

Our Agency

History

Sunny Ridge began in 1926 when Rev. John Klingberg, a Baptist Pastor, took in the agency's first child. The organization was then known as the *Klingberg Children's Home of Chicago*. Our agency began in Rev. Klingberg's home on the south side of Chicago as a home for neglected, homeless children. In 1953 the agency purchased the Sunny Ridge Farm in Wheaton, Illinois. Sunny Ridge served as a home for children until 1976. Adoption services began in 1979, and a residential program for teens served the community until 1996. In 2007, Sunny Ridge sold the Wheaton property and moved its home offices to Bolingbrook, Illinois. Over the years Sunny Ridge services always evolved to meet the needs of children and families. Today **our mission is to serve children and build families around the world.**

Services Offered

Sunny Ridge places about 120 children each year through our our domestic and intercountry adoption programs. We serve about 110 women each year faced with an unplanned pregnancy by providing free counseling. We offer a foster home program for pregnant women and infants, when needed.

Staff & Budget

Sunny Ridge employs 21 people—full and part-time. The projected FY 04/05 budget is \$2,440,000. Projected income is derived from: a) revenue in the adoption programs (\$1,990,000), b) contributions from individuals, businesses, churches, community groups, foundations, and fundraiser events (\$435,000), and c) miscellaneous income of \$15,000.

Agency Affiliations & Leadership

Sunny Ridge Family Center is a not-for-profit, private charitable organization, IRS code 501(c) 3. The agency is owned and run by a volunteer Board of Directors, and Mr. Gary L. Longman serves as President. While Sunny Ridge is not an organizational part of any specific religious group, we enjoy the support of a wide variety of churches, church groups, community organizations, businesses and individuals. We believe in Christian principals. Our mission and service to others embodies Christian values. Sunny Ridge is accredited through the *Council on Accreditation (COA)*. COA is the national accreditation organization that provides accreditation to social service agencies across the United States. COA is the benchmark used to identify organizations in which consumers can have confidence. Accreditation means that Sunny Ridge Family Center has been recognized as meeting or exceeding national standards in policies, procedures, level of service, and accountability in management.



Eligibility for Services

Since Sunny Ridge exists to be of service to those in need, we provide services without regard to race, ethnic background, religion or age. Sunny Ridge feels called to provide specialized professional services to children, families and individuals in need.

Locations

Sunny Ridge Family Center has a main office in Bolingbrook, Illinois, with branch offices in Munster, Indiana and Rockford, Illinois. Our Domestic Adoption program primarily serves persons who live in Illinois and Indiana. In some instances, Sunny Ridge can assist couples from other states. Our international adoption program serves children from around the world.

Numbers Served

Sunny Ridge has placed over 3,000 children from 46 countries into loving homes through adoption. Through our various programs, Sunny Ridge serves hundreds of families each year, helping about 250 adoptive applicants, 150 birth parent families, and about 25 foster families.

Sunny Ridge and the Community

Sunny Ridge is always eager to let more and more people know about our mission and our services. One very useful way this is done is through the Sunny Ridge website. You can visit the website at www.sunnyridge.org. Our agency also makes many community presentations each year. Our mailing list of over 4,000 regularly receive an update or newsletter. Sunny Ridge relies on the generous support of many individuals and businesses in order to carry out our mission. Special events and fundraisers throughout the year are publicly promoted. For more information about Sunny Ridge call (630) 754-4500, or visit our website at www.sunnyridge.org.