

# CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICES FAMILY TIMES



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## CFS Dream List!

Everyone needs a little *cheer* right now. In spite of all that we as a nation are going through, **God continues** to work! He has provided just enough families and just enough funds to help provide forever Christian homes for these 9 babies. Here is a quick recap of **2020** (more detailed in our "End-of-Year" report next month):

- ◆ 127 - moms counseled (excluding fathers and extended families)
- ◆ 985 - case management hours



- ◆ 30,101 - miles driven
- ◆ Avidly worked with 19 moms towards an adoption plan
- ◆ 9-moms placed for adoption
- ◆ Successful return of case-worker (Jasmine) following cancer surgeries

◆ No positive Covid tests by caseworkers in spite of continued travel, working with moms, numerous hospital visits, etc.

◆ None of our moms came down with Covid

◆ Prospective adoptive families more open to a variety of babies

A couple of people expressed disappointment with CFS this year. They felt like we had strayed from our positive reporting to "begging for more money." This comes in spite of the fact that 2020 has knowingly



been a difficult year for most when it comes to fundraising and continuing services. With this critique in mind, I will not be like a child at Christmas that "asks for more and more" even though it may be needed.

Instead, this is a long-range vision of what

I perceive as **honoring the Lord's commands in caring for the Fatherless, being Evangelistic, and Serving community needs.**

**"without vision the people perish."**  
(Prov 29:18)

**DREAM LIST**  
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Early afternoon one Friday in November, a hospital called **CFS** about a **Safe Haven baby**. Mom safely delivered her daughter. After speaking with the Hospital Social Worker about her options for this newborn, mom opted to place the baby for adoption. Under the Safe Haven Act of Florida Law, a qualified adoption agency or attorney must be contacted to take guardianship of the baby. Jerry and Jasmine headed to the hospital to meet the baby.



The next day, the CFS caseworker on call (Jasmine) received a call from a **mom at a hospital**. She had delivered a boy. A Hospital Social Worker discussed options for the baby with this new mom, as **she wanted to place him in a Christian home**. Jasmine alerted Jerry to this new mom and baby. Jerry arrived within a few hours of the call to counsel the mom on what adoption would look like for her. Jerry and Donna returned to complete this mom's adoption paperwork the following day.

A busy, fulfilling, weekend for CFS! Thank you for making a difference in the lives of moms, their babies, and adoptive families!

**A WEARY WORLD REJOICES!**



## CELEBRATING PLACEMENTS!



Beginning in upper left: Jaime & Safeiah welcome Alyah in late August.  
September: Ashlie & Zac meet son Grant. Charity & Donald welcome son Titus (with new sister Zoe).  
October: Lily, shown with new mom and dad Jocelyn & Tommy.  
November: Matt & Bethany meet and share Evan with his grandparents!  
Arthur & Chelsea are all smiles after meeting Hazel.  
Son Braydon was a Thanksgiving surprise for Samuel & Sarah!



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# CFS Dream List!

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"...I will pour out My Spirit on all people,  
... Your young men will see visions. Your  
old men will have dreams." (Acts 2:17)

Not sure if I qualify for the  
"visions" or the "dreams" but  
regardless,

## "Christmas Dream List" for CFS's future:

- ◆ Additional staff:
  - ◇ 2- caseworkers
  - ◇ 1- office (part-time)
  - ◇ 1-Social-media/marketing specialist
  - ◇ 1-Special Events coordinator (part-time)
- ◆ New Embryo Adoption Program
- ◆ Greater outreach thru the Brotherhood
  - ◇ Adoptive Families
  - ◇ Public Relations, Ed, & Comm. Outreach
  - ◇ Birth Mom advocates
  - ◇ Ministry Partners & Churches
- ◆ Residential Home for Moms with an Adoption Plan
  - ◇ Safe Nurturing Environment
  - ◇ Support, Train, & Work Towards Independence
  - ◇ Less Negative Influence
  - ◇ Life-Coaching

### ◆ Residential Program for Moms Who Parent

- ◇ Parent Training
- ◇ Life Skills
- ◇ Finances
- ◇ Spiritual Enhancement
- ◇ Complete Ed (scholarships)
- ◇ Job Training

### ◆ In-House Job Training aka: "Coffee Roasting Shop"

- ◇ Job Skill Development
- ◇ Life Skills
- ◇ Positive Self-Esteem & Dignity
- ◇ Achieve Independence

### ◆ Residential Campus: Moms & Elderly

- ◇ Elderly – provide: mentoring, positive role models, surrogate Grandparents, child-care,
- ◇ Mom & Children – provide: friendship; emotional support, companionship,

### ◆ Office Complex for:

- ◇ Staff, Meeting Rooms, Training
- ◇ Privacy for Clients
- ◇ Near Bus Line

This is a long-range vision of what I believe honors God and builds up the Kingdom.

**"Everything is possible  
for the one that believes..."**

(Mark 9:23).

Will you be a part of this vision?

*- Jerry*

August - November, 2020

## In Memory of John Richard Allen

Linda Allen

## Carl Bielling

Jeff & Robin Bielling  
Teresa Stevens

## Sue Conner

Bob & Susan McKnight

## Joe Davis

Tom & Jo Brown

## Leroy Frison

Tom & Sue Atkinson

## Nap Green

Don & Joyce Price

## Carl & Annie Ruth Jacobsen

Linda Jacobsen

## Azariah Knott

Linda Case

## Wayne Martin

Bob & Carolyn Harrell

## Pam Rosenbury

Tom & Jo Brown  
Bob & Susan McKnight

## Wyndam Shaw

Bob & Carolyn Harrell

## Earnestine Swain

Ivan & Michele Swain

## Lorraine Townsend

Ed & Jo Murphy

## Heather Turney

Linda Jacobsen

## Jack Waters

John & Suzanne Adams

## Lanelle Waters

Ben & Cheryl Breon  
Doris Brooks  
Ralph & Jenny Cellon  
Wayne & Martha Colyer  
William & Claire Ellington  
Ben & Chong Ingram  
Clara Nell Petree  
Don & Joyce Price  
Larry & Virginia Kieszek  
Don & Janet Stevens  
Vida Mae Waters  
John Michael Williams

## Norma Wheeler

Linda Case

## Richard & Martha Whitehead

Bob & Carolyn Harrell

August - November, 2020

## In Honor of Shawn & Heather Mackie

Jim & Debbie Mackie

## Matt Wyder

Carol Massey



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## FINALIZATIONS



August 13, 2020

**Landon Thomas** was the first ZOOM finalization hearing by our court. First time parents **Shawn and Heather** were pleased to add a son to their family.



November 9, 2020

**Preston Dean** and parents **Mindy and Kyle** waited patiently for their day in court. They've shared many days together, and now share a last name!



December 4, 2020

**Alyah Elizabeth** looks like the favorite Christmas gift of her parents **Jaime and Safeiah!** This family rejoiced when our court offered an earlier date to finalize.

## New Normal for CFS

The Pandemic affected CFS moms, families and caseworkers during the hospital stay. Rules for visitation varied by hospital and the rate of the virus.



The Pandemic affected CFS staff and families during court proceedings. Court schedules for adoption dockets were limited or filled up quickly. All



court proceedings were held via ZOOM, with each party "held" in an electronic waiting room.

The Pandemic affected two major fundraisers. Churches were closed and most were unable to hold a **Baby Bottle Boomerang** campaign.

**Game Day Parking** suffered a 97% decrease in funding due to the changes in the football schedule and limited attendance.

The Pandemic affected CFS moms, families, and staff. Thanks to our Father for donors like you who continue to pray, continue to give and continue to DREAM with the ministry of CFS!



How do we say  
**Thank you?**



**Debbie Callens**  
CFS Caseworker  
Retiring 12/31/2020  
21 years of service

### Staff

Jerry D. Callens, Exec. Director & Case Worker  
Jasmine Pierce, Case Worker  
Debbie Callens, Case Worker

Donna L. Brooker, Ministry Assistant  
Becky Barclift, Bookkeeper  
John & Charlotte JeBailey, Cradle Care

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*"He defends the cause of the fatherless..."Deuteronomy 10:18*

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