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# Love Notes

## Christian Family Services

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## Our Story

Is this the right time for a stock gift?

Stock market watchers are anxious these days, and for some of us it is a good time to take a new look at our portfolios. If you have some stocks you are looking to move, why not donate those to Christian Family Services?

Simply call us at 803-548-6030 and we will get you in touch with our broker, who can make the transaction swift and simple. A reminder: If you give stock outright, you do not have to pay capital gains taxes on earnings.

As a ministry, it is our policy to immediately sell any stock gifts we receive, so that your gift will go quickly to meet the needs of those we see, touching hearts and saving lives in the process.

If you want a financially attractive way to support this ministry, a stock gift may be your answer.

## OR

Stock gifts can be a win/win possibility

Your stock portfolio might provide answers to your giving questions. If you have a stock that hasn't performed as you thought, gifting that stock—or a portion of it—could be your answer.

Or, you might have securities that are performing well—and may be at their peak. You can gift stock and receive a full deduction for its current cost instead of selling it and incurring taxes.

Stocks can be an effective option for those thinking of giving—and who want to do so with maximum tax benefits. If you would like to give a gift of stock, call us. We'll get you in touch with our broker and the transaction can take place smoothly and efficiently.

**Would you like  
to receive  
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electronically?**

In an attempt to be good stewards, save on postage and paper, and free up the space in your mail box, we would like to offer you the choice to receive future newsletters electronically. If this is what you prefer, please send an email to [cheryl@christianfamilyservices.org](mailto:cheryl@christianfamilyservices.org)

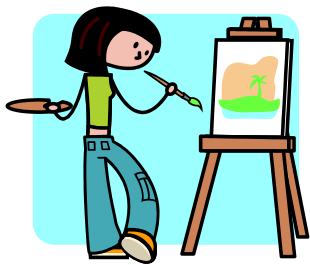


Isn't this a good looking car tag! Here is your opportunity to stand in the gap with the members of the South Carolina Association of Pregnancy Care Centers (of which Christian Family Services is a member). Proceeds from the sale of the tags go to the association, to be distributed to member agencies, like CFS! If you would to order a tag, go to your local SCDMV and ask for your "Choose Life SC" cartag.

## **CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS!!!**

*We need your artwork.*

CFS is excited about an upcoming Spring '09 fundraiser effort. We are creating beautiful note cards, using creatively drawn or painted pictures by our very own adoptive children. If your adopted child has an "exceptional masterpiece" that you would like to have featured on one of the note cards, please send it to us. We hope to receive art from all ages!



The subject of the artwork is limited only by your child's imagination. We would like to develop cards for all occasions—birthday, thank you, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, Fourth of July, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and many others.

Please keep in mind that we will not be able to return any of the artwork. Quality color copies are acceptable. The ideal size for the drawing or painting is 8 ½ x 5 ½ though we can work with larger sizes if necessary. We hope to offer packages to sell of 12 topical note cards featuring different artists.

### **How Can You Help?**

- Pray for our ministry, our staff, and our clients
- Contribute financially to our ministry
- Donate office supplies and equipment, or funds to purchase literature
- Refer Christian families who are considering adopting a child to us
- Refer birth parents who struggle with unplanned pregnancies to us
- Donate maternity clothes
- Donate healthy non-perishable foods
- House a birth mother during her pregnancy and for several weeks after
- Provide transportation for a birth mother

### **Our Mission Statement**

As a ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, the mission of Christian Family Services is to provide alternatives to abortion through counseling and care for the mother and her child.

Our primary goal is to save the life of the unborn child, since God values human life and knows us even before our conception. We offer counseling to the woman who finds herself in a crisis pregnancy situation, striving to meet her emotional and spiritual needs, in order to help her make the best decision for herself and her unborn child, and in the process, grow closer

Please submit your child's artwork to us no later than February 28, 2009.

Welcome to Cheryl and Heidi!

Cheryl Williford comes to us as our new Administrative Specialist. She is becoming the "voice" of Christian Family Services, the first person that people speak to when they call our ministry. Cheryl and her husband are the parents of two adoptive children. God has gifted her with creative ideas and a gentle spirit.

Heidi Hunsucker comes to us as our graduate social work intern for the 2008-2009 school year. She will be with us until May 2009, when she will graduate with a Master of Social Work degree. God has given her a quick mind, and a love for children and their families.

to God. We offer services to help meet her physical needs in an effort to ensure a healthy pregnancy.

For the woman who makes an adoption plan, we provide Christian parents who are prepared, assessed, and approved for adoption. For the woman who is undecided, we provide interim foster care as she makes plans for herself and her child.

For women who are working with other agencies, or for foreign-born children, we provide Christian parents who are prepared, assessed, and approved for adoption.

Recognizing that adoption is a life-changing event, we offer lifelong services to all members of the adoption triad- birthparents, adoptive parents, and their children.