# A MOM'S CHOICE



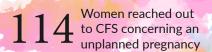
Christian Family Services, Inc.



A Christian Alternative
2023 ANNUAL REPORT

**51.3% Housing** 

1.0% Birth Certificate



Women due to deliver in 2023 who made an adoption plan -6 carried over from '22 -14 in'23

Women who placed their baby with a Christian Adoptive Family -9 with an adoption Plan -1 who chose Safe Haven

### OF THE WOMEN WHO MADE ADOPTION PLANS,

59% had considered abortion 42% had considered parenting

#### THEY FOUND CHRISTIAN **FAMILY SERVICES VIA:**

56% online search

22% via a pregnancy center

11% hospital staff

11% they already had a past relationship with CFS

### **BABIES PLACED** FOR ADOPTION:

4 Boys 6 Girls 10% Bi-racial 20% African-American 70% White

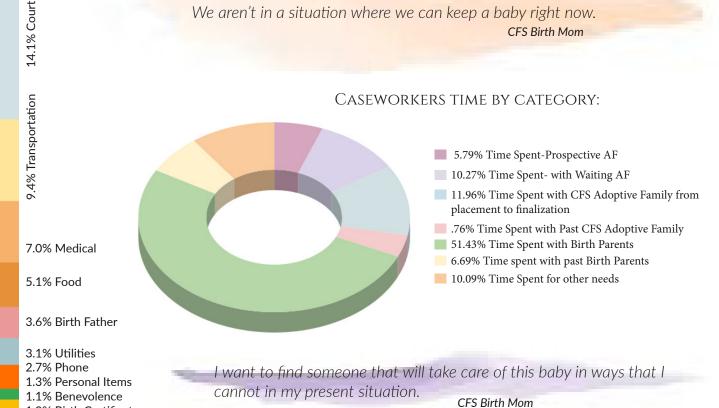
#### THOSE WHO PLACED THEIR CHILD FOR ADOPTION:

Average age of Birth Moms 29 Average age of Birth Dads 38

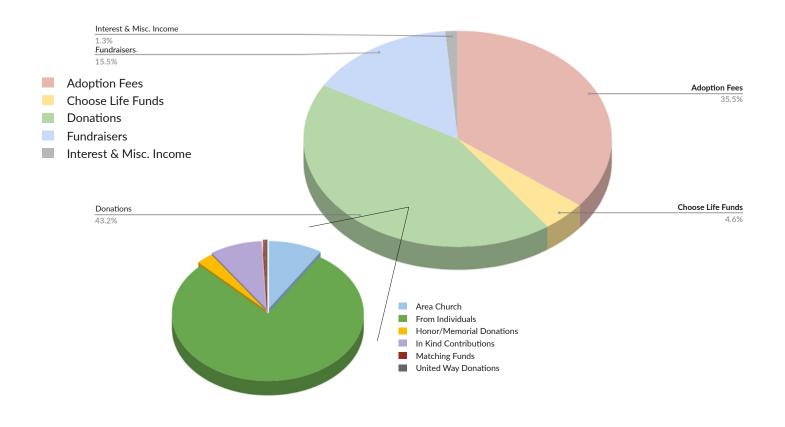
44.5 % were employed 44.5 % were unemployed 11% student

78% of Birth Moms had other children 78% had financial need

We aren't in a situation where we can keep a baby right now. CFS Birth Mom



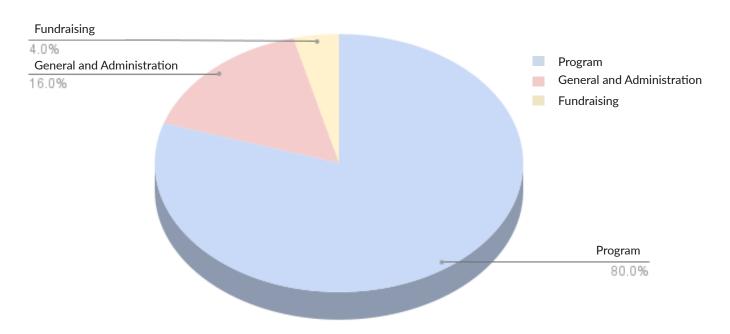
## **2023 DONATIONS AND INCOME**



I need help with the bills right now. I am out of a job but the (baby's) father is taking care of me.

CFS Birth Mom

### **2023 EXPENSES**



"Data may be rounded for purposes of this publication. This document is for general information, subject to typical errors of calculation. CFS' Annual Financial Review and 990 are available for examination by making an appointment during regular business at the main office of Christian Family Services, Inc."

### THE HARDEST DECISION

"Siya"\* first reached out to CFS when she was 19 and expecting her third child. Siya and "Malik,"\* the father of this baby and her two previous children, were homeless, jobless and living in a multi-family house. Both were mature for their age and did not want this baby to struggle as their family struggled. Like others we work with, the couple made an adoption plan, but ended up parenting all three children. Malik found a good job and they were able to have their own apartment. They even took in family who needed a safe place.

At 21, Siya became pregnant and contacted CFS again. The couple was still young, hard working and committed to their children. This time they were adamant that they could not parent another child. Rent for their apartment doubled so they moved in with a sister and her 4-kids. Siya, Malik and their 3-kids were all in one bedroom. Malik still had his good job but didn't make enough for anyone to let him sign a lease.

The hardest decision Siya and Malik had ever had to make was at the hospital with their newborn son. Still convinced that adoption was the right choice, the time to sign Consents and place their baby with their chosen family was agonizing. Siya & Malik really loved the adoptive family, but letting go of their son was gut-wrenching. This is a great example of the sacrificial love that birth parents make who work with CFS.

CFS donors provided much needed care for this family, on both occasions. Donors made possible the emotional, financial and spiritual support, along with the counseling and encouragement that this family needed during the darkest time in their lives. Through CFS networking, others from the community were able to come along side of them to mentor and render aid as needed. Two babies were saved, and two families were blessed!

THANK YOU for allowing the Lord to work through you.

CFS Birth Moms share their greatest concern about adoption:

...the baby's safety.
That the child be placed in a loving home
Getting updates (on the baby).
my baby going to a good family and not mistreated.

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It's not the right time for me to raise another baby alone..

CFS Birth Mother

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<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Siya" and "Malik"-names changed for confidentiality.