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INFORMATION THAT CAN BE OBTAINED

All records of children adopted through Adoptions With Love are confidential. The law allows certain information to be released to certain people. The request must be submitted in writing. Adoptions With Love will release the following information:

- An adopted person who has reached the age of 18 can receive identifying information about his/her biological parents with the biological parent's written permission and/or according to the laws of the state where the child was born. This identifying information could lead to the biological parent's present or former location.
- A Birthparent of an adopted person can receive information about the adopted person that will not identify the child or his /her present or former location.
- The law also permits Adoptions With Love, at its discretion to release other non-identifying information of the circumstances surrounding an adoption.

Information not listed above can be released either with a written order from the Probate Court which conducted the adoption proceedings, or with written consent to the parties involved.

You may request general information regarding current adoption issues, practices and laws from your social worker.

PROCEDURE FOR PUTTING INFORMATION INTO YOUR RECORD

You are encouraged to include family pictures and a letter in your family case record. At any time in the future, you have the right to contact Adoptions With Love to add any new information about yourself to the case record. Such information may include but not limited to a new name, new address, birth of new siblings, new health or psychiatric information regarding yourself or other biological relatives of the child, and your wishes regarding release of such information to your child or his/her adoptive parents.

RECEIVING INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BABY AFTER PLACEMENT

All families who adopt through Adoptions With Love provide the Agency with photos of the child and letter describing the child's development for five years after the date of placement with the adoptive family. Each family sends photos of the infant at age one month, three months, six months and twelve months, two years, three years, four years, and five years. They also send a note describing the child's adjustment at these intervals. This information will be given at your request. You may also request yearly updates after 5 years for the family to continue to send yearly updates.

RELEASING IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT YOU TO YOUR CHILD

Massachusetts law allows for identifying information (i.e. your name and last known address) to be released to your child about you when your child reaches the age of 21 and if your child requests the information. PLEASE NOTE that all children born after January 2008 can have access to their birth certificates once they reach the age of 18. During your counseling with Adoptions With Love we will ask you to sign a form stating whether you do or do not want your name and address released to your child if he or she requests this information. If the child you place for adoption through adoptions With Love requests information about you prior to their 21st birthday Adoptions With Love will contact you and ask your permission to do so. If it is important for you to have your child know your name and last known address, we encourage you to keep the Agency informed as the years go by regarding your address and how your child might contact you, if it is his or her desire in the future.

Signature: _____
My name on this form means I have read the information as written.

Date: _____