



**A MOTHER,
is a Mommy, is a *Mamma*, is a *Mama*, is a Mom!**

We are blessed to have two biological children and one through adoption. The adoption of our son has completely changed our perspective on life and adoption. After we adopted our son, the unconditional love we knew as parents changed because it wasn't unconditional love for a biological child, it was unconditional love for a child that had grown in our hearts and who became an integral part of our lives.

It really is hard to describe the blessings since we adopted our son because they are at a heart level. The biggest blessing is that we have another child to love.

Every child is a gift from God and brings new and exciting things into your family. Though our son is the most mischievous little guy, he is also full of pure joy. He sees everything with bright, happy, shining eyes. It is amazing to see how God chose our son for us.

Our son started having seizures when he was five months old. Because of my husband's profession and the state we live in, our son was to get the care and medication he needed in order to live a full and normal life. He is almost two years seizure free now. God knew he would need us.



Our son has also blessed us because we became a bi-racial family. This may seem like a funny blessing, but I see our son and how our other two children respond to him and I love that they don't see color. They are growing up seeing a person. He is their brother and they love him with all their hearts. He might be just a bit spoiled!

My son's birth mom is also a blessing. Who knew that you could have such a love and respect for someone you've never met? Without her and her sacrifice, I wouldn't have my son. Not only did she make the decision to give him life, but she also made the hardest choice a mother can so that he could have a good life. I can't express the love and gratitude I have for my son's amazing birth mom.

Our family is beautiful and I've had the joy of watching it impact other people's lives. It has opened up doors for discussion about the wonderful world of adoption. Several families we know have started their own path to adoption.

The biggest joy and blessing of adoption is the love our son has for us. What could be more of a blessing than to have your son wrap his arms around you and in his sweet toddler voice say,

"I love you momma!"



Jessica, author, shown with husband Derek and their three children

HONORING

Mothers



The Lord knows us all & loves us all. He has bound us together with this sweet child we both love & cherish & we are blessed because of this.

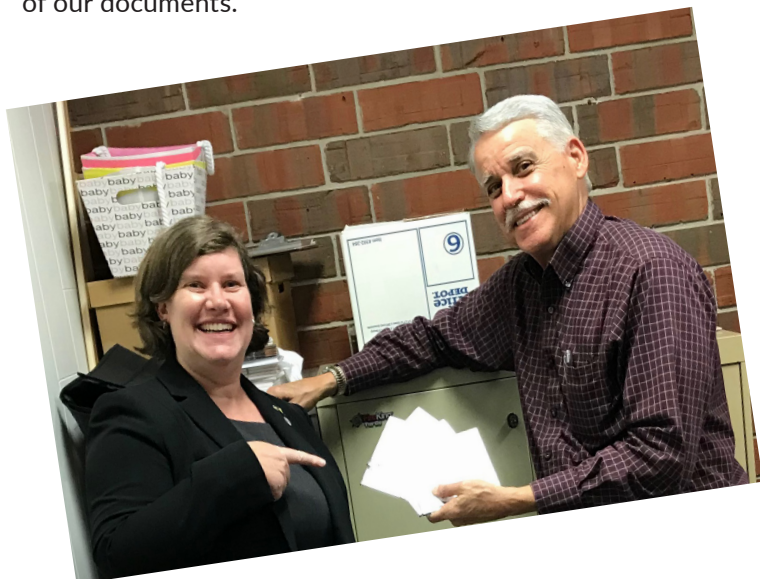
I love you & I always will.

-CFS Mom to her child's Birth Mother

WHERE HAVE ALL THE CABINETS GONE?

The forty years of Adoption Files have been scanned and returned to the CFS office.

Jennifer Van Hart of Micrographics, Inc. (Gainesville, Florida) recently delivered the result of the scans of our documents.



Two sets of backup disks, and an electronic download later, we are pleased with the final result of this project.

The CFS budget would not allow for the expense to secure the adoption records. Therefore, when the need to secure the documents surfaced, CFS Adoptive Families responded to the need and funded the project.

Below: 47 boxes of CFS files set in a secure facility in preparation for scanning and eventual shredding.



"I know how bad (my friends) want children-- being adopted myself-- there's nothing better than knowing your mom & dad WANTED you more than anything!! (My Friends) will be great parents and I hope they get that opportunity very soon.

Family Reference for a CFS Family

OFFICE VISIT!

Sam brought his parents by to visit! CFS welcomes visits, just call us first to confirm we are available.



In Memory of...

- ♥ Annie Fay Blanks
Don & Joyce Price
- ♥ Kathy Clodfelter
Tom & Jo Brown
- ♥ Claudia Walker Doddington
April Doddington
Dorothy Hope
Mel & Janis Hall
Don & Donna Brooker
Bob & Carolyn Harrell
Leo & Beatrice Hines
Joanna Pohlman
Don & Joyce Price
Judy Thomas
Quinn & Lanelle Waters
Mac & Linda Young
Matt & Alina Wyder
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Carl & Melissa Vinson
- ♥ Wescoat Holloway
Quinn & Lanelle Waters
- ♥ Carl & Annie Ruth Jacobsen
Linda Jacobson
- ♥ Jean Langly
Mary Ellen Callens
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Neil & Sandra Fisher
Karen Johnson
- ♥ Wayne Martin
Don & Donna Brooker
Quinn & Lanelle Waters
- ♥ Fern Russell
Gary & Shelly Russell
- ♥ Janet Shepherd
Marilou Heckman
- ♥ Daisy Tierce
Mary Ellen Callens

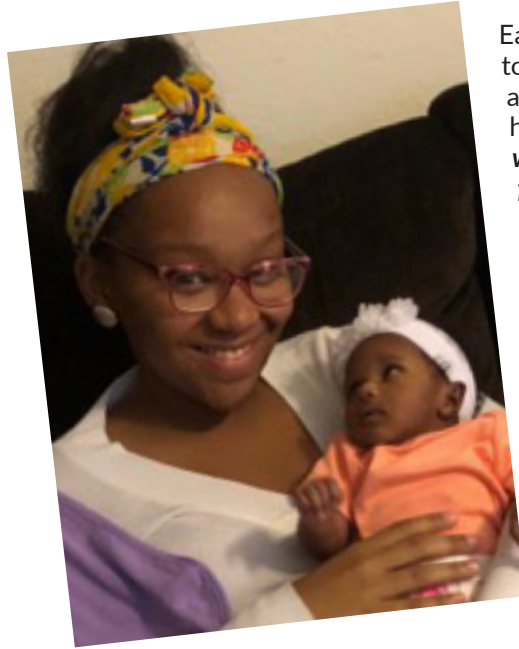
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Birth Mother's Day event
- Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser
- Volunteer Appreciation Meal
- Game Day Parking Fundraiser (fall)

You are giving women options for their baby!

“I'm 18 soon to be 19, and I'm pregnant. *This pregnancy is an unplanned pregnancy*, due to that I'm not financially and spiritually ready for a child. I figured that open adoption is the best option for me and my child. I'm in college and still trying to understand my life, talking to God and myself, I want my child to be in a family that's financially ready to have a baby and give them all their love they have to give. I love this child and doing this shows it. Putting my child in a Christian based home and fun home will make me really happy knowing I cant' provide all those things and not ready- this is the safest option.”

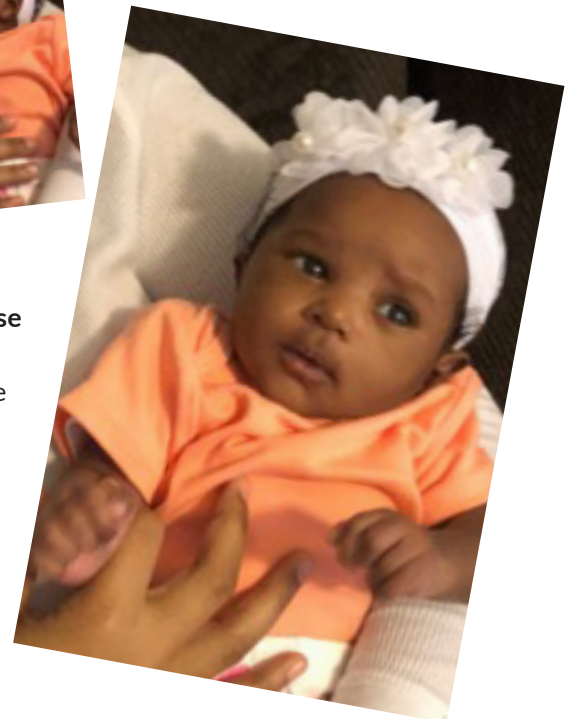
--Birth Mother Inquiry sent to CFS



Each woman receives the unconditional love of Christ because of your partnership with CFS.

During her pregnancy, Michellique (above) worked with Jasmine and chose to parent her daughter, Michellina' (at right) Aftercare to new moms is also a time to give counsel and guide them into a better place, whether it be spiritual or physical.

Each woman you provide counseling to is given more knowledge about adoption and if it is the right choice for her. *Caseworkers spend time with each woman, sometimes with their extended family or friends, giving CFS insight into the life of this woman God has sent our way.* She may need assistance sharing her unplanned pregnancy with those closest to her and support when she shares her news. She may have other children she needs to care for.



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Lives you have touched through your support of Christian Family Services

	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>
Number of New Expectant Moms Contacting CFS	5	4	14
Number of Expectant Moms Worked With	7	7	18
Number of Contacts With Expectant Moms	39	52	60
Number of Past Birth Moms contacting CFS	3	3	4
Number of Contacts With Adoptive Families	44	44	60

Total Time Spent with Expectant Moms: 122 Hours
 Total Time spent with Adoptive Families: 95 Hours
 Total Travel for CFS: 10,996 miles



Nicole Honeywell

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*“Defend the weak and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of the poor
and the oppressed.”
Psalm 82:3*

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in Honor of _____

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**I Will Support The Ministry of Christian Family Services
In The Following Ways.**

My One Time Gift Today: \$ _____

Monthly Gift: \$250 \$100 \$75 \$50

Other \$ _____

Pray for Birth Mothers to be led to CFS for hope, help,
and guidance.



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GAME DAY PARKING

Parking for Home Football Games at the University of Florida

Season passes available, priced at \$150 until June 30th.

Priced \$175 through the first game.

\$20 per game, first come, first served

Tail Gate, indoor restrooms until kick off, 8 blocks from the stadium.

More Ways to give
ORGANIZATIONS

**United Way
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eBay for Charity**

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a
cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7