

The Lauterbach Family

Dear Mr. Stone,

It is my pleasure to tell you about an amazing foster parent, Rebecca Lauterbach, who resides in Springfield, MA. Rebecca, then a single mother to two great kids, applied to the Department of Children and Families to become a foster parent. Her family recognized their surplus of love and good health and felt they could welcome a child from foster care and offer permanency. Rebecca is a teacher at a local school and her passion for building a family far exceeds her paycheck. However, since



post adoption financial assistance is not guaranteed in Massachusetts, the burden to provide for a third child would fall directly on Rebecca.

Last summer, Rebecca took placement of a beautiful, wide eyed and spirited two year old named Dajanna. At that time, Dajanna had lived in eight different foster homes and non-discriminately referred to any female as "mama." Her emotional needs, as you can imagine, were intense and required Rebecca's undivided time and energy. At first, Rebecca was not able to leave Dajanna even to run errands without Dajanna

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Matt and Tina Bradford

Dear Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund,

Thank you so much for supporting our adoption of our son Elijah. He was born in Columbus, GA on the 22nd of July, 2015. It was really fortunate that his birth mother was from Alabama (the closest hospital to her hometown was across the state line in Georgia), as both of our families live in Alabama, so they all got to meet him before he was a week old.

He was born at 5 pounds, 9 ounces, and 19.5 inches long. Matt likes to say that he was born tiny but has spent his whole life making up for it. He gained an impressive two pounds every month for the first six months, and now he's a big boy for his age. We've been told he looks like he'd make a great football player.

Elijah has a very outgoing personality. While waiting in the airport on a recent trip, he got a high five from just about everybody in line to get on the plane. He's very popular among our friends and is always



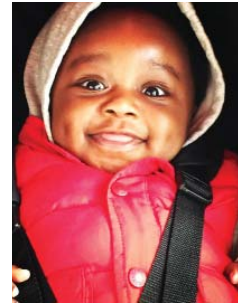
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A Message From *Ed Stone, Chairman*



Welcome to the seventh edition of the Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund annual newsletter. As in prior years we have many new stories to tell you about how your generosity has helped to change the lives of deserving adoptive children and families. This year we have some very compelling stories included in the newsletter that only became possible through the collective efforts of you, our donors. My hope is that you will continue to feel rewarded in changing the lives of these adoptive families.

In Andrew's memory, The Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund will provide grants to 12 families this year. In addition to awarding grants to pay for adoption fees, we helped families with various needs such as economic hardship, counseling programs, software and learning tools, and basic necessities such as clothes, furniture and transportation. We continue to be a sponsor of four DCF Adoption Parties where children in the foster care system can be introduced to parents looking to adopt. We have seen great success from these events and have awarded grants to families that have adopted children they first met at these events.



We continue to maintain close working relationships with MSPCC, Adoptions With Love, Full Circle Adoptions and the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families. Through these relationships our Fund has been introduced to wonderful families with diverse needs throughout the Massachusetts adoptive community.

Last year was our first year of making an annual appeal in lieu of holding the Stone Adoption charity golf event. The success of this appeal has encouraged us to continue it. Please read the cover letter and the newsletter section for the details on how you can continue to support us. We can't make these wonderful stories happen without you and we hope that you will join us in our mission to help the large number of families in the adoptive community that need our assistance.

As you know, except for minor administrative expenses like postage and required report filings, 100% of your donation goes directly to families. We have been able to do this because of the volunteer efforts of family and friends. Our Board of Trustees has been very generous with their time and has enjoyed going into homes and visiting our recipient families. All of our Trustees agree that the experience of meeting our grantees in the home and seeing firsthand where our assistance is going is a truly rewarding experience. I would like to extend an invitation to any of our supporters that would like to get involved or volunteer in any way with helping these children. We are dedicated to helping as many as we can in the coming year.

Thank you for all that you've done to support The Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund. With your generosity and in Andrew's memory, we will continue our mission to bring more children into loving homes. We hope you will join us with this year's appeal.

Ed Stone

For the Stone Adoption Fund



2016 STONE ADOPTION ANNUAL APPEAL

The Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund, now in its 8th year, has grown from a memorial concept to an organization that assisted 12 families this past year. It is our mission to provide financial assistance to families wishing to adopt and to families that have incurred economic hardship through the adoption of special needs or foster care children.

We truly appreciate what you, our loyal and dedicated donor's, have done so far. It is the collective effort of generous people like you that has enabled us to help the deserving families you read about in this newsletter. We understand that there are many charities to donate to and we are especially grateful that you feel strongly enough about our mission to choose to support us. It is our pledge to you that except for minor administrative expenses, 100% of your donation goes directly to families. Our fund is an all volunteer effort of family and friends.

We would like to ask you to join us as we continue to reach out to the families in need. As the awareness and reputation of our fund grows in the adoptive community, there are more and more families that come to us for assistance. Your support will allow us to carry forward as we help to build adoptive families.

Please make your donation payable to:

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The Hope Family

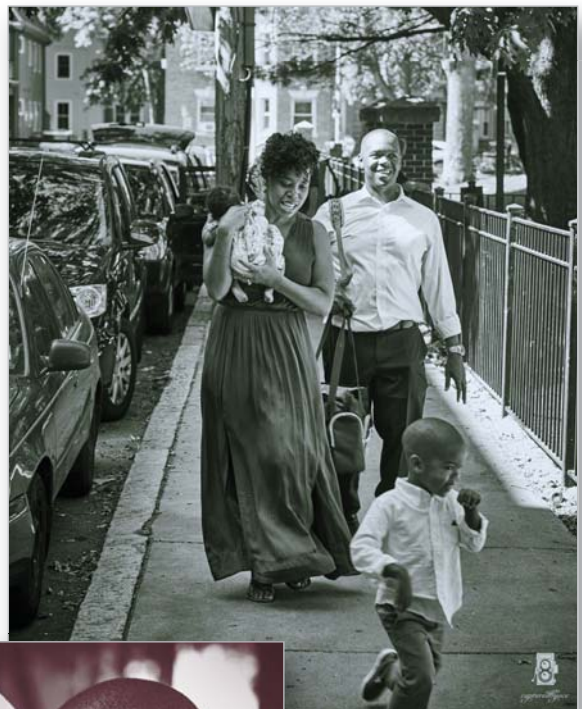
Ed and Elaine

We can't thank you and your family enough for helping us to make our dream of adoption come true! It has been only 2 months and we can't imagine what life would be like without our baby girl Charlie.

We know you do so much to help a lot of families, but also hope you realize just how much your gift has changed our lives. After years of infertility and heartbreak we are finally seeing the rainbow after a tumultuous storm. The Stone Family made that possible by selflessly turning your loss into a positive ray of hope for families that need it. Thanks again for your generous gift and for the blessing that you have all been to us!

Love,

Sean, Tiff, Noah, and Charlie Hope



Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stone,

We wanted to say thank you to the Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund for the grant that you have given to our family! It was great being able to visit with the both of you and talking about our adoption story and hearing your adoption story as well. Our girl's loved spending time at your home and seeing your neighbor's boat in the lake.

We had been trying to adopt again since we had finalized our first adoption at the end of 2012. It has been a long struggle with being financially not able to adopt and then not getting any profiles. We finally received a profile to review, we were chosen, and about three weeks later we were able to bring our second daughter home. This grant will help pay the adoption agency fees.. We are so grateful for the help that your foundation has provided.



Sincerely,
The Meyer
Family

Catalina is 5 months old now! Can you believe it? She is doing so well. She has learned to roll over, grab things, laugh (a lot), and is trying to hold her own bottle. She loved any toy that crinkles, which is quite interesting for our cats. She is sleeping through the night and wakes up smiling. She's a dream come true!

Thank you for helping us make that dream come true!

Sincerely,
Sarah, Marco, and
Catalina Viera



Every parent faces challenges, but we would not be parents without the support of the Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund. They helped us

close the gap between our fees and our budget, and made sure that we would be a family. More than that, they made us feel like part of a larger family of Stone beneficiaries.

The story behind the fund and its mission to connect beloved children with loving parents made us feel honored to become a "Stone family." Thank you for helping us bring our son home!

Jonathan & Darren Freema

Josey is doing great! She's 7 months old now, sitting up by herself, and rolling over.

Marcia and I are so happy (and tired!)

Thank you again!

Annie and Marcia
Paradis



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becoming anxious. Yet, Rebecca's love and determination persisted and in time, Dajanna formed healthy attachments. There is no mistaking the bond between them and Rebecca's other children as well.

Prior to becoming a foster parent, Rebecca worked and saved to be financially able to welcome a new child into her home. Although she lives frugally and responsibly, the fact that they would not automatically qualify for a post adoption subsidy put an increased financial burden on the family. Their most pressing need is to make part of the home more functional for the children. If the Stone Family Adoption Assistance could consider a grant to help this wonderful family we would be most appreciative. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Guyette
Social Worker

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE STONE FAMILY ADOPTION FUND
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A GRANT TO THE LAUTERBACH FAMILY IN JUNE 2016.**

Matt and Tina Bradford – *continued from page 1*

at the center of attention during our church small group meetings. He's also very loved by our family back in Alabama, and we get almost constant questions about when we're going to be bringing him down to visit.

Elijah is very active. He learned to crawl at 9 months and almost immediately started trying to walk. He took his first independent steps on his first birthday, and now he's always on some adventure or another. His favorite activity might be climbing our stairs (always supervised, of course). He also enjoys going on walks around our neighborhood. It is the perfect opportunity for him to touch and explore the outdoors while also interacting with every person we meet.

Thank you again for supporting us. We love this little guy so much, and your generosity really helped us to worry less about finances and focus on welcoming Elijah into our home. We remain very grateful!

Sincerely,

Matt and Tina Bradford

Our Mission



The Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund is dedicated to the building of families through adoption funding. We accomplish this goal by raising funds to provide financial assistance to deserving parents that wish to adopt, or have incurred economic hardship through adoption, and do not have sufficient funds to fulfill their dreams. The Fund was founded in 2007 to commemorate the life and spirit of Andrew Christopher Stone. Before his untimely death, Andrew and his family has discussed ways to help others through a charitable endeavor. As an adopted child, Andrew was particularly interested in helping to make more adoptions possible so that other children could share in the joy and love of being in a family like he experienced. Andrew's family has dedicated themselves to fulfilling his vision by establishing a fund to assist families in the adoption process.

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