

A story of life, a story of hope

I found that I was pregnant back in May 2002. At that time I was just about to turn 22 that month and was also not in a relationship with the baby's father. I felt very scared and was not sure what to do. I had discussed various ideas with my parents and we all agreed that adoption would be the best option for both me and the baby. I was going to be graduating from college that coming winter and knew they would support my baby with everything she would need. I also knew that since I did not have a relationship with the baby's father that it would not be fair for my baby to grow without the support of two loving parents.

My parents had told me to contact The Pregnancy Center at Catholic Charities to help me with the adoption process. They had heard of how good The Pregnancy Center was and also that they are a good strong Catholic organization. Both my sister and I were adopted as infants and our adoptive parents gave us a wonderful and loving home. I knew that I wanted to give my baby the same opportunity.

The Pregnancy Center helped me through the process and was there for me emotionally as well. Adoption was a hard decision to make, especially after my baby was born, but I knew it was the most loving decision to make. The Pregnancy Center gave me the ability to read profiles of perspective adoptive couples and I had the chance to sit down with the couple I had chosen and ask them questions about how they would raise my baby if I chose them. Once I decided they were the couple to go with, I was able to meet them again at the agency and hand them my baby in person. It was sad to say goodbye to my baby but the joy of knowing what a good life I was giving her made those sad feelings go away.

So to all the birthmothers that are reading this, I hope you make the right decision for you and your baby. Just know that no matter how hard you think it would be to give your baby up for adoption, in the long run it is a very rewarding decision and you would be giving your baby the ability of having a very loving and fortunate life.

Love and prayers to all of you.

A Very Happy Birthmother