

The Durning Family

Hi Stone Family Foundation!

We are the Durning family—Rob, Caroline, Joanna and Charlotte—and we are so grateful to the Stone Family Foundation for assisting our family in our recent adoption. We started our adoption journey in 2019, and Joanna arrived in March, 2020. In early 2021 we learned of Charlotte, Joanna's biological sister, and were blessed with her arrival in August.

We are so grateful that we were able to adopt both girls, and at sixteen months apart, these sisters are destined to be best friends. Ed and Elaine, thank you for welcoming us into your home and sharing your time to hear our story, and share your own. Your foundation does incredible work helping build families, and we are so thrilled to now be a family of four. We look forward to watching our girls grow together and will always hold a special place in our hearts for the Stone Family Foundation's dedication to such an important cause.

Sincerely,

Rob, Caroline, Joanna & Charlotte Durning

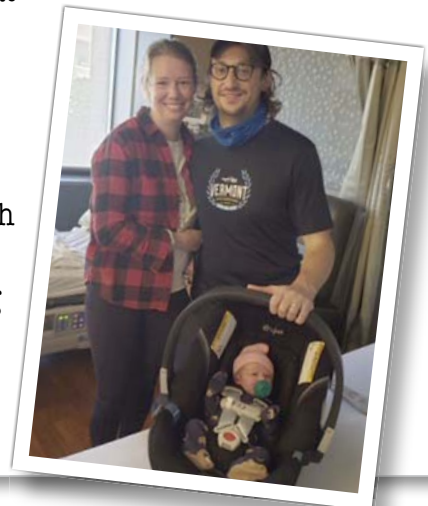


The DePasquale Family

Katie and I discovered our infertility approximately two years ago. Our journey to parenthood became a fork—we could either seek parenthood through adoption or egg donation. Katie and I choose to adopt because it is 100 percent guaranteed. However, what makes adoption particularly challenging is the numerous financial challenges tied to adoption — there are legal fees, travel expenses, agency fees, consulting fees, and court costs, just to name a few.

While we felt ready to parent, we were thrown off by the financial difficulties that come with domestic adoptions. Nevertheless, through perseverance and some very generous assistance from the Stone Foundation, at right is a picture of a happy family of three, leaving a hospital after a successful adoption in Missouri..

Katie and Tony DePasquale



A Message From *Ed Stone, Chairman*

Welcome to the 12th 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. Although it was still a difficult year due to the Covid pandemic, we assisted a record number of families with their adoption needs. As the reputation of our fund spreads, we still 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 14 families this year. In addition to awarding grants to pay for adoption



fees and home studies, we helped families with various needs such as neurofeedback therapy, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, educational software and learning tools, economic hardship with special needs children and a chairlift for a handicapped child. 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 six 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.



2021 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
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Cataumet, MA 02534-0068

The Schaber Family

We are so grateful to have been selected to receive a Stone Foundation grant.

Our daughter, Sloane, has been thriving since bringing her home to MA. We feel so blessed to have been chosen to be her parents by her birth mother. As she continues to grow we get so much joy from watching her personality develop. She has become a very smiley girl and is the sunshine of our home.

Your generous grant has helped us to continue providing for her as we establish ourselves as a new family. We are excited to continue watching Sloane grow and look forward to sending further updates!

Thank you!

The Schabers



The Kreyling Family

We wanted to share with you our appreciation and the continued blessing your gift has provided our family over the past few years because we see so tangibly how it has affected our lives on a daily basis. Lauren and I are again overwhelmed with gratitude and appreciation for your thoughtfulness and willingness to help our family in working for the success of our children.

Jake and Lauren



The Román Family

Dear Ed,

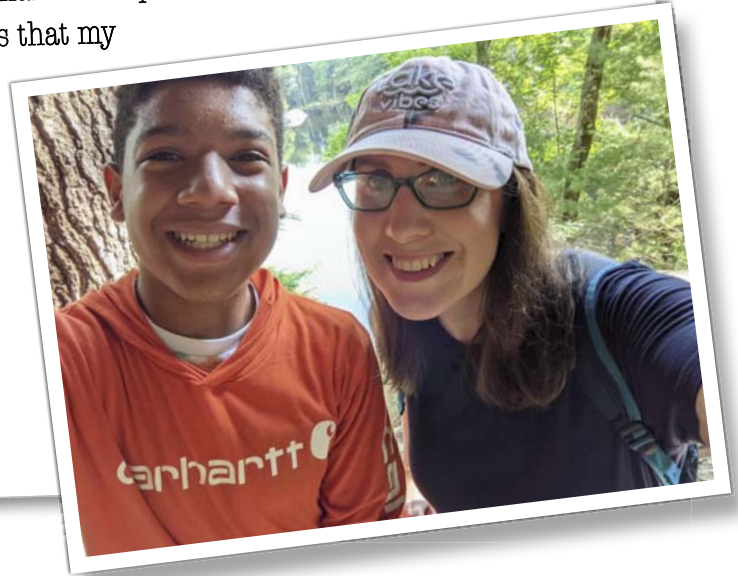
My name is Andrea Román. I'm Jaleel's Mom! I received the incredible news that The Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund chose to award my son Jaleel and our family with funds to help towards his neuro / developmental therapy needs.

I very much want to express our gratitude for this opportunity to access the appointments he requires, and in the timely manner that only your financial help is allowing us to do. I truly believe it is because of these upcoming appointments that my son's well-being and overall functioning will improve and he will continue to make great strides in his life as a result of it all.

This is a priceless gift that will be put to good use, and we thank you immensely.

Sincerely,

The Román Family



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Trish and Harry

Dear Ed & Elaine:

I cannot thank you, and the members of the Board of the Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund, enough for the generous grant to assist with the adoption of my beautiful son Harry. I started the adoption journey to adopt a child from China. But when the coronavirus hit, I did not want to wait until the pandemic was over to adopt a child. I felt a sense of urgency because of my age and because of the fact that there was so much uncertainty surrounding travel to China and the future of adoptions from this country. I changed my adoption plan and decided to adopt a newborn in the U.S.



Because I switched from an international adoption to domestic, the cost virtually doubled. The grant funding you have so generously given me will help pay for the adoption and greatly lighten the financial burden it's had on me. Being able to eliminate the adoption debt sooner is a huge help and I am so incredibly grateful to you both and to your foundation.

On March 18, 2021, I received a call from my adoption agency that there was a baby boy born 7 weeks early in Florida. I met Harry when he was 9 days old, and spent a week with him before he was released from the NICU. We were able to return to Massachusetts on April 12th, and I'm so happy and blessed to be home with my beautiful baby boy.

Someday, I will tell Harry about the adoption journey that began with a plan to go to China, and ended very happily in a NICU in Florida. I will tell Harry about your wonderful foundation, your beautiful son Andrew and the joy you brought to me, our family and so many families in honor of your son. Many thanks for all you and your foundation have done for Harry and me, and for all you do to help families.

Very truly yours,

Trish

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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