



Dear Friend,

A group of students I just spoke with about adoption started the meeting sharing their favorite holiday, and as expected the majority answered "Christmas." Everyone has their own reason to love (or not love) Christmas... for what it means or what it has become, whether they know our Savior was born a humble baby or they just love the decorations and feelings it conjures.

The truth is, we are celebrating the greatest gift to mankind - God sent his only Son to earth as a baby to live a sinless life and pay for our sins on the cross and rise from the dead so that we would spend eternity with God.

Giving of Christmas gifts is a response to this ultimate gift, and as you have an opportunity to give this year we invite you to give a lasting gift to CAS. You provide expectant parents with the third option of adoption. Investors like you are the only way we can keep adoption fees under the national average of \$25,000-50,000. Would you give to support this life-affirming ministry?

Our biggest need is monthly, recurring gifts - if you received the letter from our board this fall, you know that we had only 3 recurring donations. We are happy to report that this has increased, and we hope you will join other partners who invest in stable income for the agency.

You may find other ways to support the agency as the year comes to a close:

- Match donations for Giving Hearts day are now being accepted for our participation on Feb 14th. Write GHD match in the memo line if you wish to be a matching donor and double the giving efforts for that day of online giving.
- Consider selecting CAS as your charity of choice when shopping smile.amazon.com
- Ask your employer about matching gifts
- This year the FM Area Foundation launched FM Caring Catalog to connect you to non-profit campaigns like our family scholarships (visit our website).

Thank you for providing expectant mothers with a third option and helping children join their forever family.

Wishing you a season of joy & blessing through Christ our King,

*Cambria N Larson*

*Patricia Larson*

Cambria Larson, Office Manager

Patricia Larson, Administrator

I would like to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on a monthly basis. Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

CC #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC: \_\_\_\_\_

Or call CAS to share over phone: 701-237-4473. Checks accepted as well.

My contact info has changed: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would appreciate prayer for: \_\_\_\_\_



For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given... ..He shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father.. *Isaiah 9:6*



## A Special Gift

Expectant women have many choices about their "birth plan" today. In the hospital, at home, with a midwife, water birth, or epidural. There are many blessings to modern medicine, and I would guess a clean place and experienced doctor would have been a welcome sight in Bethlehem for Mary. The fear of the unknown, delivering a child at a young age, knowing that Joseph wasn't the biological father, not to mention the knowledge that he is the Son of God... seems pretty overwhelming and not part of anyone's "birth plan." But, **oh what joy!**

CAS family - Fall 2018



Though childbirth is so common since the beginning of time, it is amazing how unique each birth story is. Each of our clients has a story that is different from the other's. Some begin sadly with a mom by herself in a quiet delivery room, making her first call to an adoption agency to make an adoption plan. Other stories show the **generous love** a birth mom is already displaying - having the adoptive mom present for the delivery or allowing the adoptive father to cut the umbilical cord. Some of the (cont..)

### Meet Kristen...



Our new birth parent counselor started the first week in November. Moving from TN to the FM area earlier this year, Kristen has her Social Work degree and is excited to serve the clients of CAS.

### and Calby

Serving on the board since October 2017, Calby is transitioning to President and Nate will continue on the board. Calby's adoption story continues to unfold and he is passionate about the mission of CAS.





# Education Program

- 179 attendees & 2 new schools this fall: Bismarck HS, Detroit Lakes HS
- Class travel in summer/fall = 972 miles
- Pregnancy resource training: Fergus Falls & Morris, MN
- 27 hrs of info tables for November's National Adoption Month, **thanks to student volunteers**



## A Special Gift (cont.)

babies went into the arms of their forever family right in the hospital, while others were discharged to the loving care of a grandmotherly lady and her husband for interim care a few days before going home with their family.

One link in all these adoption stories is **the gift of life**. The birth parents chose to hurt, receive stares and questions, some with few supporters in their corner because they valued the life of their child. **With YOUR help as adoption advocates and donors, more lives are saved and women feel supported to pursue adoption and a future for their child.**

Our lives all changed that first Christmas when God sent his Son to earth as a humble baby to live a sinless life and then suffer death on our behalf so that we would spend eternity with God. Have you accepted this gift from our Creator? May your holidays be filled with the wonder and peace of that first Christmas in the stable, in the presence of our Lord.



## Save the Date

Thursday, Feb. 14th: Giving Hearts Day  
~Match donations currently accepted,  
GHD match noted on memo line  
~ Chili Cook-off 5-7:30 PM

Spring Fundraiser  
April 29, 2019

CAS Family Picnic  
May 2019 - TBD  
all clients welcome



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