

Family Foster Care: Voices From Around the World



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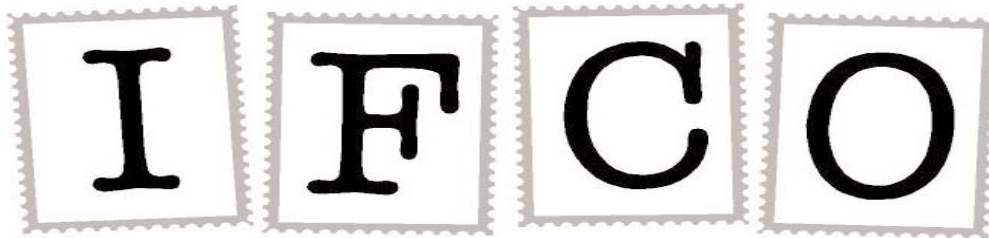
The International Foster Care Organisation (IFCO) warmly welcomes this *Families in Society* special focus on international family foster care.

The idea for the importance of such an issue emerged during the international biennial IFCO conference in Madison, Wisconsin in 2005. Since then, IFCO has been looking forward to this mutually beneficial project. We are grateful for this opportunity to spread the word about what IFCO does around the world to support foster care. At the same time, this issue will greatly contribute to the sustained efforts done in the U.S. for the advancement of foster care, celebrating accomplishments and discussing challenges. Good practices from around the world are gathered in this issue, to help exchange knowledge among stakeholders in foster care worldwide.

I wish you a delightful reading and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the next international IFCO conference in New Zealand in 2007.

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Helping to make the right of every child to grow up in a family a reality

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