

## The Miranda Family

Dear Mr. Stone,

We have a maternal grandmother, Jessica Miranda, who is adopting her twin, four year old grandchildren. She also has legal guardianship of her eight year old grandson who is half-brother



to the twins. At this time eviction proceedings have begun and Jessica has been told by her landlord that she needs to leave. Jessica had made repairs to the single family house in order to bring it up to code to meet the Departments safety standards. The landlord refused to reimburse Jessica and refused to renew the lease as well, now forcing Jessica and the three children to be homeless.

The Department is attempting to help Jessica in every possible way but we are not able to help with funding relocation. If Jessica cannot locate suitable housing soon, the children may not be able to continue at their current schools. More importantly, without housing, Jessica may have to put the children into the foster care system and they would most likely be split up and sent to different homes. *continued on page 5*

## The Kreyling Family

Dear Ed and Jack,

We just wanted to update you with how things have been going since we last wrote to you.

We have officially adopted Sam, at a ceremony at the Lowell courthouse. It was amazing and lots of fun. If you like, here's a link to a short video of the pictures from the event- feel free to share it with those you would like to: <https://animoto.com/play/nkMZNKD10NrwWG4qupKkzQ> It is such a relief to have permanency with him—we spent so long uncertain of how things would work out in the end, and it turned out the best possible way it could for us. He's such a great kid—fun, active, adorable.

We just met today with our social worker about finalizing the paperwork to adopt Camron and



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## A Message From *Ed Stone, Chairman*



Welcome to the eighth 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 15 families this year. In addition to awarding grants to pay for adoption fees and home studies, we helped families with various needs such as special education and counseling programs, housing and home modifications, and economic hardship with special needs children. 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 much success from these events and have awarded grants to families that have adopted children they were introduced to at these events.



We have built our network to now include close working relationships with Adoption Journeys, 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. We would like to give a special thank you to Saf Lerman-Carusso whose dedication to helping adoptive children has been inspiring.

Over the past two years the success of our Annual Appeal has encouraged us to continue it. This is our only fundraising event and we fund all our assistance to adoptive families through this effort. 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





## 2017 STONE ADOPTION ANNUAL APPEAL

The Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund, now in its 9th year, has grown from a memorial concept to an organization that assisted 15 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: **Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund**  
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### The McAndrew Family

Hi Ed,

Sally and I had a great visit to the McAndrew household last week. Ryan and Michelle introduced us to their newly adopted son, Thomas. After several years of trying to have a biological child including expensive IVF treatments, the McAndrews were fortunate to adopt their new son, Thomas, through Adoptions With Love in June. The McAndrews are incredibly loving parents who have made their modest house into a wonderful home for Thomas.

Ryan is a logistics supervisor and Michelle is a nanny and they have used their life savings to bring Thomas into their lives. As Sally said, "they are very nice people and very deserving of a child and a loving household." There is no doubt that the McAndrews are worthy of a grant from the Stone Adoption Fund.. Photos below. Let me know if you or the other trustees have any questions.

Best,

Peter and Sally (daughter) Hunter, Trustee



*The trustees unanimously approved a grant to the McAndrew family in September 2017*

### The Palermo Family

Hello, Ed —

A simple thank you falls a little short with what you're giving us though it's a good start.... thank you. Thank you so very much. I can't tell you how much this helps and we are very appreciative. We also really enjoyed our visit with Jack and Jeanne Elicone. Our Jack was quite taken with Jeanne and was quite happy for cuddles from her.

I'm attaching my favorite picture of Jack and Ella. Ella been watching the Trolls movie lately and loves the song 'True Colors'. Here she is singing it to him—their expressions say it all. We are grateful that we found our way to Jack and that he found his way to us. Thank you for helping us.

Jenny & Chris



Ed and Elaine

We wanted to thank you and Elaine for taking the time out of your schedule to meet with us. Also to your mother-in-law, as it was very sweet to allow us to barge in on her evening.

This entire process has been such a whirlwind and although a beautiful one, it has been one without a lot of grappling points. Meeting you and your wife last night was an unexpected moment of calm where we could breathe and realize how real this all is and how blessed we all are.

It must be something to perpetuate such feelings and energy with so many newly constructed families, made out of chaos and uncertainty. I'd wish and hope that

we would be so fortified to honor our children and family in such an impacting way. It speaks volumes to the both of you and to the love for your children.

The name Stone has always meant integrity, honesty, kindness and love to our family, and that thought has been reinforced.

Have a wonderful holiday and again, thank you for the time and the moment of pause.

— DJ and Jen Krauthoff



I'm speechless! THANK YOU!!!

It was so wonderful to meet Nancy and Randy Marcou. They were lovely and I hope Joziah can play with their granddaughter!

I'm so honored and humbled to be a recipient of a Stone Adoption grant. I just want to do what is in the best interests of the boys, which as you know, isn't always cheap. Thank you for alleviating the financial burden. I'm so excited to move and have more space!

Thank you again. I'm truly left speechless at your generosity.

Elizabeth



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## **The Miranda Family** – *continued from page 1*

This is a very sad and difficult situation for Jessica who fought long and hard to have her grandchildren placed with her since their removal from her daughter who could not care for them. The children have done very well and continue to thrive with Jessica's love and patience. Any help that the Stone Adoption Fund can provide would be greatly appreciated.

*Department of Children Families  
New Bedford Area Office*

***We immediately went to visit Jessica and expedited her request. The trustees of the Stone Adoption Fund approved a grant to help Jessica find appropriate housing and keep her family intact.***

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## **The Kreyling Family** – *continued from page 1*

Skylah- things are lining up nicely, so it should only be another month or two (we hope) until we can have their court date as well. Both are doing very well in our family- Christmas was especially important to them, in their "forever" family home. We had a great time together and are all enjoying school break. We made contact with their paternal grandmother, who came and enjoyed an evening at our house last week- she is overjoyed that the kids are being adopted here. It is a relationship we intend to maintain for her and the kids. The two of them have transitioned well into life here- making friends, doing well in school, even taking up instruments and performing in the school show! What a blessing they are to us.

Your financial support has been so helpful to us in building our adoptive family. It also lets us continue to be a resource to DCF and the foster system to take children in emergencies, something we have a heart for as you know. Your gift was the only thing that made this possible, so again, we thank you.

We send all our greetings and goodwill and hope that you and your families are doing well this holiday season! You continue to be in our hearts and minds, and we are continually grateful for the support you blessed us with. I hope to continue to keep in touch and share this wonderful (and crazy) journey we're on.

*Jake and Lauren Kreyling*

### ***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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