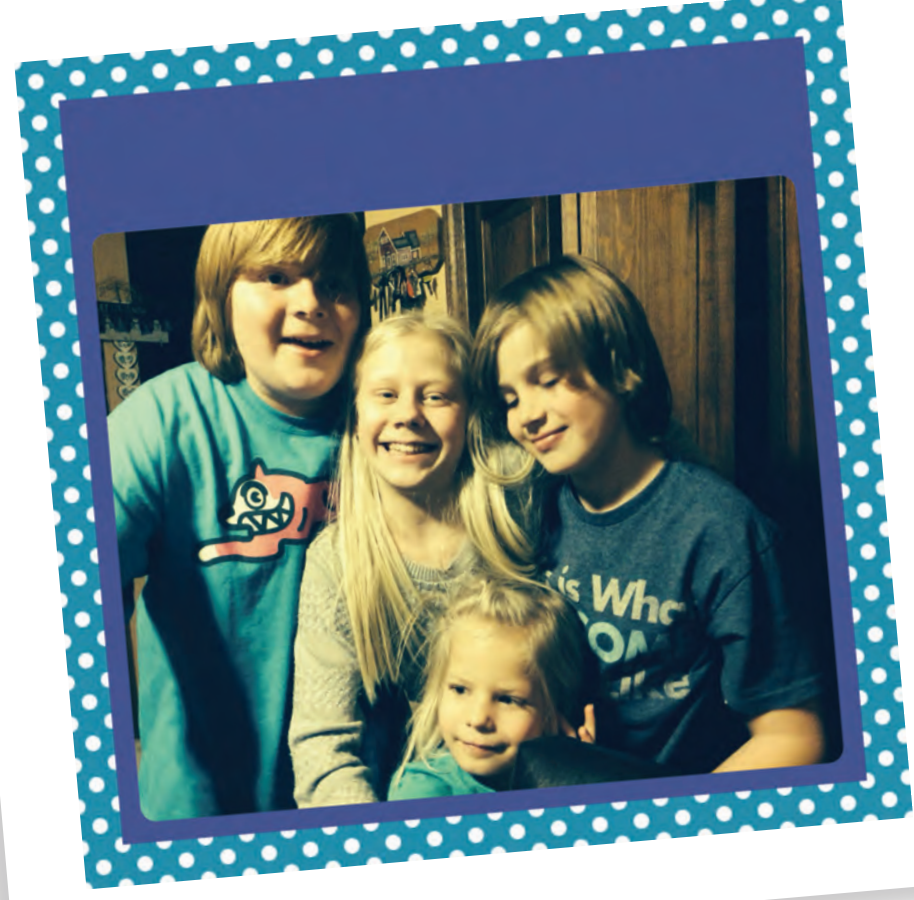


Bring the Girls Home



Latvia, Eastern Europe 2008: The memories of childhood should be ones of joy and love but for Alina and Julija they are more about abandonment and survival. Abandoned by their mother, their father unknown, Alina at 7 years old was caring for her sister who was 8 months old at the time. Despite her young age she kept them fed and alive but Julija was developmentally delayed barely able to lift her head.

Latvia, Eastern Europe 2014: Fast forward to today, Alina is now 12, her sister 5. They are being cared for in the foster care system and are typical young girls, loving and well mannered. Local adoption, difficult normally, is nearly impossible because the sisters won't be separated.

Latvia, Eastern Europe: One possible future-At age 16, just 4 years from now for Alina, they "age out" of the system and are no longer cared for by the government. There is a 50% chance neither of the girls will be alive by age 20. If they do survive they have a 50% chance of joining others who will turn to organized crime; drugs or prostitution. 1 in 3 are homeless; 1 in 5 commit crimes; 1 in 10 commit suicide.

Old Bridge, NJ a better future: Danny & Krissy Mullen and their boys Daniel, 12 and James, 9 have a warm loving home. Krissy, a nurse, is the daughter of long time Parent Chapter Nam Knight Bill Dietrich. To us he's "Deacon" but to the boys he's "Poppy." As you can see in the surrounding photos the girls have already been taken in by the Mullen and Dietrich families. The boys talk excitedly about their "sisters." Daniel, being the same age as Alina refers to her as his twin; James calls Julija his, "partner in crime." The girls have already taken to calling Danny and Krissy "papa" and "mama" which makes them quite proud, Deacon and his wife Arleen are "diaduschka" and "babushka" which mean Grandpa and Grandma in their language.

We need your help to make this future come true.

Just getting the girls here for a visit was costly enough but the entire adoption process can cost in excess of \$50,000. The families are doing what they can but they can't do it alone. Won't you please join Deacon's Nam Knights Brothers in helping them bring the girls home? Deacon and his family will be at the Parent Chapter Car & Bike Show on May 4th, in Washington DC during the Rolling Thunder weekend and at the Nam Knights 25th Anniversary Party.

Donations can be made via check or cash directly to Deacon or his family. In addition checks can be mailed, made out to Nam Knights Parent Chapter, with the word "adoption" written in the memo section.

Please mail your checks to:
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