

The Stewart Family

Dear Mr.& Mrs. Stone and Mr.& Mrs. Beals,

Thank you so much for supporting the adoption of our son, Alexander Mackenzie. Alexander was born on 1/16/20 in Athens, GA. We traveled to GA to support his biological mom, in addition to welcoming him, on the day of his birth.

Alexander, whom we affectionately refer to as "squish", is fast becoming a happy, inquisitive and sweet little guy. He loves watching and listening to his big sister talk to him, tell him stories and laugh.

After years of infertility, mounting medical bills and disappointments, we want to thank your foundation from the bottom of our hearts for helping us complete our family and making our dreams come true! It is truly amazing how many lives and family's you have touched with your foundation, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Love,

Robert, Samantha, Vivian and Alexander Stewart



Sarah Conti and Charlotta

Dear Ed Stone and Peter Hunter,

I wanted to give you an update since our last contact. Charlotta's lengthy NICU stay, my return to work and learning to balance single parenthood with full-time employment have made for quite a year. I feel so blessed and my life has been enriched beyond measure since becoming a mother.

Charlie is now 10 months old and is an absolute joy to behold. Despite her 3 month prematurity and tiny size at birth, she has pretty much caught up. She is trying to stand, does a speedy crawl, waves hi and bye and babbles all day. Motherhood is all I had hoped it would be. As a pleasant surprise, the adoption was finalized on May 7, my birthday.

Thank you for helping to make this possible. I cannot express my thanks enough for your generosity and assistance in facilitating our receipt of the Stone Family grant. On behalf of me, Charlie and my family, I sincerely thank you and your Board of Trustees.

Sarah Conti



A Message From *Ed Stone, Chairman*

Welcome to the 11th 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 was a difficult year for all of us due to the Covid pandemic. We did, however, manage to assist eight families with their adoption needs. The coming year holds great promise as we have a backlog of families with requests for aid. My hope is that you will continue to support us in changing the lives of these adoptive families.



In Andrew's memory, The Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund provided grants to eight families this year. In addition to awarding grants to pay for adoption fees and home studies, we helped families with various needs such as speech and occupational therapy, autism therapy, special education and learning tools, and economic hardship with special needs children. We continue to be a sponsor of Wonderfund Adoption Events 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.

Over the past five 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 would 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.



2020 STONE ADOPTION ANNUAL APPEAL

The Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund, now in its 12th year, has grown from a memorial concept to an organization that assisted numerous 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**
c/o Matthew Stone
PO Box 68
Cataumet, MA 02534-0068

Bima and Ryan

Thank you so much for supporting the adoption of our son Marcus. He was born in Plymouth, Massachusetts on the September 12th, 2019. He was born at 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and 21 inches long. Now, at three months old he weighs 14 pounds and is 24.5 inches long. Marcus has an outgoing personality and loves to smile. The StoneAdoption Fund took a great amount of financial stress away from our family. We will forever be grateful for what you did for our growing family and helping us make our home, Marcus's forever home.

Ryan and Bima



Mirta Leon and Family

I'm writing to let you know that I received your letter and grant check. I can't thank you enough for this generosity. Also, Don Main and Mary who worked hard, gave me support and hope that with this handicapped bathroom I would be able to bring my baby Ferdinand home from the pediatric center to adopt him.

My best appreciation to all who were involved at Stone Adoption to make this possible.

Thank you,

Mirta Leon



Sullivan Family

Dear Ed,

Bobby and I wanted to thank you and Elaine for taking the time to open your home for a visit so we could meet you both in person. We appreciated the opportunity to also meet with Chris and Steve Manfredi as well. When we arrived home after the meeting, Bobby and I sat down to read your newsletter and our hearts were warmed by learning more about your generosity and dedication in helping make adoption more attainable for people like us.

During our visit you asked how we met, and Bobby discussed how we met and the fact that both of us place high value on raising a family as a major factor in our attraction for one another. We were drawn to each other's belief that giving back to the community and helping others is at the core of our souls. Currently, we've volunteered to speak with prospective adopting parents at AWL parenting classes to share our experience. As we pulled out of your driveway the warmth you, Elaine, Chris and Steve radiated inspired a conversation and we both knew right away that this is exactly how we hope to give back in the future.

Again, thank you for your consideration. Please thank Elaine for teaching us a way to soothe Chloe when holding her, we have been using the "Elaine 2 step" since and we can't stop talking about her amazing cookies. Please thank Chris and Steve too for taking time during the holiday season to meet with us and for the thoughtful gifts.

Warm Regards,

Graham, Bobby and Chloe



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The Harrigan Family

Yesterday, Sharon and I visited Melissa and Chris Harrigan at their modest but neat ranch in Medway. They were beaming with joy and eager to show off their new, 8-week- old baby, Gus. Melissa is the religious Ed coordinator for a church in Needham and Chris works in IT. After several years of trying unsuccessfully to have a baby, Melissa and Chris decided adoption was their best route. They spoke very highly of the agency they chose, Adoption With Love.

Shortly before Thanksgiving, they were notified that a birth mother had awarded them the opportunity to adopt her soon-to-be born son. In an unusual twist the birth mother was a married, Methadone using, 39-year-old grandmother.

Realizing that she and her husband could not appropriately care for another child, she put her baby up for adoption. The Harrigan's were invited to witness the birth which they were eager to do. They flew to Nashville and spent over three weeks in Nashville, bonding with the birth family, witnessing the birth (an incredible experience), and holding Gus almost 24 hours a day for a week during his withdrawal from Methadone. Gus is now happy, healthy and almost sleeping through the night.



Melissa and Chris impressed us as loving parents who will provide a caring home for Gus. In summary, Melissa and Chris have all the attributes we are trying to promote at Stone Adoption.

The expenses of adoption, including travel expenses, have put a financial strain on Melissa and Chris. We believe their situation meets the core of our mission and would recommend they receive a grant.

With warmest regards,

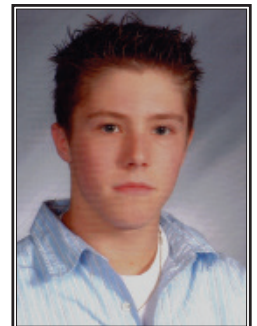
Sharon and John Beals

The Trustees unanimously approved a grant to the Harrigan's in January 2020

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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