



Congratulations on your decision & journey to become a parent to a child in need of a safe and loving home.

Until Spring of 2018, CMomA was a 501-C3 offering support to childless single women, men, couples and partners who were interested in adopting children in need of a safe and loving home. Now, CMomA's grant program lives on through Kidsave, committed to creating change so children grow up in families and connected to caring adults.

Kidsave CMomA Grants award financial aid to Kidsave families who are adopting children in need to help with direct costs related to adoption. Kidsave will accept applications from all Kidsave host and visiting families, regardless of current parenting status. However, in keeping with the original intent of the CMOMA charter and grant program, preference will be given to first-time parents if other financial need factors are equal.

Available grant funds for 2019 are \$20,000. Up to five grants will be awarded and a maximum of \$5,000 will be awarded to any grantee.

Eligibility is based on 6 factors:

- 1) Your compelling story, as a woman, man, or couple choosing to become parents to a child who has participated in the Kidsave Summer Miracles Program.
- 2) Compelling reason regarding need for grant:
 - a. The Why: (i.e. job loss, child's medical needs, adopting siblings...etc.)
 - b. The Where: (i.e.: Where is grant money most needed: (adoption agency, special needs support, travel costs etc.)
Please note: Grants do not go directly to the recipient, but, rather, directly to where it is needed, such as home study or placement agency, medical, travel, etc.
- 3) Compelling story of the child or children that you are adopting.
- 4) Willingness to promote the benefits of the Kidsave Summer Miracles hosting program, your personal story, and documentation of hosting/adoption journey via written and video testimonial and high quality digital family photo for use by Kidsave and in on Kidsave website, social and/or broadcast media and appearance at live Kidsave event.
- 5) Commitment to *receive* and complete our Post Adoption Parenting Support Courses.
- 6) Willingness to become a buddy to a host, waiting or newly united Kidsave family.

All applications for the 2019 must be submitted no later than September 30, 2019 to Madeline Trachtenberg at KidsaveCMomAgrants@kidsave.org. Award notification will be by November 15, 2019.

Kidsave CMomA GRANT APPLICATION

In order to be considered, please submit the following information in a word document to Madeline Trachtenberg at KidsaveCMomAgrants@kidsave.org by September 30, 2019.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Date
- Names of expectant parent(s)
- Phone
- Email
- Address
- Adoption placement agency and home study agency
- Date LOI submitted:
- Partnership Status (single, married, dating, live in partner, etc.)
- Age(s)
- Occupation(s)
- Status of Adoption: How far along are you in the adoption process? Do you have a completed home study? When do you expect your adoption to be completed with authorization to bring your child home?

STATEMENT OF INTENTION TO ADOPT:

This is a 500-1000 word statement including the following:

- Who are you & What is your "story"?
- What is the motivation/inspiration for you to adopt?
- Why did you choose this specific child?
- How did you meet your child? Are you a Visiting Family or a Host Parent?
- What influenced your choice to adopt internationally from Colombia?
- What exactly are you seeking a Kidsave CMomA grant for? (please include exact costs of what it is you need assistance with) You may request up to \$5000.
- Have you received financial assistance from any other resources? If so, please share how much, what for, and from whom.
- Why do you feel you are a worthy recipient for adoption sponsorship support?

CHILD'S STORY

In 250 words or less please write out your expectant child's story. Please include:

- Child's background age, family, special needs, etc.
- When your child participated in the Summer Miracles Program

FAMILY RESOURCES:

In 250 words or less please describe:

- Childcare and support resources (family/friends)
- Therapeutic, educational or other resources you have identified to support you and your child post adoption

FINANCIAL STATUS:

- Do you rent or own your home?
- What is your annual household income?
- What is your projected annual household income for the next two years?
- What is your itemized cost of living per month?
- Are you certain that you are financially solvent enough to support your expectant child?
- Why do you need financial support for your adoption process?
- Any there extenuating short-term or long-term circumstances that we should know about as it relates to your financial status?
- Please attach W2 from last 2 years, including forecast of what income you expect in coming year. (please attach, at the end, in a separate word document)

REFERENCES:

Requirement: 2 personal & 2 professional reference letters.

References need to include:

- Nature of Relationship
- Longevity of Relationship
- Qualities of the applicant
- Strengths and/or weaknesses of the Applicant
- Why do you think they would be a great parent?
- Why do you think applicant is worthy of an adoption grant?

PROGRAM PROMOTION PLANS:

Please indicate your plans to document your hosting/adoption journey via written and video testimonial and **high-quality** digital family photo for use by Kidsave and in on Kidsave website, social and/or broadcast media and appearance at live Kidsave event.

SUBMISSION:

Please email application and letters of recommendation to:

Kidsavecmomagrants@Kidsave.org

Please put “**Kidsave CMomA Grant Application**” in the subject line.

Thank you submitting your grant application. We wish you much luck & many blessings on this path and look forward to hearing from you.