

Familybuilding FOUNDATION



After being informed we could not have biological children we were devastated. We finally became foster parents hoping to adopt. Two children were placed with us, however the county removed them from our care very abruptly and we objected. As foster parents we did not have many rights, but we came to Familybuilding who immediately began to battle the County in an effort to have our boys returned. We paid privately to fight the County government who have endless resources. After over seven months and twenty days of litigation the judge refused to return them. We were again emotionally devastated and financially exhausted, even though Familybuilding discounted thousands and thousands of dollars from their bill to help us stay in the fight.

However, we never gave up on our dream to build our family through adoption. Familybuilding encouraged us to venture out into the world in crisis to help an Expectant Mother avoid the need for her child to go into the foster care system. Familybuilding showed us how when we love a hurting mother who needs help, we can keep children out of foster care and give her the joy of knowing who her child is going to be raised by and receive updates as well as ours and the child's gratitude and they grow. It made a lot of sense!

We met a beautiful woman who not only placed one child with us, but a second child also! We were overcome by joy! We have included a picture of her and our birth mother support person Michelle below. Even more, her life has changed for the better because she gave and voluntarily placed her children in the home she chose, not the government!

To hear that the Familybuilding Foundation has begun fills us with so much joy to know families like ours can apply for an Adoption Grant to take on what seems like an insurmountable task of fighting the government in foster care, or in other cases where the birth parents receive free attorneys paid for by the government. We spent everything we had and more!

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity, it means the world to families like ours!



Michelle Dettman, birth mother support - Adoption Center of Hope, with birth mother

