



Megan's Story

I found out I was pregnant at three months along, I was only 17 and knew I wasn't ready for a child. Trust me, it's not easy to come to a conclusion, but once you do, it's the best feeling in the world. It took me awhile to find the right adoption agency, but when I came across the Adoption Support Center, I knew I had found the right place. They came to me, helped me pick a

family, sent me money for clothes, gas, etc. But most importantly, it was all about me, what I wanted, what would be best for my child. To this day, I remember walking around the corner and seeing the couple that hoped to care for my daughter like she was their own. We sat down, had dinner, and talked about everything! There was an instant connection between us. Fortunately, I loved the first family I met, but sometimes it may not be like that. You may have to work for it, but be picky, it's okay!

Trust was a big issue for me. When I first met the family, I asked tons of questions. I told them I wanted a very open adoption and they agreed. From then on, they came to all my doctor appointments. Afterwards, we'd go out to dinner. I saw them almost every week - we also called and texted each other. We were inseparable! I was getting to know them more and more every day, which is exactly what I wanted. You see, it is really all about what you want! They were in the labor room with my mom for delivery. We were all in tears! It was the best experience I had ever been through. When the day came to leave the hospital, I could only cry. I was very happy and upset at the same time. Yes, it was the hardest thing I've ever done, but I only had to remember that I'd see her again. The best thing was the person who held me while I balled was my daughter's new father! He held me until I couldn't cry anymore and told me everything was okay, that I'd see her soon. I believed him, and two weeks later we were together again. We are still inseparable!

Adoption really is a beautiful thing. You have tons of people behind you to help with every decision you make. The Adoption Support Center is there for you 100% of the time and the adoptive parent will make sure you get everything you need. People may ask how you can do it, but all you have to do is say it's because you care about your child and it's future. Trust me, your child will always know who you are. At times your life may feel like it's falling apart, but down the road everything will seem like it's piecing itself back together. You are a very strong person for doing this! I know I'm smart for my decision. There are wonderful couples out there who can't have children, and you and me are giving them a miracle. We are strong and independent women!

I wish the best of luck to you and your destination! Meghan Glass (birth mother)



Mother: Adoption was right choice for my child

(Newspaper Article written by a former ASC birth mother)

I held Josiah for the first time in a year. I had been overwhelmed with the idea of seeing him again and the stress of the upcoming holidays had consumed me. But, when I saw my dearest Josiah, happiness fulfilled my heart and my stress was no longer there.

He was not only one of the most beautiful little boys I had seen, he was happy. I held my arms out for him, and, without hesitation, he came to me. I had worried that he would not come to me but, maybe somewhere inside of him, he knew.

I enjoyed the time that we shared together and not once did I cry because I understood that what I did was the right thing and I would not have changed my decision if time turned back. Josiah is a blessing from God and I have been blessed five times before. He is now and will always be a part of me—but someone else's son.

I have filled the void of loss in my heart by being able to inform women like myself that we can make better choices for our children and ourselves. I am no longer filled with regret or shame. Not everyone can have a child; not everyone can care for a child. It has been my job to do what's best for my education, so that I can provide more for the children I have now.

And, I thank God for allowing me to give his gift of life to another family. They give their thanks often and we stay in touch.



Parenthood, Adoption or Abortion?

Decisions are always before us to make. Every decision comes with consequences. Sometimes those consequences can be good or bad. It just depends on your decisions made according to God's will. Doing it God's way gives us peace.

I was faced with the decisions you see above - parenthood, adoption or abortion. I went to God. I knew abortion definitely wasn't His will, but adoption and parenthood are in His word.

I knew in my heart I wasn't ready in any shape or form to be a mom again. I had peace about doing an open adoption. Yes, I was sad and terrified. I still wanted to give my child the best life possible, so I called the Adoption Support Center. They were a great support system for me.

Adoption is a much better decision than abortion. Better because I gave my child life, instead of taking it. What joy, peace of mind and a wonderful child did I gain from this situation.

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