

Jessica & Jack

Thank you so much for awarding me a grant to help pay my adoption expenses. The grant helped me get closer to the finalization of my son Jack's adoption and allowed me to focus on enjoying my time with him rather than worry about finances.

My family thoroughly enjoyed our visit with Peter Brown and I think it's wonderful that your organization takes the time to meet each adoptive family. It really made the whole experience much more personal and meaningful.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Jessica Dunn



The Muccioli Family



We are so very grateful to the Stone Family Foundation for assisting our family in our recent adoption. Our adoption story brought our family of three to Kentucky where we met our new son Devon Ace when he was two days old immediately making us a family of four.

This is our second adoption as we adopted our son Dylan twelve years earlier. The adoption process from application to today has been a wonderful experience for our family and has invited many conversations about how different families come to be. After meeting Ed and Elaine, we are in awe of the work that your foundation does and we are so grateful and inspired by the numbers of lives that you touch and positively affect. The generous grant that we received has helped immensely with our adoption and travel expenses and has given us great peace of mind.

The Stone Family Foundation is forever a part of our adoption story for our son Devon. We look forward to sharing with you as he grows.

Very truly yours,

The Muccioli Family

A Message From *Ed Stone, Chairman*

Welcome to the 13th 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. With the Covid pandemic subsiding, we were able to assist 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 Autism therapy, emotional behavior therapy, educational software and learning tools, economic hardship with special needs children and a wheelchair ramp 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 seven 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.

2022 STONE ADOPTION ANNUAL APPEAL

The Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund, now in its 13th 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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The Nahabedian Family

Ed,

Thank you so much for your generous donation from Stone Adoption to pay for the sleeper bed for Kenny! I know that he is going to get great use out of this bed, and this is going to help him in so many ways. I am grateful for your support in making this happen. This bed is not only going to help Kenny now, but it will help him for many years down the road.

Thank you again for your generosity.

It is so appreciated!!!

Lisa Nahabedian

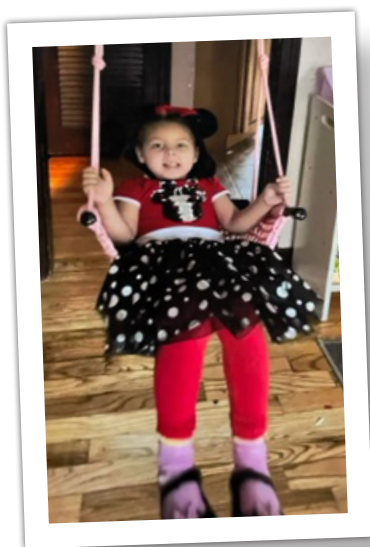
The O'Neil Family

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stone,

Thank you! Two small words doesn't seem to be enough for what you have given our family. Our little girl has faced many challenges in her life, but through it all she hasn't lost her smile or full of life personality. Your foundation has only added to that joy. Thank you again for allowing us to make this room for Ali.

Sincerely,

The O'Neil's



Amy & Isaac

Thank you so much Ed and Elaine!!!

Isaac and I are so appreciative for all that you do to help adoptive families! Your gift will help us out so much with settling into our new home and buying formula and diapers. I have read up on all the amazing things your organization has done to assist families in need and your generosity is truly inspiring. After suffering such a personal tragedy, you are making a real difference, and I'm sure Andrew would be so proud of what you are doing in his honor. We will definitely be keeping in touch!

With gratitude Amy and Isaac



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The Buenos Family

Dear Ed and Elaine,

Over the years you have helped us build our family with your adoption assistance. We are extremely grateful and wanted to update you on our progress.

“The Buenos are happy to announce the growth of their family through marriage and blending, into the Bueno-Coutures: Ericka and adopted kids Genesis (17), Isaiah (15) and Camilo (9) joined the Couture family of Marcus and biological kids Sarah (18), Owen (17) and Chloe (14) in June 2022. The family resides in Winthrop, MA with their rescue dogs and has been very busy adjusting to all the changes, as well as getting one freshman settled at UMass Amherst, and having 4 teenagers in high school (one for each year!). Thanks to the generous support of the Stone Fund, Genesis and Isaiah (adopted at ages 8 and 5) are now thriving in high school where they succeed in academics and compete in varsity sports (soccer and tennis for Genesis, football, hockey and tennis for Isaiah), but most importantly, they are loving members of their family. In spite of complex medical diagnoses and global developmental delays, Camilo (adopted at age 4 from Colombia) is now fully bilingual and has joined the mainstream 3rd grade classroom where he is an avid reader and math problem solver. The family is also preparing to welcome a new member through adoption from Colombia, whom they met in December 2022 through an exchange program.

Erika Buenos



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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