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Dillon International Becomes One of Two U.S. Agencies Licensed to Provide Adoption Services to Children in Vietnam

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Dillon International has been named—in announcements by the U.S. Department of State and by the Ministry of Justice’s Department of Adoptions in Vietnam—as one of two U.S. agencies selected to place waiting children from Vietnam with adoptive families in the United States.

The decision allows Dillon to offer an intercountry adoption program to find families for orphaned children with medical special needs, children over the age of 5 and children who are part of a sibling group. Both married couples and single applicants, ages 25-55, may apply to adopt through the new program, which will open effective immediately.

“We are thrilled by this opportunity to serve the children of Vietnam who are in need of permanent, loving families,” said Program Director Jynger Roberts.

Dillon International has a long tradition of serving the children of Vietnam both through adoption and a humanitarian aid program that has provided food, clothing and educational scholarships to children in four Vietnamese provinces for the past 15 years.

Dillon also provided adoption services until 2008 when adoptions by Americans were placed on hold following the expiration of a Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. and Vietnam. The new agreement, initiated by the U.S. Department of State and Vietnam’s Department of Adoptions, allows intercountry adoptions to resume through the Special Adoption Program offered by Dillon International and Holt International Children’s Services.

“We consider it a privilege to continue in our long-standing commitment to meet the needs of children in Vietnam,” said Kyle Tresch, Dillon International’s executive director. “We are honored by the trust Vietnam’s Ministry of Justice has placed in us to serve some of the nation’s most vulnerable children.”

Vietnam becomes the eighth adoption program currently offered by Dillon International. Dillon also offers adoption services in China, Colombia, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, and South Korea, as well as a domestic adoption program offered in collaboration with Oklahoma's Department of Human Services to find adoptive families for waiting children in the state's foster care system.

Families interested in learning more about Dillon International's Vietnam program are encouraged to visit the agency's website at www.dillonadopt.com, Roberts said.

Founded in 1972, Dillon International is headquartered in Tulsa, Okla., with branch locations in St. Louis, Mo.; Little Rock, Ark.; the Kansas City, Kan. area; Santa Ana, Calif. (in Orange County); and the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas area. Dillon International is Hague Accredited through the Council on Accreditation to process international adoptions pursuant to the Intercountry Adoptions Act of 2000.

