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The Foundation

Forever Families Adoption Alliance foundation is the sister organization to the agency. By obtaining the non profit 501(c)3 designation, the foundation is able to accept tax deductible contributions. Providing grants to adoptive families and assistance to birth families is our mission. The foundation operates on 100% volunteer time. The foundation raised \$7,000 in 2019 and was able to award grants to two adoptive families. One family is adopting a sibling group of three and the other an older child with a complex adoption situation. We are anxiously awaiting both of these families to be able to bring their children home. Donations to the foundation of supplies and household items for expectant moms and items for adoptive families in unexpected situations was absolutely humbling. Each time we had a need and sent out a request, our donors came through. We cannot THANK YOU enough. (see donor list on page 2)

2020 Grant Recipients





2020 Goal & Needs

Our 2020 fundraising goal is \$50,000. We still have one family in need of significant assistance to cover their adoption expenses of an older child with special needs. We also would like to offer grants to other families who are adopting older children and continue assistance to expectant moms.

To make a tax deductible contribution to Forever Families Adoption Alliance Mail to: PO Box 507, Faulkton SD 57438

Mail to: PU Box 507, Faulkton 5D 57438

Paypal Quick Link or QR Code

https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=2A5UZ74HRG5EJ **Donate Now or Remember us on Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2020.**





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2020 Fundraisers

We are kicking off the giving season with a Puzzle Fundraiser. The Heart Tree photo to the left is a 1000 piece puzzle. For every \$25 donation to the foundation, your name will be put on the back of a puzzle piece and we will set that piece. When all pieces are set, we will hold a drawing. We will disassemble the puzzle and draw for a big bunch of prizes! All prizes have been donated by generous businesses, family members, previous adoptive families, neighbors, and friends.

Our hearts are FULL. We are so grateful for your generosity.

- 1- Giant basket of ND and SD made products *see donor list below
- 2- Quilt (Brickyard Pattern) Cramer Crew and Quilter's Corner
- 3- Weighted Blanket Crystals Weighted Products
- 4- Handmade Leather Clutch Purse Billie Jo Hinders
- 5- Vikings Quilt Sue Shaffer
- 6- Framed Heart Tree Puzzle Chris & Stacy Schmidt

Donors - Thank You!!

Monetary Donations

Janet Melius Drew & Kayla Anderson Donald & Phyllis Pearson Gary & Kay Cohoon Patricia Ebel Jeffrey & Jolene Hendrickx Rodney & Lisa Pierson David Biehl Jason & Robin Taylor Barbara Cramer (Trev's Mom) Wayne & Karla Haug Dan & Patsy Gabbert Hazel Henderson Kimber Henderson Dennis & Mary Hagny Mary Pearson Marlin & Shirley Schmidt Linda Bartholomew Kathryn Koopman Patricia Ryland Craig & Becky Huss Karen Cameron-Howell Kevin & Karleen Fry



Ronald & Debra Dazell

Supplies/Household Items

Jeff & Jodee Bryant
Marlene Hammond
Paul & Kimberly Halverson
Michael & Emily Bauer
Donald & Phyllis Pearson
Lorraine Waldner
Special Friends who wish to

be Anonymous

SD/ND Gift Basket

Tracy's Market - Maddock ND
Madison Family Dental - Madison SD
Kinsman Insurance - Watertown SD
Paul & Kimberly Halverson - SD
Badlands National Park Gift Shop - Interior SD
Brick + Bloom Candles - Grand Forks ND

Chris & Stacy Schmidt - Milbank SD Justin & Anita Pearson - West Fargo ND Taylor, Teralyn, Trisha & Garrett Cramer



*Deena Steward (website) *Fas Mosleh & Mike Frost (website) *Snapping Turtle Photography

SD Community Foundation Grant

The Faulkton Area Community Foundation nominated Forever Families Adoption Alliance for a Grant from the SD Community Foundation on last year's National Day of Giving. We were honored to have been nominated and thrilled to have been a recipient of \$2000. This money was added to the funds we use for our adoptive family grants! Thank You Faulkton Area Community Foundation and Board of Directors, (photo below) Troy Hadrick, Kevin Deiter, Dwight Hossle, Roxanne Bossly, Alisha Hammond, Lisa Mueller, and Randy Tischer.





Building Forever Families - Adoption & Family Services



Building Forever Families Year In Review

We are guessing everyone is starting their end of the year news talking about COVID-19. Wow, has this changed how we do business and changed how we do everything. Virtual meetings and home visits are now the norm. You can see our amazing staff in the photo below (this is how we roll in 2020). We are still in the process of licensing in another state. In fact, Barb and Trevor were in that state meeting with licensing in March, when the world changed and licensing came to a screeching halt. We are honored to continue to serve the children and families of the Dakotas and are hopeful to resume the licensing process very soon.

Even though the year was a crazy one, adoptions continued. We celebrated 11 adoption finalizations of children in their forever homes. We are awaiting placement of 7 more children before the end of the year (5 older children).

YES! We have been busy. YES! We love what we are doing. YES! We are excited for all the things 2021 will bring!





Staff

This is how we meet 2020 style. We look forward to serving the children and families of North and South Dakota in the coming year! Stacy Frost, Barb Pearson-Cramer, Kim Carlbom, Carolyn Henderson, Billie Jo Hinders, and Ellen Stevens

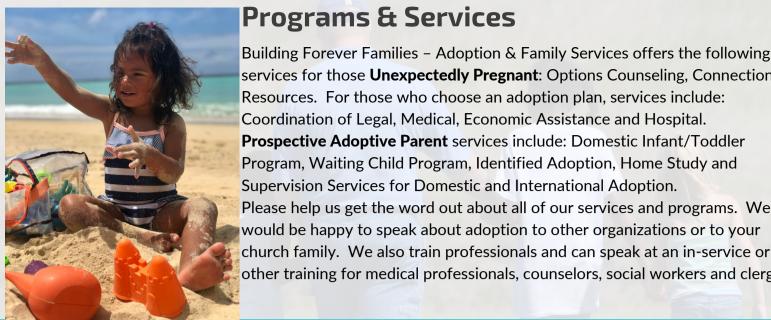




Building Forever Families - Adoption & Family Services Mission:

To build forever families for children through adoption with

support, education, and advocacy.



Programs & Services

services for those Unexpectedly Pregnant: Options Counseling, Connections to Resources. For those who choose an adoption plan, services include: Coordination of Legal, Medical, Economic Assistance and Hospital. Prospective Adoptive Parent services include: Domestic Infant/Toddler Program, Waiting Child Program, Identified Adoption, Home Study and Supervision Services for Domestic and International Adoption. Please help us get the word out about all of our services and programs. We would be happy to speak about adoption to other organizations or to your church family. We also train professionals and can speak at an in-service or other training for medical professionals, counselors, social workers and clergy,

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