



# CHRISTIAN ADOPTION SERVICES

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For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,



*in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Colossians 1:13-14

Being a birth father is a confusing role. We hear birth fathers say they aren't sure how they fit in the process. Unfortunately, because of this mindset, birth fathers choose not to be involved or aren't given the option to be involved. What if birth fathers had a voice from the beginning – no matter their circumstance or situation?

“I have peace and am not sorry at all for giving my daughter to your family...I trust you with her and believe if there was any family in the universe to give her to, to be raised and taught, it was and is yours.” -Matthew\*, Birth Father

Matthew could have easily slipped from the agency and family's minds. He was a man who loved his children, but was struggling. Matthew and his girlfriend decided to make an adoption plan for their 3rd child. Matthew came into the office once and was hesitant about choosing adoption.

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*Kristina Kuzmic*

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THURSDAY,  
APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>

6-7 PM VIP Meet & Greet  
7-9 PM Fundraiser





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## Matthew's story (cont.)

\*Names changed for confidentiality

Soon, the Case Manager lost contact with Matthew. She learned that he had been arrested and was in jail. Matthew could have used this as an excuse to become uninvolved, but instead he turned it into a motivator. Matthew used his time in jail to focus on what was best for his child and what God wanted for him.

Even though it wasn't easy for Matthew, he continued to be involved in the process. Meeting with the Case Manager while in jail, he concluded adoption was best for his child. Matthew was able to select a family alongside the birth mother, and the adoptive family even honored his request to visit him while incarcerated. Because Matthew was given a voice, he became an advocate for his daughter & formed a relationship with the adoptive family.

Matthew eventually followed a bad path and was incarcerated again. Because he was given a voice in the past, he reached out again and we listened. Matthew reconnected with the agency and the adoptive family. We have seen the adoptive family connect with him and respond with update letters and pictures. They know he treasures the open relationship he has with them and their daughter.

Our God is a God of redemption. He makes things new, and Matthew's story shows God's grace and redeeming love. We are never too far to reach out. As families experience different stages of parenting and openness, CAS is available to support those connections between birth parents and adoptive families – regardless of their circumstances.



## Birth Mother's Small Group

5:30-6:30 PM

Tuesdays: May 8, June 12, July 10

FM Area Foundation 409 7th St S, Fargo, ND 58103 (facing Island Park)

Please share with birth moms you know. It is difficult to take the first step to come.

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