



We are excited for your family's step of faith toward adoption. While Defend the Fatherless would love to financially provide for all families who are adopting, at this time we are limited to assisting those who we feel have already been proven leaders in the community as they live out God's command of James 1:27 to care for orphans and widows in distress.

The **Marybeth Robinson Adoption Grant** was established in honor of Marybeth Robinson who is an example of a selfless giver in the adoption and foster community both locally and globally. Marybeth is a co-founder of the York County Foster Closet which was established in 2016. She has also personally wrapped around local adoptive and foster families through prayer, cooking meals, and providing respite care, just to name a few examples of her heartfelt service. In addition to local service, Marybeth traveled to China in 2018 and served in a foster home for children with medical needs. It was here that she met her son Wes who is the inspiration for this grant.

To apply for this **\$1,000 grant**, please complete the **"Marybeth Robinson Adoption Application"** as available on the Defend the Fatherless website. Applications will be accepted between October 1, 2023 through December 1, 2023. Priority will be given to families residing in York county South Carolina.

The completed application **MUST** include the official application form as well as the following attachments:

- a. A copy of your current Home Study
- b. Three (3) reference letters
- c. A family photo

**Due to non-profit governing laws and as an act of due diligence, if you are chosen for this adoption grant we will release funds only to your adoption agency or adoption attorney, rather than an individual or family.*

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

James 1:27



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The Marybeth Robinson Adoption Grant Application

Deadline December 1, 2023

Adoptive Parent #1

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Adoptive Parent #2, if applicable

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Email: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Marital Status: *Single*____ *Married*____ How long have you been married?_____

Adoption Agency or Adoption Attorney: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Case Worker Name and Phone #: _____

Home Study Agency (if different than above): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Home Study Approval: _____

Are you home study approved for Domestic or International Adoption? _____

If International, which country? _____

Do we have permission to contact your Adoption Agency, Adoption Attorney, and/or Home Study Agency, as applicable? _____

Please answer the narrative questions below to the best of your ability. You may email this completed application along with the other **required** additional documents (*as outlined in question #6 and #7*) to DTF@defendthefatherless.org or mail the items to:

Defend the Fatherless
3160 Highway 21 Ste 103 #70
Fort Mill, SC 29715

1. How have you and your family supported the fatherless prior to growing your family through adoption? As applicable, please include the names of any organizations you have been involved with that serve the fatherless, mission trips attended involving orphan care/vulnerable children, and/or personal relationships with adoptive/foster families you have wrapped around, etc.. Please describe your service and include approximate dates of service.

2. Why have you decided to pursue adoption?

3. How have you prepared your family (immediate and extended) to welcome your new child into the family?

4. What are your plans for how you will foster post placement attachment?

5. Describe your support system. How will your support system help your family transition as you welcome your child?

6. Please provide three reference letters. You may use the same letters required from your completed Home Study. Please also include contact info for each reference including phone number, email, and mailing address. Your submission of this information also indicates your approval for Defend the Fatherless to contact your references.

7. As stated on the cover document, please also be sure to include a copy of your current Home Study and a family photo.