



International Foster Care Organisation

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

IFCO has as its main aim, to promote and encourage the improvement of the quality of service given to children and young people in care and the development of standards for organisations and individual carers. It has maintained its prominent role in the exchange of research ideas, practices in foster care, world wide, at many conferences and publications. IFCO's role is becoming one of development and advocacy into parts of the world where foster care, as we know it, does not exist, or is very limited. IFCO "Spread the Wings of Foster Care" into South America in 2003, and has established a network working to improve foster care in that continent. We are currently working with several East European countries to establish foster care systems to replace mass orphanages.

Join IFCO

By being an IFCO member, you contribute to the work of IFCO worldwide, receive regular IFCO newsletters, are informed about upcoming conferences and receive a 10% discount on early conference registration. Membership enables IFCO to continue its role as an international charity and to promote, develop and strengthen family Foster Care worldwide. Membership runs from 1 July to 30 June. There are categories for organisations, individuals and youth. The Australian equivalent fee is only around \$A385 for organisations, \$A50 for individuals, and \$A20 for youth. Contact John Hulskamp for details of how to join. His contact details are:

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John is a foster father, caring for a rapidly growing up teenager. He was elected to the Board of IFCO in 2003 for a period of four years, and holds the position of Honorary Treasurer. John would be most pleased to hear from any interested persons or groups. He will be able to provide more details on IFCO, and its work.

Forthcoming Conferences

7-13 August 2005: IFCO World Conference Madison, Wisconsin, **USA**
25 - 30 June 2006: IFCO 2006 SEOUL-Training Seminar, Seoul, **South Korea**
11-16 February 2007: IFCO World Conference, Hamilton, **New Zealand**

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