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Choosing Life

We received a phone call one day from a Christian professor who had a student, Emily, who was considering aborting her unborn child. When she told him her plans, he opened up and told her his adoption story and how if he had not been adopted he would have more than likely died. He began talking to her about her options and told her about the option of adoption.

He gave Emily my phone number and asked her to call me. She called me that evening and we talked about her options and how that child growing inside of her deserved a chance at life. Emily met with me and it was obvious she really did not want to abort her baby, but felt like she had no other options. Emily told me that her appointment with the abortion clinic was that afternoon at 3 pm but was not sure she would go. I prayed with her before she left and asked her to call me if she needed anything.

I spent time in prayer from 2:30 to 3:30 the day of her appointment, praying for Emily. I prayed that God would guide her heart and give her the cour-

age she needed to make the best decision for this unborn child. Emily called me four days later and asked if we could meet. We met for coffee again. She sat across from me crying. She said she pulled up to the clinic that afternoon but could not get out of her car. She said she sat there for 30 minutes trying to force herself to get out of the car, but could not go in. She knew that she could not abort this child and wanted to know what she could do to give this child the life he or she deserved.

Emily and I talked a few more times after that day about her options. She found some family members that were able to help her out and might even adopt the baby. We prayed together and she said that she knew God was leading her even though her faith in Him was not strong.

At Christian Services, we have the privilege of working with women who are considering abortion and we are able to support them and pray for them as we counsel them to choose life!

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I was recently told about a website written by a young man in his 30s. His story is so powerful, as his life was the result of a rape and believes that he was a baby who "should have been aborted" but was given life.

His story reminds me of the important work we do every day at Christian Services as we counsel women to make a choice for life for their child. Many of the women we work with may not make an adoption plan, but most do choose to give their babies life!

How exciting that the Lord not only gives us the vision for the value of life, but also gives us tangible ways to make a difference in the lives of women who do choose life.

Please consider joining us by praying for us, making a donation, or volunteering with our organization today!

Holly DeBoard, LCSW



Baby Sarah is pictured above and left with her birth family and adoptive family. She recently went home to her forever parents, Jesse and Deena.

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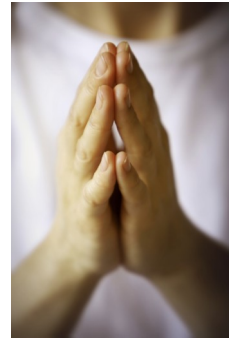
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Please remember our birth mothers, adoptive families and foster babies in your prayers!

Foster Parent Spotlight

Meet CSO's dedicated foster parents

Names: Gary & Janell Hunstman, Bailey, Avery & Madison

Occupations:

Janell – Administrative Assistant at Oklahoma Christian in the Science & Engineering department.
 Gary – Lead Accountant at Devon Energy.

What motivated you to become a foster parent?

Janell – my love for babies and wanting to do what I could to help these babies and the community. I feel God has placed it on my heart to be a foster parent.
 Gary – Janell & I have discussed becoming foster parents over the years and the opportunity with Christian Services happened at the right time for us.



What is the most rewarding part of fostering?

Seeing the babies smile at us and watching them develop and nurturing a child in a loving home. We have also loved seeing how our daughters love her and want to take care of her.

What is the hardest part of fostering?

Giving the babies up – no doubt. But we know that God is in control and he has a plan for these babies and so many people are praying for them.

Any advice for those considering fostering?

If you think you have a heart for these babies, it is one of the most rewarding things you can ever do. We believe God equips us with the ability to be foster parents. We could not have imagined the joy these babies have brought to our home. It is definitely worth it!



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Thank you...

To Holly Fecht for her service at Christian Services of Oklahoma. We appreciate her hard work and dedication to this agency! We will miss her as she moves away after her marriage in July.

