



ADOPTIONS

FROM HEART TO HOME

Your Adoption  
Journey is about  
to begin...

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Thank you for visiting J & J Adoptions website and provided us the opportunity to help you build your family through adoption.

I am an adoptive parent myself who adopted my son and daughter. Adopting both of my children not only helped me complete my family it has given me the opportunity to help other families with their adoption journey.

Please feel free to call me at 866-358-0111 to go over all the information I have attached. I know how overwhelming the process of searching for the right adoption company can be. I would love to schedule a meeting with you if you live in the Northern California area. I am also available to set up a conference call most days if it is more convenient for you. My goal as your Adoption Consultant is to help guide you through your adoption journey as smoothly as possible.

Everyone at J & J Adoptions has been involved with adoption or are adoptive parents themselves. To give you the one-on-one attention you deserve we work with less than 25 waiting families at a time. There are a lot of fees that are involved with your adoption. I want to give you all the information up front so you will not have any unexpected fees during your adoption.

You will need to get a home study completed by a Clinical Licensed Social Worker in your home state. If you need assistance finding someone, we are more than willing to help you with this. The home study process is quite simple. The fees vary from state to state from \$1000.00 to \$4000.00.

Once you sign up with J & J Adoptions you will be "Pregnant on Paper" and become a part of our family. We will have you make "Life Books" that are small scrapbook type profiles that are sent out to all the birth families that match what you are looking for. Please plan on sending us at least 10. Once a Birth family picks you and has submitted all the documents that we need to go forward we will contact you to set up a phone conference with the Birth family. If everything goes smooth, you will be matched. You will be in contact with the Birth family throughout the pregnancy until the baby is born. We facilitate with the hospital and social workers to make sure the staff is aware there is an adoption plan in place, the baby will be released to you from the hospital. You will need to pay the social worker to relinquish the Birthmothers parental rights, this fee ranges from \$500.00 to \$750.00.

If the baby is born out of your home state, we will coordinate with your state and the Birth families state to get the Interstate Compact approval to move the baby out of state. The fee for this is from \$1500.00 to \$2000.00. You will need to stay in the birth state until we have the approval, this can take up to 14 business days. Make sure you plan on last minute flights and hotel fees.

I would be honored to go over the adoption process with you, please give me a call at 209.650.0550 or email if you have any questions. Once you are ready to become part of the J & J Adoption family, please give us a call. I look forward to helping you with your adoption journey.

We only do domestic adoptions; we do not handle international adoptions.

Sincerely,

*Khimm*

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### Steps to Adoption

The following is a general overview of how to start the adoption process. If you have any questions about the information listed below, please contact us at (209) 200-3007.

#### **Step 1 – Initial Information**

After you have decided to have J & J Adoption Consultants help you with your adoption journey & you will become part of the J & J family, we will need a completed application.

#### **Step 2 – Information**

Once our office reviews your Adoptive Family Application we will call and let you know if we can help make your dream of expanding your family true. a baby in your home. At this time, we may have a waiting list that you will be placed on. We actively work with no more than 10 families at a time. However, the time on our waiting list is usually short.

#### **Step 3 - Preparation and completion of Paperwork**

Start your profile book. This is what is sent out to the Birth Families. If you have been accepted and are on the waiting list, you can work on this too! It helps pass the time and you will be ready to go.

**Creating your Adoption Profile Book;** Your profile book is of very great importance. Typically, a Birth Mother will be forming her initial impression of you from your profile book. You will, therefore, want to present yourselves well. While the creation of a profile book does take effort, the time, care, and concern that you invest in the preparation of the profile book will come across to a Birth Parent. Birth Parents have related to us that profile books that are concise, well thought out and organized convey to them the sincerest and deep desire of a couple who wishes to adopt.

**Letters of Recommendation;** Have the people writing the letter of recommendation mention their relationship with you (relative, co-worker, best friend, your children). Also, how long they have known you and how they know you. Ask for about 5 to 10 letters, you can then pick the best letters to put in your profile book.

**Start your Home Study;** Depending on your state and county of residence, we will refer you to a home study provider.

#### **Step 4 – Congratulations, you are on the right track to be Pregnant on Paper!**

You are now an active member of the J & J Adoption Consultants Family. During this time, the adoptive family will have contact with J & J who can provide suggestions and feedback. The adoptive family should maintain their normal routine as well as continue to educate and prepare themselves for their adoption journey.

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## Creating Your Life Books

Creating your life books is going to be one of the most challenging projects you will have during your adoption journey! The books are the first impression the birth family has of you, you want them to show who you truly really are.

We can help guide you on the correct path to create them yourselves.

It is particularly important when you are creating the life books that you keep out any identifying information such as your last name, name of your employer, city you live in and so forth. We do not want any birth families being able to find you online and try to contact you directly. We are here to protect and shelter you from unwanted calls.

We ask that you submit 5 to 10 life books to us once you complete them. We would love to have a pdf version emailed to us at our [Khim@JJAdoptions.com](mailto:Khim@JJAdoptions.com) email. The books will need to be no larger than 9x12 and must be softbound, please no hard cover books.

The life books should focus on you and your significant other more than your children if you have any. Birth families like to see a lot of pictures, try to have more candid and recent photos rather than a lot of professional photos.

Usually, a dear birth mother letter is placed in the front of the life book, there are times when families are more creative and are able to make their life book read more like an actual book. This is your book, make it how you want it to stand out! We recommend that you include a statement at the end of your letter and the book that if they would like to get to know you better, they can call J & J Adoptions at 209.650.0550 or email us at [Khim@JJAdoptions.com](mailto:Khim@JJAdoptions.com). If you have a website or Facebook page that you would like to share with them this would be a good opportunity to do so.

Adding a few letters of reference from family or friends with their picture towards the end of your book helps the birth families get to know you a little better.

Please remember we are here to help; you can email us your dear birth parent letter and life book for us to look over for you.

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### Having a hard time with your Life Book?

Here are some things for you to consider adding to your Life Book.

- Briefly mention why you are considering adoption
- Describe your home, neighborhood, and pets
- Share your hobbies & interests
- Educational background or goals
- Talk about your family, extended family, and support system
- Stay positive and sincere

### Letters of Recommendation Ideas

- Ask for several letters from family & friends, this will allow you to choose the best ones to place in the book
- Make sure any identifying information on either party is not included
- Letters from children are often appreciated.

Some families choose to make original scrapbooks others do photo books through Shutterfly.com, WalgreensPhoto.com and or CostcoPhoto.com.

For a small fee we can create your life books for you with your information.

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**Private Independent Domestic Adoptions**

**A List of Possible Estimated Fees to Expect**

- **J & J Adoptions** **\$9,250.00**  
J & J Adoptions services include but not limited to the facilitation of the matching process between you and a birth mother, advertising, birth mother outreach and coordination.
- **J & J Matching Services Only** **\$6,000.00**  
J & J Adoptions will facilitate birth mother outreach and matching only.
- **Agency Home Study Fee** **\$1,500.00 to \$5,000.00**  
A Home Study will need to be done in your state by a clinical licensed social worker.
- **Agency Post Placement Home Study Fee** **\$1,500.00 to \$2,500.00**  
A social worker will meet with you up to 3 times after the baby is placed in your home, they will issue a report to be submitted to the courts to request a adoption finalization hearing.
- **Adoption Service Provider** **\$750.00 to \$2,000.00**  
A social worker or notary to assist in relinquishment of birth family's rights depending on state.
- **Interstate Compact Fee** **\$250.00 to \$500.00**  
To get permission from birth state of the child to bring the child home to the adoptive family's home state.
- **Birth Parent Counseling Fees** **Up to \$500.00**  
We do our best to help counsel the birth parents or refer them to many of the free resources available to them.
- **Birth Parent Coordination** **Up to \$3,000.00**  
If a birth parent is in need of a lot of assistance/coordination from J & J Adoptions such as taking her to all of her doctor appointments.

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### Loans, Grants, Tax Credits and Other Benefits

#### Available Financing

J & J Adoptions is a non profit 501(c)(3) and is constantly fundraising in order to help adoptive and birth families with the expense of their adoption journey. We have also coordinated with lenders with financing programs to help our clients manage adoption related expenses and provide them with the peace of mind. Easy, affordable financing available.

Signature loans that may cover 100% of your adoption costs:

LightStream.com

<https://www.lightstream.com/adoption-financing>

AmericasChristianCU.com <https://www.americaschristiancu.com/personal/personal-loans/adoption-loans.html>

Best Egg

<https://www.bestegg.com/personal-loans/baby-and-adoption-loan>

Citizens Bank

<https://www.citizensbank.com/personal-loans/overview.aspx>

Adoption Lender

<https://www.adoptionlender.com>

ABBA Fund

<http://www.abbafund.org>

[www.AffordingAdoption.com](http://www.AffordingAdoption.com)

[www.NEFE.org](http://www.NEFE.org)

[www.AdoptionFinancingInformation.com](http://www.AdoptionFinancingInformation.com)

[www.AdoptionFinancing.org](http://www.AdoptionFinancing.org)

[www.AdoptionSubsidy.org](http://www.AdoptionSubsidy.org)

[www.NACAC.org](http://www.NACAC.org)

*Please note: J & J Adoptions representation of clients is strictly limited to adoption services and J & J Adoptions are NOT a lender, nor do we represent you in regard to any loan. You will need to contact the lenders directly.*

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- **Federal Adoption Benefits** The Adoption Tax Credit is approximately \$13,000.00 per child. *Please consult with your tax professional for more details.* [www.nacac.org/taxcredit/taxcredit20122013.html](http://www.nacac.org/taxcredit/taxcredit20122013.html)
- **Military Adoption Benefit** Eligible Soldiers serving on active duty may be reimbursed a maximum of \$2,000 per child for qualifying expenses related to the adoption of children under the age of 18, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per calendar year for multiple adoptions. [myarmybenefits.us.army.mil](http://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil)
- **State Tax Credit** In addition to the federal tax credits, some states may offer state level tax assistance.
- **Employer Assistance** Hundreds of employers of every size and industry offer adoption benefits for employees. Employees may be eligible for paid leave and reimbursement. Be sure to check with your human resources department to see what your employer offers.
- **National Adoption Foundation (NAF)** NAF offers aid to families for expenses associated with their adoption of children through direct grants that range from \$500 - \$2,500. <sup>[SEP]</sup> NAF also offers adoption disruption insurance designed to protect Adoptive Parents in the event the Birth Mothers change their minds and decides not to place the child for adoption.
- **Gift of Adoption Fund (GOAF)** GOAF is a national charitable organization. Any US citizen adopting from anywhere in the world that has an approved home study from a licensed agency or social worker is eligible to apply for a grant. Financial need and personal commitment toward financing a significant portion of the adoption cost must be demonstrated. Grants range from \$1,000 - \$7,500.
- **HelpUsAdopt.org** HelpUsAdopt.org is a national non-profit 501(c)(3) financial assistance grant program. To apply, you must be a US citizen residing in the US and you must have a complete certified home study that has been approved by a qualified agency or licensed professional in the state in which you reside. You must also demonstrate that you are facing significant financial obstacles and need financial assistance with your adoption expenses. Grants range from \$500 - \$15,000 depending on individual situations.
- **FundYourAdoption.TV** Has many ways to help you finance your adoption.
- **Home Parties** Several home party companies will allow you to do a fundraiser for your adoption.  
Some examples are  
Pampered Chef    Tupperware    31 Bags    Partylite    LuLaRoe
- **Crab Feeds or Spaghetti Feeds** or local restaurants that will help you with a fundraiser. Usually, Pizza places too!

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*Adoption Quotes & Sayings*

“God knew that it doesn’t matter how your children get to your family. It just matters that they get there.” Kira Mortenson

“However, motherhood comes to you, it’s a miracle” Valerie Harper

Every adoption story is beautiful, but ours is my favorite.

The adoption took time, the love arrived instantly.

May you always know my little one, you were wished for, longed for, prayed for, and wanted.

He is mine in a way that he will never be hers, he is hers in a way that he never be mine and together we are motherhood.

However, motherhood comes to you it is a miracle.

The day you are handed another mother’s child is the day your breaks and heals at the exact same time.

You may not have my eyes or my smile, but from the moment we met, you had my heart.

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