

# Stories OF Hope

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

*- Romans 15:13*

## A HAPPY NEW BEGINNING

Happy endings don't always have happy beginnings. Late one afternoon, our agency received a call from a family stating they had been caring for a child that was not theirs for several months and they wanted to know how to go about providing a forever home for her. The child's biological parents knew they could not provide a safe environment for their child and had asked the Smith\* family if they would be willing to care for her. Ross and Sara\* completed the home study process in rapid time - completing all three appointments and the required paperwork in just two weeks. The Smiths were determined to do whatever was necessary for this little child they had been entrusted with, for her ultimate well-being. Once Ross and Sara were home study approved, they worked with a lawyer to assist with finalization of the adoption. The Smith family is overjoyed to welcome this new addition to their family. Through Christian Adoption Services, God turned what began as a desperate situation into a beautiful story of hope.

\*Names changed to protect the privacy of the parties.

## SO THANKFUL

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## LIFE-AFFIRMING EDUCATION

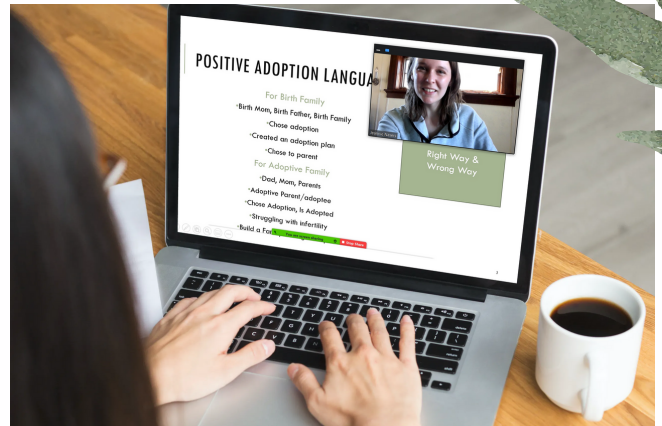
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## ADOPTION EDUCATION DURING A PANDEMIC

In the midst of a world-wide pandemic, the importance of education when it comes to an unintended pregnancy has become even more apparent as we are more and more isolated from each other. Our adoption education program has continued to make its mark in our communities throughout this past year through zoom and a few in-person presentations - with over **260** high school and college students reached so far this school year. We have been so blessed by this program and find joy in providing life-affirming education to so many throughout North Dakota & Minnesota.

“ I liked that the presentation was all about how adoption would be a choice that you would get to make and not one that would be forced on you. ”

- High School Student



## VIRTUAL TRAININGS EXPAND OUR REACH

Our healthy relationships and adoption education professional trainings provide practical skills as well as important facts that change lives. In response to the limited in-person training opportunities (due to COVID restrictions), this year we began offering virtual training sessions. These sessions provide flexibility and have significantly expanded our ability to train professionals.

Over this past school year, we have conducted **7** virtual trainings reaching **198** people to date! In addition to the added flexibility, virtual trainings have expanded our geographical circle of influence to more easily and economically include all of North Dakota and Minnesota.

We continue to make a difference in our communities through this vital training and thank you for your continued support and prayers.



## SPRING FUNDRAISER

We will be celebrating Stories of Hope at this year's spring fundraiser on May 4th, 7PM at the Holiday Inn Fargo. After taking a year off from an in-person event last year due to the pandemic, we are so looking forward to gathering together for fellowship, delicious dessert, and a time of worship. We are excited to present our Community Advocacy Awards and to hear from Ashley Rae Klinger, our guest speaker. Ashley Rae came to us last fall with a desire to help promote our mission. As a family who has been impacted by infertility, adoption, and foster care, and as the reigning Mrs. International 2020, Ashley Rae is passionate about joining with organizations that not only allow her to share her family's inspiring and hopeful journey to becoming a forever family through adoption, but that align with her family's faith-centered values.

Reserve your spot today! Scan the QR Code (or go to our website) to register. If you would like to serve as a table host (just committing to fill a table with your family/friends), please indicate that as well and we will send you a table host packet. The evening will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page so if you can't be there in person you can join us there! Please call the office at 701.237.4473 with any questions, we are happy to help!

## BIRTHPARENT SUPPORT

BY EMILY, BIRTHPARENT CASEWORKER

Our office number is answered 24/7. That means that every night one of the staff takes the phone lines. That night it was my turn. I got a call at 3am. It was Brandie\*, a birth mom who had previously placed her child through our agency. She was having a hard time and just needed someone to talk to. I talked with her for about two hours at which point she confided thoughts of suicide and hung up the phone. I called the police to do a welfare check and ran to the office to find her address per their instructions. I was almost to the office when I got a return call from a police officer. They had found her safe and were going to spend some time with her before returning to their route. We received another call from Brandie a couple of days later, just letting us know she was doing well. Sometimes birthparent support isn't about adoption at all. What a blessing to know that God had placed Christian Adoption Services as a beacon of hope in Brandie's life.

\*Name changed for privacy.

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Christian Adoption Services  
invites you to our spring  
fundraiser

# Stories OF Hope

Tuesday, May 4th

7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30)

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featuring

Ashley Rae Klinger

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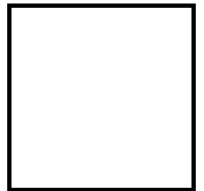
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*Yes, my soul, find rest in God;  
my hope comes from him.  
Truly he is my rock and my  
salvation; he is my fortress,  
I will not be shaken.  
- Psalms 62:5-6*