

Form I-600 should be filed at the USCIS office or U.S. Embassy or consulate. Your approved advance processing application is being retained or has been forwarded as indicated by an "X" mark below:

1.  Your Advance Processing Application is being retained at this office.
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4.  Other: Post: Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

Your application has been provisionally approved for:

Number of Children	Gender	Age	Special Needs Child
2	Male/Female	2 Years to 7 Years	Special Needs

NOTE: This determination does not guarantee that the orphan petition(s) you file will be approved. An orphan petition may be denied because the child does not qualify for classification as an orphan or for other proper cause. The age of approval is the age of the child at the time of referral.

Even though your application for advance processing has been provisionally approved, and you are eligible to file Form I-600

for a specific orphan, Form I-600 may not be provisionally approved unless the fingerprint checks relating to you, your spouse (if any), and any adult household member are current and not expired. Fingerprint checks relating to this application will expire on:

<b>Prospective Petitioner:</b>	Bari Lee Courts	April 21, 2015
<b>Spouse (if married):</b>	Carolyn Kay Courts	April 21, 2015
<b>Adult Member(s) of the Household:</b>		

Notify USCIS if you anticipate that your fingerprint clearances will expire before Form I-600 can be filed and provisionally approved. To receive a fingerprint appointment, send a copy of this letter with a request for a fingerprint appointment to the address listed at the top of this letter. To allow for processing time, do this 2 months prior to the date the fingerprints expire.

cc:

Form I-171H Provisional Approval of I-600A (Nov 2012 - RY)

I certify this is a true and exact copy of the original document Kimi Demme sworn and subscribed before me this 19 day of March, 20 14.

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Notary Public



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## ADOPTIVE HOMESTUDY For The Democratic Republic of Congo

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### SUMMARY OF AGENCY CONTACT

Bari and Carolyn were interviewed jointly in their home on September 18 and September 23, 2013. Bari was interviewed individually in their home on September 18, 2013 and Carolyn was interviewed individually in their home on September 23, 2013. Additionally, Cara Courts was interviewed individually on September 23, 2013. Natasha and Alexandra were present during some of the meeting time as well. Siyi Zhang, who goes by "Cicy," is the 17-year old, international exchange student from Shanghai, China that is living with the Courts family from September 2013 through May 2014. Cicy was interviewed individually on September 23, 2013. Bari and Carolyn state they have never been rejected as prospective adoptive parents nor had an unfavorable homestudy. They had previously adopted Natasha and Alexandra from Tver, Russia. Previous individual interviews were conducted in the home of Bari and Carolyn Courts on March 24 and March 25, 2010, for their first adoptions. This social worker completed the initial homestudy with the Courts family and completed the first three years of post adoption visits and reports for the family for Natasha and Alexandra.

### CHILD DESIRED

Bari and Carolyn Courts are seeking to adopt up to two children of either gender, from the ages of 2 years to 7 years of age from the country of The Democratic Republic of Congo. They have been educated, counseled and are able to parent children with special needs and a broad range of various medical conditions. One or both of the parents are willing to travel to The Democratic Republic of Congo to bring their children home.

### ADOPTIVE FATHER

Bari Lee Courts was born on November 12, 1966 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is five feet seven inches tall and weighs one hundred forty-five pounds. Bari has brown hair and blue eyes. His health is excellent. He rarely needs to seek medical attention. His last physical was conducted September 19, 2013, by Michael Handleton, M.D. His physician stated that he is suitable for adoptive parenting. He denies any mental health problems, as well as any alcohol and drug abuse problems. He also denies any criminal activity. This assessor assesses Bari Courts to be emotionally, physically and mentally stable and will provide a loving home for any children placed in his family. Bari is described as energetic, decisive, creative, and family and people oriented.

Bari Courts' parents are Gene and Marcia. Mr. Courts' father, Gene, resides in Venice, Florida and is remarried. Bari Courts parents divorced when he was 9-year old and both remarried within 3 or 4 years of the divorce. Six years ago, his mother, Marcia died at the age of 69-years from lung cancer. Marcia worked as a real estate agent and Gene worked as a stock broker, but is now retired. He visits his father and stepmother at least four times a year and they are supportive of the plan to adopt. He has frequent contact with his stepfather, the man that his mother married when he was a child. Bari is the second of three children. His older brother, Todd, is 50-years old, and is employed in the music industry. Todd is married to Rosemary, they have no children and they live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Bari gets along well with Todd and his wife and they are supportive of the plan for adoption. Bari's younger brother, Darren is 45-years old, and married to Heather with three children. They live in Greenville, South Carolina and Darren and Bari talk daily and their families get together over the holidays. Darren is supportive of the decision to adopt internationally.

### CHILDHOOD OF ADOPTIVE FATHER

Bari Courts grew up in Williamsburg, Ohio, a small town area near Cincinnati, Ohio. He was involved in school soccer, tennis, band, drama, and chorus. He excelled in school. Bari has positive memories of his childhood hanging out with his brothers and friends, enjoying school, and being active. He started working at a local amusement park his last year of high school, where he ended up being promoted to an area manager and worked there for 12 years. He describes his parents' discipline and upbringing as being moderate and appropriate. He denies any history of child abuse.

### CAREER AND ADULT LIFE OF ADOPTIVE FATHER

Bari Courts graduated from Glen Este High School in 1985. In 1989, he graduated from Kenyon College with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. In 1991, Mr. Courts graduated from the University of Cincinnati, Ohio with a Masters degree in Business Administration, and later received a PhD in Organizational Management from Capella University in 2004. In his adult life, he has been self-employed as an Adjunct Faculty instructor where he has taught online college courses since November 2002. Bari enjoys working in his own business, is successful at what he does, loves the flexibility, and plans no changes. In his free time, he enjoys participating frequently in the Barbershop Quartet where he is active in part of a male singing group, having served as District President for the group, and enjoys participating in singing contests in various states. He plays soccer and exercises. He is family oriented and has enjoyed parenting their older children, as well as their two daughters who were adopted from Russia. He looks forward to adding additional adoptive children to the family.

### ADOPTIVE MOTHER INTERVIEW

Carolyn Kay Boboltz Courts was born on October 17, 1965, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Courts is five feet three inches tall and weighs one hundred and forty-five pounds. She has brown hair and blue eyes. Her health is excellent. She rarely needs to seek medical attention. Her last physical was conducted September 19, 2013 by Michael Handleton, M.D. She takes medication which controls her high blood pressure. Her physician stated that she is "suitable" for adoptive parenting. She denies any mental health problems, as well as any alcohol and drug abuse problems. She also denies any criminal activity. This assessor assesses Carolyn Courts to be emotionally, physically and mentally stable and will provide a loving home for any child placed in her family. Carolyn Courts is described as having a relaxed, flexible personality and is well-organized, an information gatherer, and one who enjoys spending time at home.

Carolyn's parents, Lee and Ellen Boboltz, lived in Cincinnati, Ohio and were married for 58 years. Lee worked as an Electrical Engineer and is now retired. Ellen worked as a homemaker and passed away from cancer in 2010. Bari and Carolyn see Mrs. Courts' father on a weekly basis and provide support to him, taking him to medical appointments and helping him in any way that they can. He is supportive of the Courts' decision to adopt a child internationally. Carolyn is the third of three children. Her older brother, David, is 57-years old, and is retired but active in the Michigan Ski Patrol and is a Search and Rescue Volunteer. David is single and living in Waterford, Michigan. Although the Courts do not see David frequently, they communicate through emails often and he is supportive of the plan for adoption. Carolyn's older sister, Barbara is 55-years old, single and has two children. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio and have weekly contact with the Courts family. Barbara is supportive of the decision to adopt internationally.

### CHILDHOOD OF ADOPTIVE MOTHER

Carolyn Courts grew up in the Cincinnati, Ohio area. She was involved with soccer, band, photography, and the yearbook in school. She did well in school and recalls spending time with her family and friends during her childhood. She recalls happy memories of family vacations. She describes her parents' discipline and upbringing as being moderate and appropriate. She denies any history of child abuse.

### CAREER AND ADULT LIFE OF ADOPTIVE MOTHER

Carolyn Courts graduated from Turpin High School in 1984. Carolyn had been dating a man and at age 20 years old, she found herself with an unexpected pregnancy. The relationship with the father of the child was not going to be long-term. Carolyn received support and assistance from her parents and extended family in caring for her son, Matthew, who was born July 28, 1986. She and Matthew did not have contact with Matthew's father. In 1989, she graduated from the Art Academy of Cincinnati, Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Photography. While

working, she attended North Central University and received her Master degree in Business Administration in 2008. Carolyn expects to complete her PhD in Business Administration in July 2014. Since May 2008, she has been the property manager of Allstar Self Storage, a storage business that Bari and Carolyn own. Carolyn enjoys the flexibility that the businesses she and her husband operate afford. She previously worked as an accountant for eight years. In her free time she enjoys reading autobiographies, biographies, and fiction. She enjoys scrapbooking and decorating. She has immensely enjoyed parenting their two daughters who were born in Russia and adopted by the Courts. She looks forward to parenting additional children through international adoption.

### **MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS**

Bari and Carolyn met through Mrs. Courts' parents. They dated for two years, were engaged for nine months, and married on October 29, 1994 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Carolyn was attracted to her husband's personality. He was interested in helping others and was ambitious. He embraced her son Matthew and legally adopted him after they had been married for several years, when Matthew was ten-years old. Bari felt comfortable when he was with Carolyn and she had the same goals as he. In their 19 year marriage, they have built on much strength such as their commitment to each other, their flexibility to meet each other's needs, and their ability for their personalities to balance each other. Bari and Carolyn do not tend to disagree with each other. An example of a conflict from the past was with finances. They no longer have issues with finances. When in conflict, the couple works on understanding each other's perspective, learns to adapt to the other or accept the other, and works toward a compromise. They are flexible within their roles but they have defined roles such as Carolyn pays the bills and Bari makes the overall plan for the finances. Bari and Carolyn are family oriented and enjoy sharing time together as a family, traveling, and spending time with their extended family.

### **SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS NETWORK**

Bari and Carolyn are of the Methodist faith and attend church weekly. Their daughter, Cara, attends a Catholic school. Natasha is in kindergarten at a private Catholic school. Alexandra is in preschool at a church affiliated school. Their younger children will likely eventually attend a faith based school. The Courts want their children to think of others before themselves. They have taught the children to value family. Bari volunteers with their teen daughter, Cara, with the Boys and Girls Club of America after school, assisting with homework and providing activities in a gymnasium. The Courts family enjoys spending time together playing games, cooking, and taking trips and vacations together. They prioritize their family time together.

### **ATTITUDE AND MOTIVATION TO ADOPT**

Bari and Carolyn share four children together. Matthew, age 27-years old, was Carolyn's child that Bari adopted after marrying her. Carolyn and Bari had one biological child together, Cara, age 16-years old. In February 2011, Bari and Carolyn adopted two daughters, Natasha and Alexandra from Tver, Russia. Natasha is now 5-years old and Alexandra is now 4-years old. Prior to adopting Natasha and Alexandra, Bari and Carolyn had discussed adoption for many years and agreed that they were no longer interested in having another biological child. Earlier in their marriage, they had experienced miscarriages and always hoped for a larger family. Prior to adopting their daughters from Russia, they researched international adoption and embraced the idea of adding to their family through international adoption. They have had extremely positive experiences with the adoptions of Natasha and Alexandra. They are very excited about the possibility of adopting two children from The Democratic Republic of Congo. They developed a heart for adoption from The Democratic Republic of Congo by researching the country and learning further about the adoption process in that country. The Courts family has attended the annual picnics held by European Adoption Consultants and has connected with many other adoptive families, as well as children from the same area of Russia as Natasha and Alexandra. They have maintained contact with some of these families. They also have adoptive children that they interact with in their neighborhood, at their church, and at their daughter's schools. Bari and Carolyn have educated themselves on adopting from The Democratic Republic of Congo and are eager to expand their family through adoption.

To prepare for adoption, they have attended seminars and received 10 hours of Hague training, networked with other individuals who have adopted, and read books. For this adoption they have taken additional training on culture. They have prepared for an older child adoption by receiving adoption training through European Adoption Consultants, Inc., consulting individually with a trainer who has expertise in older children international adoptions at European Adoption Consultants, Inc., and by educating themselves through readings and other materials. They understand the risks of adopting older children from The Democratic Republic of Congo. They are aware that the children may be developmentally behind other children their age. They also realize that adopting older children may

require more attention, patience, and additional resources in both finances and emotional support. They are aware of professional resources such as The Cincinnati Children's Hospital International Adoption Center to help with any issues medically or emotionally that may arise with their children. They will share their children's' adoption information in an honest and open manner. As they have embraced the Russian culture when they adopted Natasha and Alexandra, they will also embrace the culture when they add their children from The Democratic Republic of Congo to their family. They will help to preserve their children's' culture of birth by exposing them to books, videos, arts, music, and festivals of their birth country, as well as by attending support and activity groups with other families who have adopted from the region of The Democratic Republic of Congo. Bari and Carolyn agree to any form of post placement counseling as needed. They will comply with post placement reports as required by The Democratic Republic of Congo and European Adoption Consultants, Inc., minimally at 6, 12, 24, and 36 months following placement.

Bari and Carolyn have thought about the possibility that they may receive little or no information on their children's biological parents. They are also aware of the possibility of the children developing a previously undiagnosed medical condition following placement. Bari and Carolyn state that they have an understanding of expenses, difficulties, delays and impediments to finalization of adoption. Bari and Carolyn are accepting of these issues, and willing to take the risks. They will assume full responsibility for the medical and financial needs of the children after placement. They are knowledgeable of the laws of the state of Ohio pertaining to the international adoption, the requirements of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and the adoption process in general.

#### **PARENTING EXPERIENCE**

As parents of four children ranging in ages from 27-years old to 4-years old, Bari and Carolyn have had a wealth of experience parenting children at all ages. Matthew Kevin Courts is 27-years old and is studying Information Systems. He works at Allstar Self Storage, which is owned by Bari and Carolyn. He is single, living independently in Cincinnati, Ohio, around five minutes from his parents' home. He is described as having a relaxed personality and has great talent in mechanical skills. Matthew is dependable and is very supportive of the plan to adopt. When the family adopted Natasha and Alexandra, Matthew visited often and developed a wonderful relationship with each of his little sisters, who adore him. Cara Amber Courts is 16-years old and attending the eleventh grade, with blonde hair and blue eyes. She is athletic and involved in cheerleading, Girl scouts, playing the piano, and volunteering her time to assist children in need. Her health is excellent and she is up to date on immunizations. She was seen by John Markovich, M.D., on August 14, 2013, who indicated that Cara is in very good health and that he has no concerns about the adoption. Her personality is described as creative, competitive, and caring. She does very well in school. Cara shared that she is supportive of the adoption and has had a positive experience with the family's first adoptions, having developed a wonderful relationship with each of her two little sisters. Natasha Inga Courts was born February 7, 2008, in Tver, Russia and was adopted by Bari and Carolyn Courts in February 2011. Natasha is 5-years old and has blonde hair and blue eyes with a petite build. She is healthy, up to date with her immunizations, and developmentally on target. She is currently attending Kindergarten. Natasha was seen by her physician, Lynn Croteau, M.D., on May 21, 2013, and was found to be healthy. The physician stated, "Well suited as part of adoptive family." Alexandra Lauren Courts was born on April 21, 2009, in Tver, Russia, and was adopted by Bari and Carolyn Courts in February 2011. Alexandra is 4-years old and has blonde hair, blue eyes and a petite build. She is healthy, up to date with her immunizations, and developmentally on target. She is currently attending preschool. Alexandra was seen by her physician, Ann K. Nelson, M.D., on May 21, 2013, and was found to be healthy. The physician stated, "This family would be excellent as an adoptive family!" To assist their children in having healthy self esteem, the Courts praise their children for their accomplishments and spend time with them doing activities such as cooking or playing ping pong. Most of all, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Courts know that they are loved and will be supported throughout their lives. For discipline, the family is clear with rules and expectations. When it is clear that the children understood the expectation and chose not to listen, the children will receive a consequence such as withdrawal of privileges. The children will be addressed directly with firm and consistent corrections. The family will not use corporal punishment. The family is able to use humor in their daily lives and provide affection to their children. Due to Bari and Carolyn working from home a lot and owning their own businesses, they will have great flexibility and be able to prioritize the parenting of their children.

#### **OTHERS IN THE HOME**

The Courts have an international exchange student through NACEL National. Siyi "Cicy" Zhang was born on January 30, 1996, and is presently 17-years old with brown hair and brown eyes. She is from Shanghai, China and lived with the Courts during the 2012-2013 school year. She returned home to China for the summer and came back



to the Courts family for the 2013-2014 school year. She is a Junior in High School and is involved in various clubs. She is healthy, up to date with her immunizations, and developmentally on target. Cicy was seen by her physician, Ann K. Nelson, M.D., on November 29, 2013, and was found to be healthy. Cicy enjoys staying with the Courts family and states that the Courts' home is her "home away from home." She states that she thinks Natasha and Alexandra are cute and that they love her. She is happy that the Courts are adopting more children as she believes they are a wonderful family.

### **CULTURAL DIVERSITY**

The Courts family is already a culturally diverse family. They previously adopted two daughters from Russia and opened their home to an international exchange student in 2012 from Shanghai, China. They are very experienced in incorporating other cultures into their home and embrace this opportunity. Bari and Carolyn believe that their children's race and culture should be acknowledged and preserved. Their large and caring family is one of the best assets Bari and Carolyn Courts have to offer. In addition to an adult child who lives close and two high school aged children living in the Courts household, there is a significant number of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews all living in the Cincinnati area who are willing to help out with the adoptive children. All family members are in full agreement with Bari and Carolyn Courts that children of another race or culture are equally as important as any other child. As Bari and Carolyn have kept the Russian culture as part of their Russian born daughters' lives, they believe that it will be equally important to make the culture of The Democratic Republic of Congo part of their family's lives. For their Russian born children, they have pictures of Russia in their home, listen to Russian music at bed time, have a Russian calendar in their kitchen, and celebrate many of the Russian holidays. There is also an abundance of Russian toys in their home including many Russian nesting dolls. They will seek opportunities to acknowledge and celebrate The Democratic Republic of Congo culture in a similar fashion and will embrace the culture as a whole family. They believe that their immediate neighborhood and community is very integrated with families and children of many races and cultural backgrounds, as well as eight adoptive children that live closely. Additionally, the private schools where their children attend includes many internationally adoptive children and exchange students. They believe the community, schools, and neighborhood will be most accepting of children from The Democratic Republic of Congo.

### **GUARDIANSHIP OF CHILD**

Bari and Carolyn have chosen Matt and Lesley Folan, ages 49 and 44, of 228 Woodcrest Drive, Loveland, Ohio 45140, U.S.A., to be the guardian of their children in the event that Mr. and Mrs. Courts can no longer parent. Matt is employed as an Account Executive in the Software Electronics field and Lesley is a Stay-at-home Mom. Both are in excellent health, will be able to provide for the children financially, and both are free of a criminal record. They have three children, Hunter age 15, Maxwell age 13 and Oliver age 10. Lesley is Bari's Step-Sister and the families have regular contact.

### **HOME AND FINANCES**

Bari and Carolyn Courts own a two-story home in Batavia, a northeast suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio. The home is in an excellent condition, and is tastefully furnished. It has an eat-in kitchen, dining room, living room, family room, half bathroom, and office. On the second floor there are four bedrooms and two full bathrooms. The basement level has a storage area, an extra bedroom, a full bath, a utility room, and a recreational area. Bari and Carolyn sleep in the master bedroom, Cara sleeps in the basement bedroom, Cicy sleeps in a second upstairs bedroom, Natasha and Alexandra sleep in a third upstairs bedroom and their new adoptive children will sleep in the fourth upstairs bedroom if they are the same gender. If there is one boy, than he will have his own bedroom and Natasha and Alexandra will share a bedroom with the girl sibling. There is adequate space in the home for the addition of two more children. The safety audit was conducted on the Courts home on September 23, 2013, meeting all state and local requirements. The fire inspection was completed and passed inspection on September 16, 2013.

Bari and Carolyn's annual income is approximately \$280,000. Bari and Carolyn's monthly net pay is \$19,200.00. Their monthly expenditures total \$11,750.00. Their total assets are \$764,000, including residence market value of \$310,000 and other real estate of \$410,000, which is their storage business. Their total liabilities are \$605,864, including \$272,506 in residence mortgage and \$261,358 in a second mortgage (the storage business.) Bari has a \$500,000 life insurance policy through Progressive. Carolyn has a \$1,250,000 policy through Metlife. Bari and Carolyn have medical insurance through Anthem. Their income was verified by the Applicant Financial Statement (ODJFS 01681), employer letters, tax statements and personal interviews with Bari and Carolyn. They have

adequate life and medical insurance to meet the needs of their children. Bari and Carolyn Courts have adequate finances to support two additional children.

### **CHILD ABUSE CLEARANCE/ CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK**

Ohio Child Abuse Registry checks for the adoptive family, Bari and Carolyn Courts of 1139 Wellesley Avenue, Batavia, Ohio 45103, USA were received on October 11, 2013, and have shown no records.

Bari and Carolyn Courts have stated that they have no history of substance abuse or domestic violence. They deny that they have any record of sexual or child abuse. They further deny any arrests or convictions with regard to the aforementioned issues. They deny ever having been rejected as adoptive parents or being the subject of an unfavorable home study. Local Police checks were completed for Bari Courts on September 11, 2013, and for Carolyn Courts on September 18, 2013, showing no criminal records for either. State checks were completed for Bari Courts on September 11, 2013, and for Carolyn Courts on September 11, 2013 showing no criminal records for either. Federal checks were completed for Bari Courts on September 18, 2013, and for Carolyn Courts on September 18, 2013, showing no criminal records for either. Additionally, the family will secure criminal and child abuse clearances for Cicy when she turns 18 in January.

### **REFERENCES**

Bari and Carolyn Courts have provided four references. These references are on record with the agency and have been overwhelmingly favorable, recommending the couple for adoption. Statements such as the following were made by the references, "I know any child lucky enough to have Bari and Carolyn as parents will be happy, loved, and will thrive under their guidance." "I have known Bari and Carolyn for approximately 40 years and have utmost respect for them as kind, compassionate, loving individuals who always put the needs of others first. Their marriage is a strong one, built on mutual care and respect." "Bari and Carolyn are quite affectionate with their children, while also instilling discipline and responsibility appropriate to their ages. Bari and Carolyn also place a high priority on education. Bari has his PhD and Carolyn is working on hers. They have all their girls enrolled at private schools at considerable expense..."

### **SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Bari and Carolyn Courts are a stable, mature couple who have a wealth of experiences as parents, are adoptive parents, and are eager to receive two children through international adoption from The Democratic Republic of Congo. They have an excellent support system consisting of family and friends and are caring, compassionate people, frequently giving their time and talents to help others. Bari and Carolyn Courts have satisfactorily met all the guidelines and requirements of the state of Ohio and European Adoption Consultants, Inc. Bari and Carolyn Courts have an adequate income and space in their home to meet the needs of two additional children.

This social worker/assessor and European Adoption Consultants, Inc. approve Bari and Carolyn Courts to adopt up to two children, of either gender, 2 to 7 years of age from The Democratic Republic of Congo with lesser or correctable medical issues with the potential for normal growth and development. They have been informed and verified that they understand that children, especially those from an institutionalized environment, may have undiagnosed emotional or physical issues. The family has been educated by this worker, completed 10 hours of Hague training, counseled and educated by an international adoption specialist at European Adoption Consultants, Inc. and has access to any specialist as needed upon arrival home with their adopted child. They will assume full responsibility for all medical and financial needs of their children.

Bari and Carolyn Courts are appropriate and prepared to parent a child with these conditions. They have been informed and verified that they understand that children, especially those from an institutionalized environment, may have undiagnosed emotional or physical issues. Bari and Carolyn Courts have thought about the possibility that they may receive little or no medical information on their child's biological parents. They are also aware of the possibility of their child developing a previously undiagnosed medical condition following placement. They are accepting of this, and are willing to take that risk. They will assume full responsibility for the medical and financial needs of their child after placement. They also understand, and are ready psychologically, for international adoption, its risks and delays.

The agency and/or preparer has provided additional information about print, internet or to other resources available for continuing to acquire information about common behavioral, medical, and other issues; connecting with support

groups, adoption clinics and experts; seeking appropriate help when needed. Bari and Carolyn are eligible and suitable to adopt.

This homestudy was prepared by Karla Reinelt Doerror, M.S.W., L.I.S.W., a professionally qualified employee of European Adoption Consultants, Inc. and a professional Social Worker licensed by the State of Ohio, authorized to prepare home studies under chapter 4757 of the Revised Code license number I-0005229, expiration date January 16, 2015, and as a certified adoption assessor under Ohio Revised Code Section 3107.012. European Adoption Consultants, Inc. is authorized by the State of Ohio to research and prepare adoption home studies according to the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 5103, licensed through November 5, 2014 and is a Hague accredited agency, expiration date, April 30, 2016. In accordance with 22 CFR Part 96, European Adoption Consultants, Inc. is an accredited agency on file with the Department of State. The home study is to be used for the sole purpose of an international adoption through European Adoption Consultants, Inc. This home study was performed in accordance with 8 CFR 204.311 and any applicable state laws.

I, Karla Reinelt Doerror, MSW, LISW-S, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I personally and with the professional diligence reasonably necessary to protect the best interests of any child, whom the applicant might adopt, actually conducted the home study, including personal interview(s), the home visits, and all the other aspects for the investigation needed to prepare the home study. The factual statements in the home study are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I have advised Bari and Carolyn of their duty of candor under paragraph (d) (2) of this section concerning disclosure of new events or information warranting submission of an updated or amended home study. This home study is the same home study that was provided to USCIS, the prospective adoptive parents and the country of The Democratic Republic of Congo.

Karla Reinelt Doerror, MSW, LISW-S

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Certified Adoption Assessor

12-10-13

Adoption Study Completed

Approved by:

Margaret A. Cole

Margaret A. Cole, Executive Director  
European Adoption Consultants, Inc.

State of Ohio

County of Cuyahoga

Sworn to and subscribed before me by Margaret A. Cole this 20 day of December, 2013.

Byron M. Sloan

Notary Public



BYRON M. SLOAN  
Notary Public  
State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires  
August 6, 2014

ANDREA F. ROCCO, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, a Court of Record of Cuyahoga County, aforesaid,

Do Hereby Certify that LYNN M KOSIN  
before whom the annexed acknowledgement, oath, affidavit, was taken, was at the date thereof a NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for said County, duly authorized by the laws of Ohio to take the same, also to make acknowledgements, affidavits and proofs, of deeds or conveyances for land, tenements or hereditaments situated and lying in said State of Ohio, and further believe the signature thereto is genuine, and that the annexed instrument is executed according to the laws of the State of Ohio.

Commission expires October 6, 2014

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court, at Cleveland, Ohio, this 4TH day of February A.D. 20 14.

**ANDREA F. ROCCO, CLERK OF COURTS**



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Clerk



United States of America  
State of Ohio  
Office of the Secretary of State

I, **JON HUSTED**, Secretary of State, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, and I further certify that **ANDREA F. ROCCO**

whose signature and official seal are affixed to the attestation hereto attached, was at the date hereof, the duly elected, commissioned and qualified Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of CUYAHOGA County, State of Ohio, and that she is the proper official to make said attestation, which is in due form; and that her acts are entitled to full faith and credit.

This certification certifies only the authenticity of the signature of the official who signed the document, the capacity in which that official acted, and where appropriate, the identity of the seal or stamp, which the document bears. This certification does not imply that the contents of the document(s) are correct, nor that they have the approval of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official Seal of the Secretary of State of Ohio, at Columbus, Ohio, this 14th day of February, 2014.

  
**Jon Husted**  
Secretary of State



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## **ADOPTIVE HOMESTUDY ADDENDUM For The Democratic Republic of Congo**

Bari Lee Courts  
Carolyn Kay Courts  
1139 Wellesley Avenue  
Batavia, Ohio 45103 U.S.A.

Bari Lee & Carolyn Kay Courts were approved by European Adoption Consultants on December 10, 2013 to adopt up to two children from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The purpose of this addendum is to indicate the change in household membership.

In preparation for the adoption of two children, Bari & Carolyn made the decision to no longer host a foreign exchange student in their home. As of February 7, 2014, Siyi (Cicy) Zhang no longer resides in their home.

Bari and Carolyn Courts were interviewed in their home on February 26, 2014. Their three daughters, Cara, Natasha, and Alexandra were present during the visit. Bari & Carolyn discussed their decision and stated they have no intention to host foreign exchange students until their adoptive children have adjusted to their new home.

The prospective adoptive parents have been informed and understand that under penalty of perjury it is their duty to disclose all information under 8 CFR 204.311 (d). The prospective adoptive parents are aware that they must notify the home study preparer and USCIS of any new event or information that might warrant submission of an amended or updated home study and that the duty to disclose is ongoing while form I-600A is pending, after form I-600A is approved, and while any form I-600 is pending until there is a final decision admitting the child to the U.S. on a visa. In response to a direct question from this worker, Bari and Carolyn each state they have disclosed any history of physical, mental or emotional health problems to the home study preparer. They have no history to disclose. Bari and Carolyn each state that they have never been refused visa clearance by USCIS; abused alcohol; used or abused controlled substances; nor have they been a perpetrator of domestic violence, sexual or child abuse. Bari and Carolyn have not been the perpetrators of a crime even if it did not result in an arrest or conviction either in the U.S. or abroad.

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Karla Reinelt Doerr, MSW, LISW-S  
Karla Reinelt Doerr, MSW, LISW-S  
Certified Adoption Assessor

2/27/14  
Date Completed

Approved by:

Margaret A. Cole  
Margaret A. Cole, Executive Director  
European Adoption Consultants, Inc.

State of Ohio  
County of Cuyahoga

Sworn to and subscribed before me by Margaret A. Cole this 5 day of March, 2014.

Byron M. Sloan  
Notary Public



State of Ohio  
Department of Job and Family Services

John R. Kasich  
Governor

This is to Certify that

EUROPEAN ADOPTION CONSULTANTS, INCORPORATED  
9800 BOSTON ROAD  
NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO 44133  
(RECERTIFICATION - STUDY# 74350)

Has been inspected pursuant to Chapter 5103, of the Ohio Revised Code and applicable Ohio Administrative Code rules.  
The specific functions which the agency is certified to perform are listed below and explained in detail in the accompanying letter.

To participate in the placement of children for Adoption

I certify this is a true and exact copy of the  
original document Kim Demarest  
sworn and subscribed before me this 16  
day of January, 20 14

Notary Public



CHRISTINE KELLAND  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
FOR THE  
STATE OF OHIO  
My Commission Expires  
February 7, 2018

This certificate is effective From November 6, 2012 To November 5, 2014

Temporary certificate expiration date To \_\_\_\_\_

Unless sooner revoked or amended by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

