

Quebec NGOs

Acronym	Full Name	Capsule	Total no. of UM
AMIE (francophone)	<i>Aide Médicale pour l'enfance</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • founded in 1969 • Catholic • directed towards needy children in the Third World • 1300 active members and 300 associates 	140
FFC (mainly anglophone)	<i>Familles pour enfants</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • incorporated in 1974 • involved in international adoption and international aid 	55
SdN (francophone)	<i>Soleil des Nations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • founded in May 1977 • international adoption • 100 active members 	59
TdH (mainly anglophone)	<i>Terre des Hommes Canada Inc.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an international NGO with autonomous national bodies • relieve childhood suffering throughout the Third World 	115
TOTAL			369
LESS KNOWN FALSE MINORS			50
			319
LESS FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS			54
FINAL TOTAL			<u>265</u>

Weaknesses of The Unaccompanied Minors Program

General

1. There is a delay between the initial publicity and application to sponsor, and the arrival of the child. The delay results in a large dropout of sponsorship applicants.
2. Insufficient documentation of the unaccompanied minors.
3. Discrepancies existed in the actual age of the unaccompanied minors and the expected age by the sponsors.
4. The worldly experience of some unaccompanied minors in Indochina and in the camps exceeded the expectations of the sponsors.
5. The sponsors wanted young female children, yet unaccompanied minors were mainly male (two males : one female) and older teenagers.
6. The breakdown was primarily age dependant, with a much higher proportion of breakdowns and early departures among older adolescents.

Differences Between Ontario and Quebec

	Ontario	Quebec
	Federal/provincial delays occur because of disagreements over the financial liability in cases of breakdown.	Inadequate follow-up which was done on demand rather than on a systematic basis; therefore, there was inadequate documentation evaluation.
Average Age	14.5 years (1979-1980) 13.4 years overall	16.5 years (1979-1980) 14.4 years overall
Total	175	265 (this figure excludes false minors and those reunited with family)
Male/Female Ratio	2 to 1	3 to 1
Placed in a Second Family	14%	18%*

*Quebec took more children and as well took a higher proportion of older and male children.

Division of Responsibilities

Responsibilities	Federal Gov't	Ontario Gov't	Private Sponsors	Federal Gov't	Quebec Gov't	NGOs	Private Sponsors
Selection	X				X		
Medical Screening	X			X			
Matching	X					X	
Travel Arrangements & Loans	X			X			
Accommodation Pending Placement	X			X			
Financial Assessment of Sponsors	X					X	
Placement Follow-Up	X					X	
Provincial Coordination		strong			weak		
Home Studies		X				X	
Provision of Educational, Health & Welfare Benefits		no formal arrangements			granted to UM as permanent resident		
Orientation of Sponsors		X				X	
Interim Legal		A gap				assumes legal responsibility which is then delegated to the sponsor if and when the legal guardianship is arranged	
Guardianship		assists the families with the legal process of obtaining guardianship				assists the families with the legal process of obtaining guardianship	
May sign legal guardianship agreement			X				X
Financial Support			X				X
Human, Social & Psychological Support			X			X	X
Contractual Financial and quasi-legal obligation			X				X

Initially the NGOs participated in the selection by designating names from a list provided by (MIQ), but the procedure was too cumbersome and took too much time. This arrangement was withdrawn in January, 1980, but reinstated on February 2, 1981 when the NGOs were overwhelmed with too many UM.