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Adoption, a positive option

“I have a story to share,” the young woman began as she stopped by PSC to make a donation. A decade ago Meghan had faced an unplanned pregnancy. “The thought of abortion crossed my mind, but I quickly dismissed it. I knew I couldn’t end my baby’s life.” Instead Meghan turned to PSC for help and began to explore the possibility of adoption. Working with the staff from Life Choice in Manhattan, she made an adoption plan and chose a family for her baby.



baby Hannah



Hannah with Meghan on her wedding day.

Her daughter Hannah is now thriving in her adoptive family. Meghan sees Hannah twice a year and knows that the difficult decision she made ten years ago was the best choice for everyone involved. As a way of saying thank you to PSC, Hannah’s birth mother and adoptive parents will be present at this year’s fundraising banquet!

Although PSC is not licensed to facilitate adoption, we present adoption as a positive option. If a client would like to explore adoption, we provide her with a referral list, literature, and video testimonies of birth parents who have chosen adoption for their children. We walk closely with each client, helping her make a positive life plan for herself and her child. Leah Graves, adoptive mother and founder of the Blessed Hope Family adoption support group, recently shared with us: “God as the Creator could have chosen any plan imaginable to save His wayward people. Yet He chose to send His only Son to earth as a baby entrusted to an adoptive father. His plan is so beautiful—adoption and the gospel, hand in hand!”

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US APRIL 18, AT PSC’S FUNDRAISING BANQUET to hear Meghan’s story and learn how you can share in God’s wonderful plan for adoptive families!

EIGHT MYTHS ABOUT ADOPTION

by Bethany Christian Services

- If a birth mother loved her child she would never consider adoption.
Birth mothers who explore all of their options and choose an adoption plan have the courage to put their child’s needs first.
- A birth mother who makes an adoption plan in not taking responsibility for her actions.
A birth mother, who is not ready to parent, acts responsibly by learning the options and choosing an adoption plan.
- No one could love a child like the biological parents.
Adoptive parents love their children as much as if they had given birth to them.
- Biological parents who make an adoption plan move on and forget about their child.
Birth parents do not forget their child, nor would they want to. They grow through the experience.

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Volunteers met at PSC to reset the Boutique from Winter to Spring. A big thanks to Arlen’s church group from First Covenant Church (left) and the Young Adult Cell group from New Community Christian Church (right).



Baby Boutique & Office Needs at PSC

- Baby equipment – bouncers, swings, activity mats, strollers, etc (in good/excellent condition) • Diapers: size newborn
- New bathtubs (white in color please)
- Small baby/personal items – body wash, shampoo, and baby lotion (no baby powder please)
- Gender neutral washcloths and gender neutral onesies
- New baby socks and shoes
- Material to make nursing cover ups
- Bibles (NIV or NLT please)
- Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, etc)
- Cups, plates, plastic forks, knives, spoons
- 4-drawer vertical, legal sized, locking file cabinet

thank you!

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Visit us on-line at www.partnersofpsc.com

You may also donate on-line at www.partnersofpsc.com

We accept: 

If you’d like to be removed from our mailing list or to receive the newsletter by email, please call PSC or email us at info@psc.salina.com.

Thank you to Watson Electric for their newsletter sponsorship and to our volunteer graphic design artist, for designing our quarterly newsletter.

PSC affiliations:



These affiliations provide resources for our center and clients, and hold us to the highest levels of accountability and client care.

BOUTIQUE BLESSINGS

By attending weekly classes new moms and dads earn mommy bucks and daddy dollars to shop at the PSC Boutique.

All items are donated! We accept gently used items in good to excellent condition. Needs include: clothing sizes 0-24 months, bouncer seats, swings, strollers, high chairs, playmats, baby saucers/walkers, gates, pack and plays, books, toys, etc. We are not able to take used car seats or cribs.

Regular volunteer help is needed in the boutique. To share in the boutique blessings, call Paisley at 823-1484.



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- A birth mother who makes an adoption plan will never know how her child is doing or whether she has made a good decision.

Today's adoptions offer a range of openness options so that birth families and adoptive families can choose to maintain a relationship.

- A birth mother will never get over the pain of choosing adoption for her child.

Adoption is full of both loss and possibility, and the knowledge the child is growing and thriving helps to heal the pain of loss.

- A child doesn't really need a father.

Studies show that children benefit from having nurturing parents who can provide both positive male and female role models.

- Adopted kids have more emotional problems than kids who aren't adopted.

Adopted kids may work through additional issues related to identity, but, like other kids, most of them handle adolescence without serious problems.

The following list is not exhaustive, but it reflects some of the more common words that we encounter as we minister to birth and adoptive parents in Jesus' name.

RATHER THAN...

Real parent(s)
Natural parent(s)
Unwed mother
Real child
Illegitimate child
Put up for adoption
Give up for adoption
Is adopted
Keep a child
Hard to place child
Unwanted pregnancy
Find parents
Foreign adoption
Adoptee
"Gotcha Day"

WE SUGGEST...

Birthparent(s), Birthmother, Birthfather
Biological parent(s)
Single parent
Birthchild
Child of unmarried parents
Make an adoption plan
Choose adoption
Was adopted
Parent a child
Child with special placement needs
Unplanned, unintended, or untimely pregnancy
Search for birthparents
Intercountry adoption
Someone who was adopted
Family Day* or Adoption Day

* Family Day is a less formal term preferred by some adoptive families. It refers to the day when parents become a family by adoption of a child or when the family was enlarged by the addition of an adopted child.

BIRTH Announcements

BABY GIRL **ADDISYN**
December 3, 2012 • 4 lbs 12 oz

BABY GIRL **LIA**
December 6, 2012 • 5 lbs 11 oz

BABY BOY **SILAS**
December 11, 2012 • 8 lbs 5 oz

BABY GIRL **ELIANA**
December 14, 2012 • 7 lbs 7 oz

BABY BOY **JETT**
December 15, • 8 lbs 7 oz

BABY GIRL **CHLOE**
December 19, 2012

BABY GIRL **MYRIAH**
December 28, 2012 • 7 lbs 6 oz

BABY BOY **ABEL**
December 31, 2012 • 9 lbs 4 oz

BABY BOY **MAXWELL**
January 3, 2013

BABY BOY **CALEB**
January 3, 2013 • 7 lbs 1 oz

BABY BOY **DOMINICK**
January 3, 2013 • 4 lbs 6 oz

BABY GIRL **ARYANNA**
January 16, 2013 • 7 lbs 13 oz

BABY BOY **ANDREW**
January 16, 2013 • 8 lbs 1 oz

BABY BOY **GREYSON**
January 20, 2013 • 5 lbs 4 oz



BABY GIRL **KINZLY**
January 21, 2013 • 7 lbs 9 oz

BABY GIRL **NATALIE**
January 30, 2013 • 5 lbs 10 oz

BABY BOY **SAMSON**
January 31, 2013 • 7 lbs

BABY GIRL **LILLIAN**
February 7, 2013 • 6 lbs 8 oz

BABY GIRL **ELLIE**
February 12, 2013

BABY BOY **DAMANI**
February 14, 2013 • 8 lbs 6 oz

BABY GIRL **MELODY**
February 28, 2013 • 7 lbs 12 oz



iDECIDE INSTRUCTOR, TODD JUST viewed by the kids as a safe and caring source of information.

connecting with students



"Have you and your parent/guardian ever talked about sex? This is a question we ask students at the beginning of the iDecide program and again at the end.

Involving parents in the discussion is an important goal of the program. At two schools last semester just 57% of 7th and 8th graders had spoken to their parent/guardian about sex prior to participating in the iDecide program. After the program that percent increased to 84!

iDecide instructor, Todd Just, shares a story from this past semester: As I was gathering my materials to leave after class, a student from the previous semester's iDecide class approached. "Todd," she said, "I need your help." I sensed by the urgency in her voice that this was pretty serious. We stepped to the side of the classroom and she proceeded to tell me that her friend was having difficulty at home and was making some bad choices

as a form of revenge against her mom. "What do I do?" she asked. We spoke for several minutes as I shared with her some ways she could help her friend. She had trusted me with a really difficult situation and turned to me for help. This conversation confirmed that we are earning the trust of students to speak truth into their lives about challenging issues they face.

exit survey comments

"GREAT SUPPORT ON EVERYTHING. I LOVED IT. THEY MADE ME FEEL SPECIAL LIKE SOMEONE CARED."

"THIS IS A WONDERFUL AND HELPFUL PLACE. I WILL DEFINITELY RECOMMEND TO OTHERS."

"YOU GUYS ARE GREAT. THANKS FOR ALL THE HELP."

"THE PREGNANCY SERVICE CENTER IS WELCOMING AND I GREATLY APPRECIATE THEIR HELP."

"I HAD A THOROUGH AND DELIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF DO."

THE PREGNANCY SERVICE CENTER INVITES YOU TO...

EMBRACING LIFE

Fundraising Banquet
Thursday, April 18, 2013

For information about reservations
Please call 785-823-1484

Location:
Salina Country Club
2101 East Country Club Road
Salina, KS 67401

You gave me life and showed me your unfailing love. My life was preserved by your care. Job 10:12

Now there is a new way to support PSC!

THROUGH A GENEROUS DONATION, we now have an Organization Fund in the Greater Salina Community Foundation that provides PSC a



place for donors to give gifts that will provide long-term support. Gifts to the fund are invested with other GSCF assets to

encourage maximum growth. As it grows, our new endowment can provide an annual income stream PSC can use to further our charitable work.

Donors who wish to give a permanent gift to PSC where the gift is permanently invested and income is available to PSC should make checks directly to GSCF. Donors who want to donate to the endowment but allow PSC to invade principal if the need arises should make gifts payable to PSC with a notation the gift is for the endowment.

Our endowment fund also offers an easy way for donors to leave a legacy gift to PSC through their estates. For more information, contact Tina Price at PSC or Betsy Wearing at GSCF.

THANK YOU to those who came out to Moka's and made a donation to PSC. Donations and foundation matching totaled \$1,519.25!

Children Blessing Children

Just before Christmas we received a gift that touched our hearts deeply. Four-year old Maddison told her mom that she wanted to

go Christmas shopping and buy gifts to help babies! Maddison's mom

called to ask what PSC babies needed. We shared that each

client who completes the *Starting Well* portion of the Earn 'n Learn

classes receives a baby

bathtub with a hooded

towel and other

supplies as a

graduation gift.

Maddison said she

had a fun time

shopping for the

baby "stuff". We are

thankful for Maddison's

giving heart and that her

parents encouraged her

desire to help babies!

