I WANT TO JOIN OUSA!

Name:_____
Email:_____
Phone:_____
Address:_____
City, state, zip:_____

I've enclosed membership dues of:
___ Patron, $1,200
___ Sponsor, $600
___ Sustainer, $360
___ Supporter, $120
___ Member, $20
___ Low income, $1
___ Other amount

How has adoption separation affected your life, if at all (mother, adoptee, etc.)?
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Do you support OUSA's mission?
___Yes, I support the mission!

How did you hear about Origins-USA?_____

Name of member who referred you
_____

Make check payable to
Origins-USA and mail to OUSA,

Or join online at
www.origins-usa.org

ABOUT ADOPTION

"Regrettably, in many cases, the emphasis has changed from the desire to provide a needy child with a home, to that of providing a needy parent with a child. As a result, a whole industry has grown, generating millions of dollars of revenues each year...."
–United Nations, Commission on Human Rights, 2003.

"Adoption should always be the last resort for the child... The CRC [UN Convention of the Rights of the Child], which guides UNICEF's work, states very clearly that every child has the right to know and to be cared for by his or her own parents, whenever possible."
-UNICEF Press Release, March 7, 2007

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Natural Family Preservation, Justice, Education, & Support

Origins-USA
"Motherhood is Forever"

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MISSION

The mission of Origins-USA is to promote natural family preservation and to advocate for all family members who are separated by adoption.

ACCOMPLISH-MENTS

Justice and Natural Family Preservation

- Built a growing database of attorneys, to provide referrals for parents, coerced into surrendering their children, who are seeking legal redress.
- Orchestrated a "blogger blitz" to build public support for a young mother attempting to regain custody of her daughter after being coerced into relinquishment. 140 bloggers participated the first day.
- Created a growing database of sources of assistance for parents to help keep families together.
- Assisted in the organization of a Teen Mothers' Conference to show high school age students that they CAN continue their education, even with a baby.

Research and Education

- Released the *Mothers' Voices: Surrender Experiences and Long-Term Effects*, the report our study of 214 mothers who lost children to adoption.
- Created an online Research Collection, providing an extensive bibliography of research articles on adoption issues.
- Co-hosted a well-attended, educational, and motivating conference in Sept, 2006.
- Issued many press releases and built a growing database of media contacts.
- Established a Speakers Bureau for groups and organizations looking for expert speakers.
- Presented and exhibited at several conferences.
- Hired an intern and are working with a university to establish student learning opportunities.

Support

- Organized several RegDay locations to help people register for the ISSR Reunion Registry.
- Reunited a mother with her two adult sons who had been separated by adoption.
- Formed three local support groups. Established materials and ongoing meetings to assist support group leaders.
- Provide ongoing support to members through our online message board.

ABOUT ORIGINS-USA

Origins-USA is the preeminent voice for mothers of all ages who have lost children to adoption. Origins-USA operates in an open, inclusive, and democratic atmosphere and supports all people who are separated by adoption. Anyone who supports our mission is encouraged to join. Origins-USA incorporated in the state of Virginia on February 28, 2007 and is a tax exempt status 501(c)(3).