

WRITTEN NOTICE OF AGENCY'S DECISION

TO: Timothy and Barbara Atwood

FROM: Suzanne Adams, LBSW
Bethany Christian Services

DATE: October 27, 2006

RE: Adoption of Alyssa and Amber Keast

This notice is to inform you that Bethany Christian Services is not approving you for the adoption of Alyssa and Amber. The reasons for this decision are listed on the last page of the Adoptive Family Assessment report, which is included in this mailing.

You may request a case conference within the next 14 days to discuss this decision. If you choose to request a case conference, you may be accompanied by an attorney or other persons of your choice. This case conference will be conducted by the director of the Bethany Christian Services' office in Fremont, or his designee. Once a case conference is requested, it must be held within 14 days of the time that Bethany receives the request. Participants in the case conference will include the adoption worker and the worker's immediate supervisor. A final written decision will be prepared by the person conducting the case conference and will be sent to the family within seven days of the conclusion of the conference.

If I do not hear from you before November 10, 2006, I will assume that you have decided not to request a case conference to discuss this decision.

Please be assured that I know and understand how difficult this news must be to you. I know you both love Alyssa and Amber. I wish you the best as you deal with this disappointment.