

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE AUSTRALIA

# Intercountry Adoption: Resources for those adopted from South Korea and their families

## PODCASTS

- "Adapted Podcast" - A insightful and thought provoking 10 episode podcast which interviews Korean- American Adoptees living in Korea.

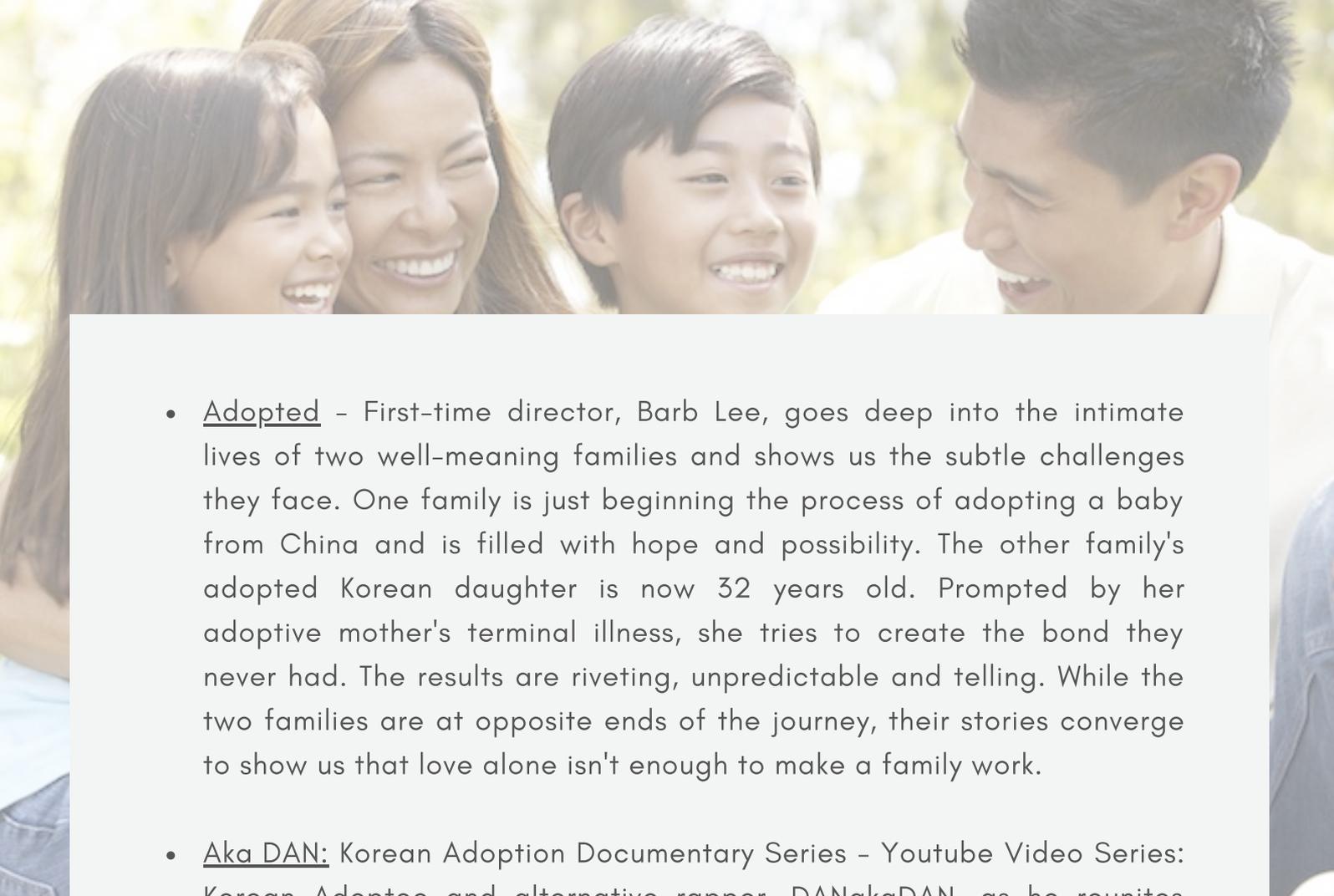
## BOOKS

- Outsiders Within: Writing on Transracial Adoption (2006).
- After the Morning Calm: Reflections of Korean Adoptees (2002).
- The Language of Blood (2005).
- I wish for You a Beautiful Life: Letters from the Korean Birth Mothers of Ae Ran Won to Their Children.
- A Single Square Picture: A Korean Adoptee's Search for Her Roots (2002).
- To Save the Children of Korea: The Cold War Origins of International Adoption (Asian America) (2015).



## FILMS

- First Person Plural (2000) The journey on which she embarks to find the answers, First Person Plural, is an intensely personal and moving film that chronicles Borshay's efforts to reconcile her life as the adopted daughter of a loving American family with her previously unknown life in Korea.
- Twinsters (2015) - In this documentary, directed by Samantha Futerman and Ryan Miyamoto, two girls from opposite sides of the world come to believe they are twins separated at birth, after meeting through social media.
- In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee (2010) - Her passport said she was Cha Jung Hee. She knew she was not. So began a 40-year deception for a Korean adoptee who came to the United States in 1966. Told to keep her true identity secret from her new American family, the 8-year-old girl quickly forgot she had ever been anyone else. But why had her identity been switched? And who was the real Cha Jung Hee? In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee is the search to find the answers, as acclaimed filmmaker Deann Borshay Liem (First Person Plural, POV 2000) returns to her native Korea to find her "double," the mysterious girl whose place she took in America.
- Resilience (2000) by Tammy Chu - Resilience takes a look at a side of adoption rarely told: what happens after the reunion? Following a Korean birth mother and her American son as they reunite and attempt to build a relationship amidst cultural clashes and unable to speak each others' language, the film follows mother and son as they struggle to become a family again.



- Adopted - First-time director, Barb Lee, goes deep into the intimate lives of two well-meaning families and shows us the subtle challenges they face. One family is just beginning the process of adopting a baby from China and is filled with hope and possibility. The other family's adopted Korean daughter is now 32 years old. Prompted by her adoptive mother's terminal illness, she tries to create the bond they never had. The results are riveting, unpredictable and telling. While the two families are at opposite ends of the journey, their stories converge to show us that love alone isn't enough to make a family work.
- Aka DAN: Korean Adoption Documentary Series - Youtube Video Series: Korean Adoptee and alternative rapper, DANakaDAN, as he reunites with his biological family, including an identical twin brother he never knew about, for the very first time. A very well known youtube video makers and Korean adoptee.

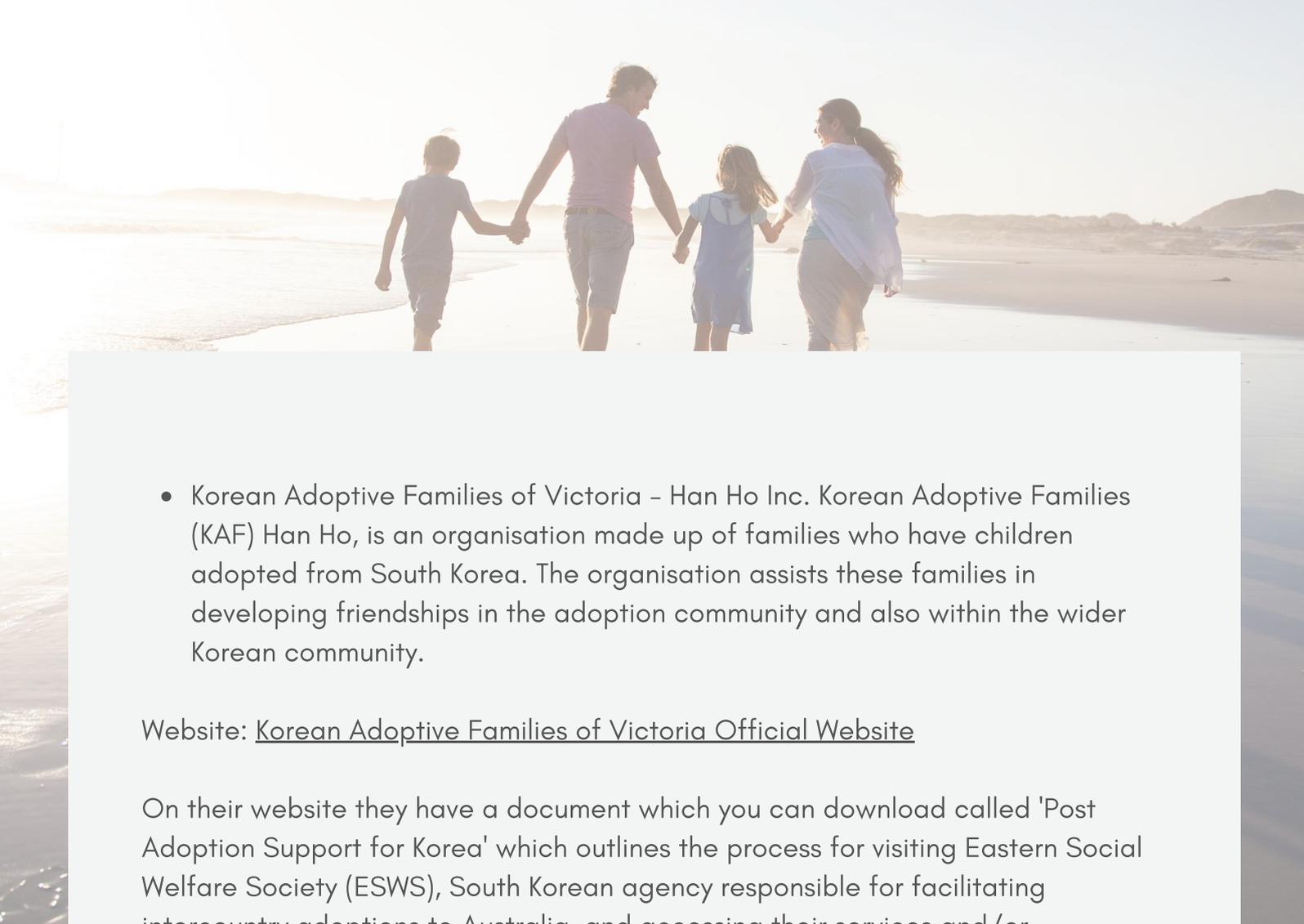
## NETWORKS

- Korean Adoptees in Australia (KAIAN). Their mission is to be a resource for adult Korean adoptees in Australia by providing information, raising awareness and building a supportive community.

Website: [Kaian](#)

Follow KAIAN on Facebook for regular updates: [Kaian Facebook Page](#)

Korean adoptees in Australia are also invited to join the private discussion group on Facebook: [Kaian Private Discussion Group](#)



- Korean Adoptive Families of Victoria - Han Ho Inc. Korean Adoptive Families (KAF) Han Ho, is an organisation made up of families who have children adopted from South Korea. The organisation assists these families in developing friendships in the adoption community and also within the wider Korean community.

Website: [Korean Adoptive Families of Victoria Official Website](#)

On their website they have a document which you can download called 'Post Adoption Support for Korea' which outlines the process for visiting Eastern Social Welfare Society (ESWS), South Korean agency responsible for facilitating intercountry adoptions to Australia, and accessing their services and/or requesting a file review and/or birth family outreach.

## **POST ADOPTION SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS IN KOREA**

These organisations provide services for adult adoptees. They are all registered NGOs in Korea and each have facebook pages for their members.

- [GOA'L](#) - For grown up adoptees only.
- [InKas](#)
- [Nest DoongJi](#)

