

DEGREES OF OPENNESS

Names _____ Date _____

Christian Family Services requires the following:

- “Dear Birthmother” letters from adoptive mother and father
- Profile and portfolio with pictures of adoptive family
- Photographs of child and letters of progress to the birthmother within 2 weeks after the placement, and again at 1, 3, 6, 9, and 12 months

Christian Family Services allows the following:

- Birthparents may send “Dear Adoptive Parent” and “Dear Child” letters along with special gifts for the child for up to 12 months

All of the above communication is done through the agency so that copies of correspondence will be maintained in the file, and so that the addresses and last names will remain confidential.

Most Birthmothers request some degree of openness when placing a child for adoption. Please carefully and prayerfully consider each sentence below and mark as follows:

- "1" if you are comfortable with it
- "2" if you would be willing to consider it
- "3" if it is something you just would not be able to do

- _____ Know the first names of the birthparents
- _____ Know the first and last names of the birthparents
- _____ Know the town or city where the birthparents live
- _____ Allow the birthparents to know your first names
- _____ Allow the birthparents to know your first and last names
- _____ Allow the birthparents to know the town or city where you live
- _____ Talk with the birthparents by telephone in a conference call from the agency office
- _____ Talk with the birthparents by telephone directly to their home
- _____ Meet the birthparents at the agency office before the birth of the child
- _____ Meet the birthparents and spend time with them before the birth, such as taking them to lunch or dinner
- _____ Meet the birthparents and spend time with them after the birth, such as taking them to lunch or dinner
- _____ Meet the birthparents at the hospital after the birth of the child
- _____ Meet the birthparents at the hospital, or at the agency office, after the consents are signed

- _____ Be with the birthmother during labor and/or delivery
- _____ Visit with the birthparents during the hospital stay
- _____ Know the name the birthparents have given the child
- _____ Allow the birthparents to know the name you have given the child
- _____ Accept pictures of the birthparents and their families
- _____ Allow the birthparents to have a picture of you
- _____ Continue contact after one year, if requested by the birthparents
- _____ Send letters and pictures as requested by the birthparents, in addition to the requirements of the agency

Other comments _____
