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Cheryl Said

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two “unsung CPO heroes,” my daughter, Tracie, and her husband, Alan. I could not begin to estimate the hundreds of hours that Tracie and Alan have spent volunteering for CPO each and every week, for years! When no one else is available, Alan is the guy who picks up donated items, moves girls to apartments, and helps them unlock their car doors. Tracie and Alan have been married for 18 years, and he has always, cheerfully, helped out in any way that he could. Alan should be nominated for sainthood for just putting up with me and my computer crises! He also unlocks Christian Chapel for us, sets up, carries in the food, and comes back to take it all down and locks up. In the past 6 months, Alan and Tracie have picked up girls, often late at night, and taken them to a motel, while we could determine their appropriateness for a host family, or the Transitional Home. These are always “crisis” calls, and the situations can be very unpleasant. Tracie takes the girls to Wal-Mart for a “basic necessity” run, and keeps in very close touch with them.

Tracie is the CPO Food Coordinator, and takes care of every event that involves food. These events include the baby and personal showers that we have for the girls, the yearly Birth Mother's Day Ceremonies, the Waiting Families' Workshops, and many more. The food is always good and plentiful, and I never have to give it a second thought. Tracie is the “car” person and the “phone” person, which involves many trips to car insurance companies, the Tag Agency, and the Cricket Phone Center. She would be happy to tell you how many HOURS is the average wait at Cricket!

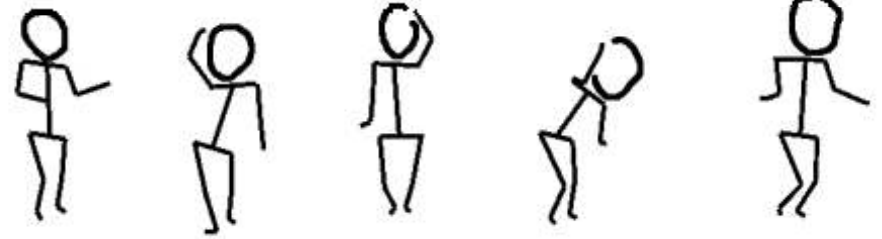
In addition to all that, Tracie is one of the Parenting Class Coordinators, and accompanies Alan on all of the many “missions” listed above. I could not begin to do all that I do for CPO, were it not for their help. The next time you see them, please thank them for their many years of service. I am very grateful for everything that they do, which is often done “behind the scenes.”

In His Service,

Cheryl



God Danced *the Day you were Born*



Tucker Samuel

2-24-05
4 lbs., 12 oz.
19 ½ inches long
Birth Mom: Laurie
Adoptive Parents:
Larry and Karin

Tucker Braden

3-16-05
6 lbs., 4 oz.
19 ½ inches long
Birth Mom: Kristi
Adoptive Parents:
Dean and Jeanette

Coleman Thomas

3-27-05
7 lbs., 6 oz.
19 inches long
Birth Mom: Kendal
Adoptive Parents:
Kyle and Melissa

Noah Lewis

3-28-05
7 lbs., 8 oz.
20 inches long
Birth Mom: Ruth
Adoptive Parents:
Ben and Angela

Hayden Paige

3-31-05
8 lbs. 8 oz.
21 ½ inches long
Mom: Shannon

Nathan Cinclair

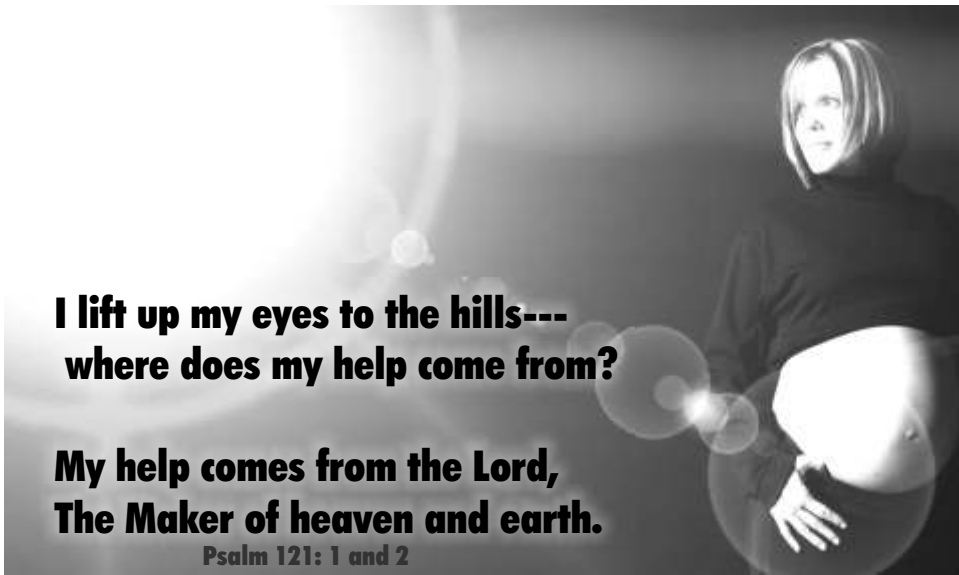
3-31-05
6 lbs., 6 oz.
19 inches long
Birth Mom: Meghan
Adoptive Parents:
Nathan and Kristi

Madeline Therese

4-13-05
7 lbs., 14 oz.
20 ½ inches long
Birth Mom: Jane
Adoptive Parents:
Patrick and Mary

Emily Lynn

5/24/05
4 lbs. 11 oz.
17 inches long
Birth Mom: Mandy
Adoptive Parents:
Mike and Karla



**I lift up my eyes to the hills---
where does my help come from?**

**My help comes from the Lord,
The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Psalm 121: 1 and 2

FROM MY HEART TO HERS

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There she was. I walked right up to her and hugged her. She was so beautiful and so gracious. Before my eyes was a stranger, yes, however she was just a woman, like me, only in a different situation. How I admired and wondered at her strength! She had the courage to make an adoption plan for her baby, choosing lovingly to endure her own pain. We spent time talking and getting to know one another. She smiled and talked and put ME at ease. I was so anxious to see the baby, but it was almost an hour before they brought him in. Finally, there he was, and I hesitated again. What was my role in this situation? I wanted to rejoice over our new baby, and I wanted SO MUCH not to forget this precious lady who had just given birth to him and loved him deeply. God in His GREAT LOVE helped us find our places in a little hospital room. What were those places? Two women openly adoring the miracle of this tiny little baby and sharing the deeply intimate love of two mothers.

Now, our little boy is six months old, and like all children, he is a blessing and gift from the Lord. We all enjoy him so much. I love sharing with our birthmother what our little boy is doing, what he looks like and how everything is going. She will always be a part of us. She gave us the most precious gift one could give, and she will always hold a piece of my heart. And, in my heart, there will always be a place that belongs only to her. Our baby is a blessing, but the true miracle took place in a little hospital room, when God brought two mothers together, and a baby found home.



As I walked into the hospital room where I knew she lay, I felt so unsure, nervous and hesitant. In one of the most wonderful times of my life, how should I respond to the one who just gave birth to our little boy and had made the painful and courageous decision to give that precious child to another to raise?

For years, Steve and I had hoped to be chosen by a birthmother to parent her baby. Yes, we have six children, yet deep inside we knew that God had more for us. With excitement and a determined trust in God's Best, we waited. Finally, on December 1, 2004, we received the exciting news that a birthmother had chosen our family for her baby, which was due any week!



I felt so blessed, but even more than that, I felt very honored to be chosen by this woman I had never met. I wanted to somehow communicate what was in my heart; not just gratitude, but a deep feeling of God bringing our hearts together in a uniquely special way, through the wonder of adoption.

Now, two weeks later, on the threshold of her hospital door, I trembled with the excitement of seeing our baby and our birthmother. With a quick prayer that I would say and do the right things to comfort her and help her feel at ease, I walked in with our 11-year-old daughter, who had come with me.

Thank You!

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Merci
Gracias

I wish to thank each person who made our Birth Mother's Day Ceremony a wonderful event! Lynn Clutter, once again (8 years!), did a wonderful job of planning the program and lining up the people who shared. Tracie Roesslein did a wonderful job of planning and orchestrating the Reception.

Thanks to each of you who have donated furniture, household items, clothing, and baby equipment for our Warehouse. I cannot tell you what a blessing that those things are when a girl is setting up her apartment, or preparing for a little one. We are in constant need of all of the things mentioned above.

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 Jennifer Bauman@296-5426

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.

Grace Girls Thank You

Julie and Cindy would like to offer special thanks to all of the volunteers that made the Grace Girls mentoring program end-of-the-year dinner such a success. Special thanks to the men of CPO who served our Birth Mothers and to those who prepared food, decorated the church, set up, made donations and cleaned up. The Birth Mothers who attended enjoyed a wonderful meal, a very special concert by Tulsa's own Daniel Kleeefeld, a gifted Christian musician, and they received a nice gift. It was a very fabulous evening.



The dinner marked the end of our series of Birth Mother support meetings where each month a special speaker talked about one of the qualities of a Birth Mother. Julie and Cindy would like to thank all of our guest speakers and those who have volunteered throughout the months for their willingness to support the Grace Girls program. God is blessing the seeds that are being sown in our Birth Mothers lives through this program

Beginning June 1, Jennifer Bauman and Lisa Giles will be leading the Grace Girls mentoring program. This is one of the most important ministries within CPO. Lives have been changed due to the one-on-one relationships built between the Birth Mothers and their mentors. If you are interested in becoming a mentor please call Jennifer Bauman at 296-5426

The Grace Girls and mentors would like to thank Julie Karalis and Cindy Bayles for leading Grace Girls this past year.

