
Love Notes

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Our Story

How does one begin to tell about the most amazing Gift from God...the blessing of a child? Our family adopted an adorable baby early last spring. As I hold this little one in my arms, I am reminded of a precious birth mom that made a difference in our lives and the lives of our entire family.

Our adoption is considered an open, identified adoption. From the very first phone call, we were destined to love this baby and the birth mom. We knew that we were to compassionately stand by the birth mom no matter what the outcome, or what her final decision would be. God called us to be supportive and see her through this difficult time in her life. Adoptive parents often feel vulnerable and nervous about the possibility of a birth mom changing her mind. We did not. We knew that we were to step into a higher calling, and we would need to stand on God's word and promises. Soon we began to see our birth mom the way that God saw her, with honor. As she shared her entire pregnancy with us from the doctor's visits to feeling movement, we shared strength and encouragement. Love and trust truly embraced our roll in the life of the birth mom and the baby.



We were given the privilege of being present when the baby was born. I even cut the cord and held this small breathing person in my arms soon after the Apgar scores were announced. As tears rolled down my face onto the baby's blanket, I found myself wanting to hold the birth mom in my arms, also. She was so brave and determined to give this child a future and a loving family.

Our prayers and the prayers of our entire family are with this young woman who gave beyond comprehension. One day at Heaven's Gate, we will all stand together hand in hand knowing that we were all apart of a bigger plan. After all, Jesus was adopted by Mary and Joseph. True love only comes from God.

Giving God the Glory and Praise,
An Adoptive Mother

**Remember
a Special
Mom with
a Special
Gift this
Mother's
Day**

This Mother's Day, we need to remember to do something special for mom. After all, she clothed us, bathed us, changed our diapers (talk about commitment!), and much more. Honoring her should be at the top of our list.

If you are looking for a way to honor a special mother in your life on Mother's Day this year, why not consider a gift to Christian Family Services? We will notify her of your gift, and your gift will be used to encourage new moms toward choosing life for their babies. Your gift can also be in memory of your mother, another reminder that her legacy continues to touch lives today.

To make a commemorative gift in honor or memory of a special mother this year, drop us a note with your gift, including her name. If you would like us to notify her, please include her address, and we will make sure she knows you remembered her in this special way.

Our clients: what are they looking for?

There is a commercial for “Friskies” cat food that starts with the question, “Is your cat searching for something new?” It’s a clever commercial, but let’s remember—the advertisement is directed to *us*.

As a society, we’re always looking for something new, aren’t we? Some educators are always looking for a “new” approach to teaching our children. And every other week, there is a new study on how to parent kids—telling us something “new.” The tried and true, many believe, is simply quaint and out of date.

However, those clients that come to Christian Family Services are looking not for something new, but for something they can count on. And that is precisely what we offer. With that in mind, what can they count on from us?

The Truth

This generation wants the truth, without sugar coating. They live a life where there are few boundaries and fewer truths they can rely on. Here, we love them enough to tell them the truth—not in a judgmental way—but in a way they can relate to. That’s why the overwhelming majority of our clients tell us that they would recommend us to friends. They want the truth, and they get it here.

Love – without Conditions

Unconditional love does not mean that we condone every lifestyle choice. It does mean however, that we are here for our clients and that we will listen.

It also means that we will reach out to them with the love of Jesus Christ, who loves us as we are, and loves us so much that He wants to make us more like Himself. That’s true love, and we offer it to those we see.

Hope

From a human perspective, some situations appear hopeless. Yet when one of our clients tells us her situation is hopeless, we provide the hope that the Lord offers. No situation—not one—is impossible for Him. We want a client to know that, and to know that we are here to provide practical assistance for her situation.

What are our clients searching for? We believe they want those three simple things: Truth; Unconditional Love; and Hope. To many of those we see, these three gifts are truly something new, and will change their lives forever.

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 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.

Truth - Love - Hope
