



Post Placement Care For Birth Parents, Adoptive Parents and Adoptees

Much like Abiding Love Adoption Agency was created to fill a void in the Adoption Community, Abiding Love Charities was created to create a void in the Adoption Community for **POST PLACEMENT CARE**.

Abiding Love Charities is building from the ground up. In order to insure we do this thoughtfully and well, we have divided our growth into three tiers.

Tier 1 – Birth Mother Support

Tier 2 – Adoptive Parent Support

Tier 3 – Adoptees

Tier 1 – Birth Mother Support

Why?

We champion Mothers who choose LIFE, but what happens after she chooses Life. Birth Mothers are Mothers who not only chose LIFE but also made the heart wrenching decision to place their child for ADOPTION. At Abiding Love Adoptions, we are not worried about the child, because we KNOW the child is being raised in a House where he/she will learn about Jesus.

What we are WORRIED about is the Adoptee's Birth Mother after placement. The Grief and Loss of Adoption are HARD. Unfortunately, Birth Mothers have been left to cry in the corner alone. Birth Mothers have been encouraged to pretend they were never pregnant, never made an adoption plan, never faced an Unplanned Pregnancy. But she was pregnant. She did make an Adoption Plan. She did face an Unplanned Pregnancy...and she needs HELP to work through the intense emotions that come with her life altering decisions.

Studies have shown that Birth Mothers have a high propensity for Depression and Suicide. And unfortunately, the Adoption Community, specifically Adoption Agencies, are to blame because once the Adoption is finalized, Agencies and Adoption Professionals just move on to the next Expectant Mother.

What we are doing?

Birth Mother's DESERVE MORE. Abiding Love Charities are here to fill the gap with the following services:

- Birth Mother Support Groups.
 - o We currently have 5 Support Groups: Atlanta/North Georgia; Savannah, Georgia; Augusta, Georgia; Brunswick, Georgia; and Spring Hill, Florida
 - o We meet monthly and use Lifetime Healing Foundation's Curriculum for Birth Mothers.
- Birth Mother Grants.
 - o The Courts only allow for Birth Mothers to receive Birth Mother expenses up unto 3 months after birth. However, Birth Mothers often come back 6 months later, or a year later and need counseling...or help with rent...or help with daycare so they can start a new job.
- Birth Mother Post Placement Advocate
 - o Abiding Love Charities has hired a Post Placement Birth Mother Advocate to care for Birth Mothers Post Placement. Just as an Expectant Mother working with Abiding Love Adoption Agency has her own Advocate during the Adoption process and at placement, Abiding Love Charities provides an Advocate that helps to bridge the gap from placement to Post Placement. Unfortunately, our Abiding Love Adoption Caseworkers get so busy that they cannot maintain a weekly and/or monthly relationship with Birth Mothers months and years after they place. And Birth Mothers DESERVE to still have an Advocate helping and rooting for them.
 - o A Post Placement Birth Mother Advocate works one-on-one with the Birth parent to determine what his/her dreams are: GED, College, Green Card, becoming Debt free, better housing, Job skill training, better job....and helps them accomplish it. The advocate also makes sure that the Birth Parent knows of a Support Group in their area and makes sure they have access to Counseling.
- Retreats

- We have a goal of having our first Birth Mother Retreat in 2022. We want to merge the insightful topics we discuss at our Monthly Support Groups with just having FUN and building community together.

WHAT ARE OUR FINANCIAL NEEDS

1. We are looking for Individuals to Annually Sponsor EACH Support Group.
Annual Costs for EACH Group: **\$4600**
 - \$1500 – Annual Curriculum Fee
 - \$300 – Incentives to encourage Birth Mothers to attend group
 - \$500 – Mother’s Day Event
 - \$1800 – Food for monthly Support Groups. If there is food, they attend!
 - \$500 – Annual Training of Group Leaders
2. We need to hire a 2nd Post Placement Birth Mother Advocate so that we can expand our services to Birth Mothers who did not place with Abiding Love Adoption Agency. Annual salary is a range from \$26,000-\$30,000 depending on Education and Experience. Jill Thomley is our first hire for Abiding Love Charities. She currently has 13 Birth Mothers and 1 Birth Father on her case list. She is only part time. Even though Jill started January 15th, we are already seeing a huge need to either hire her full time or go ahead and hire a 2nd Birth Mother Post Placement Advocate.
3. We need to hire a Post Placement Adoptive Parent Advocate so that we can start Tier 2. Annual salary is a range from \$26,000-\$30,000 depending on Education and Experience.
4. We need Monthly Donors who will pledge to give monthly to help with Operating Costs and current Salaries.
5. We need Donors to give to the Birth Mother Grant so that we have money to draw from for Birth Mothers in need.

BIRTH MOTHER STORIES

Hillary’s Story: Hillary, placed her second child for adoption 5 years ago. When she was in 9th grade she dropped out of school because she became pregnant with her first child. Last year she finally completed her GED. This year she decided she wanted to go to College to Study Social Work. She applied and was accepted at a University near her; applied for grants and loans; but still needed \$3000 to cover Books and fees that the grants and loans wouldn’t cover. Abiding Love Charities was able to FILL THAT FINANCIAL GAP so that on January 19th she started COLLEGE.

Mama D’s Story: Mama D, 23, has lived in the United States since she was 3 years old but is not a citizen of the United States. She works at a gas station in order to provide for her and her 5 children. She placed her 6th child for adoption last year. Her dream is to have a Green Card and eventually become a US Citizen. Abiding Love Charities has connected her with an Immigration Attorney who is providing his services PRO BONO to help her achieve DACA status. Abiding Love Charities is paying for the Filing and Application Fees associated with the DACA Application.

Mama DJ’s Story: Mama DJ placed her child for adoption in June of 2020. She works at a location that is 30 miles from her house. Unfortunately, last month she got into a car accident that was not her fault. While she is

insured, she did not have the money to pay for a rental car to get to and from work. Abiding Love Charities was able to pay for the rental car for 2 weeks while her car was being fixed.

Jazmin's Story: Jazmin placed her child for adoption 4 years ago. The grief and loss of Adoption have challenged her struggle for sobriety. Abiding Love Charities has been able to provide Addiction Counseling for Jazmin to help her work through her grief and loss associated with the Adoption and other traumas that have happened throughout her life. Jazmin attends therapy every week and is currently parenting her other 5 children.