

The Beaulieu Triplets

When Steve and Maria Beaulieu became engaged, Maria told Steve, "We're going to adopt." Maria is a special needs teacher who is never far away from a hearty laugh. She says she laughed when she told Steve that the adoption issue was non-negotiable. Perhaps so. In any event, Steve got the message and readily agreed.

So some time goes by, and they decide to get on a list for adoption, never dreaming that events would happen quickly. They were soon notified of a set of newborn triplets, three boys, each of whom had some physical prob-

lems and perhaps developmental problems as well. "Perfect" said Steve and Maria, and thus James, Christian and Isaac came to a house of love in Peabody.



The boys are so handsome it is easy to forget that they have problems. James has a growth on the back of his head which will require surgery. Isaac has some problem behind his eyes: it is uncertain whether he will be sightless. He is

allergic to his own spit up. All three have food allergies and intolerances. *continued on page 5*

Jackie & Ana Jepsen



If anyone had told me at my 30th high school reunion that in one week I'd fall in love with a sweet little newborn and become her forever mother, I would have told them they were crazy. That is exactly what happened and my life has never been the same. The need to hold an innocent newborn baby, ravaged by drugs, has turned into a life changing journey. As soon as the nurse put Ana in my arms, I was in love and immediately knew she was my daughter. Ana was born with neonatal abstinence syndrome ("NAS"), at the time, a relatively new medical crisis that has since exploded on the Cape.

I never worried about my small home when it was just me. It is a very modest cape-style home with an unfinished upstairs and no basement. Everyone knows that kids require a lot of stuff and without the expansion, it would virtually be impossible to accommodate a growing child. As Ana gets older she will need space for studying, playing with friends and enjoying sleepovers.

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A Message From *Ed Stone, Chairman*



Welcome to the fifth edition of the Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund annual newsletter. As in previous years we have many stories to tell you about how your generosity has helped to change the lives of deserving adoptive children and families. Through our close working relationship with Adoptions With Love and the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, the Fund has been introduced to wonderful families with diverse needs throughout the Massachusetts adoptive community.

In Andrew's memory, The Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund will provide grants to over 12 families this year, a record for the Fund. In addition to awarding grants to pay for adoption fees, we helped families with various needs such as economic hardship, therapeutic and educational programs, software and learning tools, and basic necessities such as clothes, furniture and transportation. In addition we helped to sponsor four DCF Adoption Parties where children in the foster care system can be introduced to parents looking to adopt. We have included many of these stories in the newsletter for you to read. Every year I receive so much positive feedback from you, our contributors, who



are touched by individual stories. My hope is that you will continue to feel good about your role in making these stories possible.



The fifth annual Stone Adoption charity golf and dinner event held at Vesper Country Club was a great success. Each year since its inception the golf tournament has sold out. The silent auction with over 60 wonderful prizes has become the fundraising highlight of the event. It's always gratifying that a large number of people who could not be there made contributions directly to the Fund. This year's event will be held on September 15, 2014 at Vesper

Country Club which has recently been named one of the top 100 traditional golf courses in America and provides a great venue for our event.

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 can join us on September 15, 2014 for our annual fund raising event.

Ed Stone

For the Stone Adoption Fund



Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stone,

I want to let you know how much I appreciate the adoption grant that you were kind enough to give me to help me keep two of my foster/adopted children involved in a pre-school programs. Jenna is a happy and healthy four year old who is the type of child that thrives on being involved.

Your Trustees Peter Brown and Sharon Collins can attest to the activity level of Jenna as she was present for a meeting in my home when they came to talk to me about your help. I enjoyed their visit very much because they were very down to earth and made me feel very comfortable in discussing the grant.

The whole experience left me with a feeling of security knowing that I could now keep Jenna in a program for the rest of the school year and enroll her brother Tyrell in a summer program. Jenna and Tyrell are biological siblings and the one common denominator they share is their activity level.

It is hard to determine which of them requires more of my attention and being an older single parent it was such an amazing feeling of gratitude that I would now be able to have them cared for in a different environment to give me a break, which I will admit is very much needed at times.

I will be forever grateful for your help and truly appreciate what the adoption grant has enabled me to do.

Sincerely,

Patricia Lindberg



2014 Annual Charity Golf Tournament

This year's charity golf event will be held on Monday September, 15, 2014 at Vesper Country Club. Vesper was recently named to the Golfweek Magazine Top 100 Classic Golf Courses in America and will again provide a great venue for our event. Your support was vital to the success of the Fund in assisting the adoptive families that you see here in the newsletter. We would love to have your support again as we continue the mission of the Fund. There are so many more children in search of a loving home and we can make a huge difference in their lives.

Here are some of the ways you can help:

- **Play in the golf tournament on September 15, 2014**
- **Attend the reception and dinner**
- **Sponsor a tee or green**
- **Donate a silent auction item or raffle basket**
- **Make a contribution directly to the fund**
- **Sponsor the cocktail reception or the luncheon**

For further information or if you would like to discuss how you can help, please contact Ed Stone at 781-221-0001 or estone@stonestaffing.com.

Hope to see you there.

VANDERMARK FOUNDATION

The Stone Family Adoption Assistance would like to acknowledge Peter and Lois Scanlon of the Vandermark Foundation for their generous pledge to support us over the coming five year period. After being introduced by Trustee Sharon Beals, we met with them to present our mission. Peter and Lois, having had their own adoption experience were excited about the opportunity to help. Their pledge will provide our fund the financial stability to help adoptive families for years to come. We thank them for their generosity.



Thank You from DCF



We want to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund for their generous support of the Department of Children and Families and our efforts to find permanent families for children who are in foster care. The four regional Adoption Development and Licensing offices host events for the recruitment and matching of children in need of permanent adoptive homes. The Stone Foundation has provided a grant statewide, which allows for each region to support these efforts. These funds have been valuable and much appreciated in providing food, entertainment and supplies for the children who attend, and help to make each event a success.

Saf Lerman-Caruso, Executive Director

DCF Kids Fund

In Memory

Last August our family lost our beautiful niece, Alycia Dawn Marcou at the young age of 25 due to acute and chronic ischemic cardiovascular disease. Many of you remember Alycia volunteering every year at the Stone Family Adoption golf tournament and many of you



sent in very generous donations to our fund in Alycia's memory. The Stone, Elicone and Marcou families want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. As you read this newsletter you will see how your donations help keep Andrew and Alycia's memory alive.



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It is amusing to walk around the Beaulieu house and see that there is literally three of everything, from sleepers, to car seats, to cribs, to the tandem carriage, to bassinets, etc. The boys are color coded so that no mistakes are made in their feedings or medications. One toe nail is painted in that child's color; the bedding is similarly coded; bottles are coded.

We never cease to be amazed by the courage of these adoptive parents, who are so willing, indeed anxious, to take on massive workloads prompted only by a desire to give love. It is, for me, the most striking aspect of my involvement with the Stone Adoption Fund. I hope that you will support our admiration for Steve and Maria, who unite the two objectives of the Fund, helping families with the cost of adoption and helping families meet the costs presented by special needs children. And remember the name "Beaulieu." Maria pointed out that they will need girls soon to grow up with the triplets.

Kieran Meagher
Trustee

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To my amazement and delight, a group of friends offered to finance and build-out the upstairs. Unfortunately, due to several unforeseen circumstances, the generous offer fell through. To help defray the costs of renovation, I decided to search online for potential resources. I came across The Stone Family Assistance Fund but after reading their mission, I was unsure my need met their criteria and didn't apply. A few months later, my sister attended a wedding where she and a guest, Brenda Eunson, were discussing Ana's adoption. Brenda suggested that I contact her friends at The Stone Family Assistance Fund, the same foundation I initially researched several months before!

Within a short time after contacting Ed, we met with his brother and sister-in-law, Matt and Robin, at our home. Ana was thrilled to show them her bedroom and play with her new friends. We had a wonderful visit and within a few weeks, received a generous check to help with the build-out of the 2nd floor.

I will forever be grateful for this generous gift. Ana and I are a very fortunate family! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Jackie & Ana Jepsen

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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