

# MAPS WORLDWIDE

opportunities for *children & families*

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### MAPS IS ON THE MOVE!

Our finance and adoption headquarters in Maine have relocated.

Our new address is:  
**100 Brickhill Ave.**  
**South Portland, ME 04106**

Our phone number remains the same: (207) 775-4101.

Click [here](#) for printable directions to our new location.



### FUN IN THE SUN



#### *MAPS Summer Picnic 2009*

*Saturday, July 25, 10:00 to 3:00*  
*University of New England in Biddeford, Maine*

We hope you'll join us for a family outing in a beautiful Maine waterfront setting, with food, fun, and activities for children and teens. This is a great opportunity for children and parents to connect with other adoptive families, visit with MAPS staff, see old friends, and make new ones.

Can't make the picnic? You don't have to miss all of the fun. Support MAPS programs by participating in MAPS' *50/50 Fundraiser*. 50% of the raffle proceeds are donated, in your name, to the MAPS Humanitarian Aid program of your choice. Or you could be the lucky winner of a Paul Pierce autographed basketball donated by the Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation, a Jason Bay autographed baseball donated by the Boston Red Sox, or a trip to TOMB donated by 5Wits, Inc.

Click [here](#) for more info, to register, or to buy your tickets online today.

## THANKS TO OUR DONORS...

*We are deeply appreciative to the following donors for their efforts to support MAPS' projects:*

**Employees of Cisco's Northeast Operations for State and Local Governments & Education (SLED)**, for sponsoring a Hope Chest Store to benefit our Stepping Stones residential programs. As residents successfully complete steps towards their personal goals, the Cisco Hope Chest Store offers them an opportunity to earn points for gently used and/or new household and child care items stocked in the store. As residents transition out of the program and into independent living, these basic supplies will help furnish their new home and a new beginning free from government assistance.



**Jane Fields and the Wilton Presbyterian Church** for their sponsorship of foster homes for the "[Guatemala Six](#)", a group of children whose orphanage in Guatemala has closed, leaving them with few options for care. The donation is in honor of Jane's daughter Sophie.

**The Lopez family** for donating the entire contents of one of their homes to our Bangor StepUP! Residential Services.

**Marc Fournier** for supplying our new adoption and finance office with donated furniture and equipment from his business.

**The Edwards Family and participants in this year's Spice Camp in Pennsylvania** for their donation to MAPS Milk Fund! Their contribution will supply just over one month's worth of milk for infants and toddlers at an orphanage in Chennai, India.

## StepUP!

*StepUP! Residential Services*, a short term residential program of Stepping Stones Family Services, has just opened a new location in Bangor for homeless, pregnant and/or parenting families and their children. At *StepUp!* we are all about keeping families together and helping them become stronger and more secure. Our residents learn to rise above the challenges that stand in their way of building a permanent and secure life for their children and themselves. Each step in our training is designed to empower our families to learn the life, parenting, work, and community relationship skills necessary for independent living free from government assistance.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

[Families for Russian and Ukranian Adoption](#) (FRUA) has chosen Vladimir Greenfield of Massachusetts as the first recipient of their \$2,500 college scholarship. You may remember Vladimir from our newsletter story about his adoption at age 16 from Russia.

He joined his two younger brothers, who had been adopted several years earlier by David and Nancy Greenfield. Sue Gainor, FRUA National Board Chair, said, "We are thrilled to support Vladimir as he begins his college career... We suspect he will be doing some amazing things and making some wonderful contributions to both his countries."

### About MAPS Worldwide:

At MAPS, a multi-service, non-profit organization, we believe that every child needs and deserves a stable, permanent family, and our mission has been built on this conviction for over thirty years. We create opportunities at home and around the world through innovative services that promote permanency for children through building and strengthening families.

To support our efforts in the year to come, please [donate now](#), call us at (617) 267-2222, or email us at [familycircles@maps-worldwide.org](mailto:familycircles@maps-worldwide.org)

**The MAPS Team**

