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Cheryl Said!



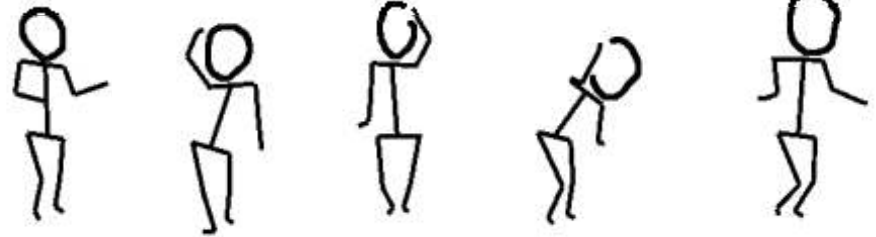
I always look forward to the CPO Adoptive Family Support Group Meetings, which are held each month. This group is made up of families that have already adopted children through CPO, or are waiting to adopt. The room that we use at Christian Chapel is always completely full of happy adults, adorable toddlers and precious newborn babies. The couples are always anxious for the first meeting that is held after their little one is born. This child is the answer to their prayers, and they know that no one will be more excited than other parents who have experienced the pain of infertility, and the fulfillment of their petitions to God. I really cannot, adequately, describe the love that is in that room. As we go around the room, each family speaks tenderly of their little one's Birth Mom. They speak about how much they love her, and what a **hero** she is. They talk about the time they have spent with her, the phone calls, and the letters. There are always a few families who tell of their concern over not hearing from their birth mom. They ask the others to remember her in their prayers. The outpouring of love always warms my heart, and I leave refreshed and energized. I believe that these families are examples of Open Adoption at its very best.

Instead of seeking to avoid a relationship with their child's birth family, these adoptive families in CPO choose to maintain contact and develop an ongoing relationship. They see the birth family as part of their extended family. I am so grateful that adoption has changed so much in the last 20 years. Always and ever, we must remember that these little ones have two families, their **birth families** and their **parents** who raise them to be all that God created them to be. Praise God that these children will grow up knowing about their birth families and these incredibly courageous young women who not only gave them **life**, but a life with a wonderful family in a two-parent home. I believe that God blesses those things that are done in the light.

In His Service,

Cheryl

God Danced the Day you were Born



Lillie Kate

5 lbs., 14 oz. & 19 inches

Trent Andrew

December 8th, 2004

5 lbs., 12 oz. & 19 ¼ inches

Birth Mom: Sarah

Adoptive Parents: Paul & Julie

Corbin Samuel

December 15th, 2004

8 lbs. & 20 inches

Birth Mom: TeNeashia

Adoptive Parents: Steve & Shonni

Maribeth Kalyn

December 28th, 2004

7 lbs. 9 oz. & 20 ½ inches

Birth Mom: Jennifer

Adoptive Parents: Joe & Lynne

Tyler Jaxon

January 3rd

8 lbs., 5 oz. & 22 inches

Birth Mom: Rachel

Adoptive Parents: Bryan & Stephanie

Jackson Todd

January 5th

7 lbs., 9 oz. & 20 inches long

Birth Mom: Katie

Adoptive Parents: Travis & Kari

Quentin David

January 6th

8 lbs., 6 oz. & 22 ¼ inches

Birth Mom: Erin

Adoptive Parents: David & Kim

Elle Caroline

January 6th

8 lbs., 4 oz. & 20 inches

Birth Mom: Amy

Adoptive Parents: Tom & Julie

Nathaniel Allen

January 14th

6 lbs., 10 oz. & 19 ½ inches

Birth Mom: Maria

Adoptive Parents: Todd & Lana

Gabriel Alexander

January 27th

7 lbs., 13 oz. & 21 inches

Congratulations Elizabeth!

Thomas Andrew

February 2nd

8 lbs., 14 oz. & 20 ¾ inches

Birth Mom: Candice

Adoptive Parents: Tom & Maria

Carson Ayden

February 8th

7 lbs., 4 oz. & 20 inches

Birth Mom: Carrie

Adoptive Parents: Chad & Jackie

Birth Mother's Day 2005

Our Annual Birth Mother's Day Ceremony will be held at Christian Chapel on Saturday, April 30, from 2-4 p.m. This Ceremony is held, each year, "to honor the motherhood of all women who have made adoption plans for their children through CPO." If you have something you would like to share in the Ceremony, please call Lynn Clutter @ 838-3243. We would also welcome your donations of fruit trays, cookies, vegetable trays, and cheese trays. If you can help with these things, please call Tracie Roesslein @ 734-4297.



I am parenting two girls, who are 8 and 11 years old. I made Adoption Plans for two girls, who are now 19 months and 7 months. I recently went back to school to become a Dental Assistant. I know that if I had not made Adoption Plans for the two younger girls, I would not have gone to school.

In December, 2002, I discovered I was pregnant. I could not believe the home pregnancy test, so went to a Crisis Pregnancy Center, for another test. I didn't know what to do, besides cry and be mad! I knew that I was not capable of raising another child, on my own. The nurse gave me a list of Adoption Agencies, and told me that CPO did Open Adoptions, and I would be able to choose a family. I was so worried about the fact that both the birth father and I are Native Americans. I knew that the baby must be placed with a family of the same tribe, and I was afraid that would make it hard to find a family, but it was not a problem.

I put off calling Cheryl for several days. I felt so ashamed that I did not feel capable of parenting this baby, despite the fact that I was taking care of my older girls. When I met with Cheryl, she assured me that I was making the loving choice for all of us, and I felt a lot better.

I met the Adoptive Family and felt good about placing my baby with them. When I went into labor, I called them, and they arrived in time for her to be born. At first, I felt hurt, knowing that I would not be parenting Madison. I didn't want to leave the hospital. My biggest concern was that I wanted her to know that I love her. I did not want her to grow up hating me.

Shortly after giving birth, I became pregnant again. I called Cheryl, and began meeting families. I knew, instantly, that the third family was perfect, even though they did not have as much "Indian blood" as I had hoped! The Adoptive Mother and I talked a lot and she seemed so "real." I felt comfortable with the whole family.

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“You know me inside and out, You know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something.”

Psalm 139:15 The Message

My Story continued from page 2

While I was in my early stage of pregnancy, I decided to go back to school. It was a real struggle, and I had several obstacles in my way. I honestly believe that if I had not had Cheryl and Mary (the Adoptive Mom) encouraging me and believing in me, I would not have finished. Making an Adoption Plan for my babies was the hardest decision I have ever made, but it was the best decision. I know they are very much loved and are being well taken care of. Placing these two children means I can now be the mom I need to be for my older children. And, I am so happy that I can see them, and be an important person in their lives.

Thank You!
Danka
Merci
Grazi
Gracias

We wish to thank the **Praying Grandmas** of Tulsa Bible Church who continue to supply us with darling handmade clowns for all of our little ones, as well as praying diligently for our girls. Bless you, Dear Ladies!

A big “thank you” to **Reba Yeksavich** for her gift of lovely baby items from her department store!

We are so grateful to the many **CPO Families** who “adopted” one of our girls and/or her kiddos for Christmas! You all were a huge blessing to many.

The **Subway** at 61st and Yale donated a huge Christmas stocking full of toys that we gave to many kiddos on the Tuesday before Christmas. It was wonderful! I wish to thank the manager, Robbie, and the Assistant Manager, my grandson, Jay Roesslein!

Seth Kittinger held an incredible Christmas Party for our little ones on December 11. We all enjoyed great entertainment, refreshments, and gifts for the children and their moms. Thank you, Seth!

HELP!

Baby & Personal Showers
Tracie Roesslein, 250-7231, needs help with planning & refreshments

Transportation
Can you drive one 1/2 day a month? Call Jennifer Emmons 272-6365

Mentors
Mentors needed. If you are interested, please call Julie Karalis 369-8553

Host Families
Are you able to open your heart & home to a girl during her pregnancy? Call Lisa Barricks for more info 272-0587

Furniture/Clothes
Furniture and household items are needed for the girls to set-up their own homes. If you have a donation, we will gladly arrange to pick it up. Also, if you can donate maternity or baby clothes, please contact Jeannie Barton 621-4546

Financial Support
Your financial support helps to provide such things as prescriptions, clothing, childbirth classes, counseling and dental care for our girls. Mail your tax deductible donation to CPO, P.O. Box 1113, Jenks, OK 74037.

yo go girls

Jeannie graduated from Southern Nazarene University on December 11, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership. Jeannie has been pursuing her degree, while working full time in the Child Support Enforcement Division at DHS, parenting 3 kiddos, and being the Coordinator for the CPO Warehouse! Great job, Jeannie!

Twana graduated from Community Care College in November. She is now a Dental Assistant and is doing her externship at Small Smiles Dental Clinic. Twana is also parenting 2 girls. We are so proud of you, Twana!

Shantel graduated from Metropolitan College in December. She is now a Certified Medical Coder. Shantel is parenting 3 children, as well. Congratulations, Shantel!