



## *Hello Adoptions With Love Families!*

We want to take this opportunity to wish members of the AWL family a happy holiday season and a healthy New Year.

As of the end of November 2024, we have successfully placed 37 children (one set of twins) into loving adoptive families while helping their biological parents through emotional and physical turmoil. We remain firm in our mission to find the best home for each child while providing compassionate care to all members of the adoption triad.

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Many of you may have read the editorial in the Boston Globe on Monday November 18, 2024. This editorial discusses an unprecedented change by some judges in MA refusing to finalize adoptions when the birth parents signed a MA consent to the adoption in another State.

[Boston Globe: Judges Throw A Wrench In Massachusetts Adoptions](#)

[Boston Globe: Judicial Shift Poses Barriers For Adoptive Parents](#)

Please read these and support us by contacting your state senator and representative. Ask them to support An Act Relative to Adoptions, H4709 and SD3233. This can make a huge impact on getting these bills passed in this legislative session.

Many of us in Massachusetts have experienced improvement in the economy, but our expectant parents across the US struggle financially and emotionally. There is an increase in drug and alcohol use and homelessness. We do our best to help women in these difficult situations.

We ask for your help to ensure that all our expectant parents and hopeful-waiting families are provided with the best care possible. Your generous contributions enable us to continually aid expectant/birth mom with needed living expenses and

medical care. Homelessness has been a real problem and we are doing our best to stabilize their lives. Over the years your donations have helped us to subsidize the adoption fees for waiting families. We are reminded once again that without you and your contributions, we would not be where we are today.

AWL's search and reunion program is busy. Every week we receive communications from all members of the adoption triad that are ready to begin their journey of search. This process often takes years, as everyone's readiness is different. We want to remind you that once an individual turns 21 years of age, the search and reunion process is theirs and we are required to communicate directly with that person.

We hope you have a happy and safe holiday season. Follow us on our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) to stay up to date.

With warm regards,

**Amy S. Cohen, LICSW**  
Executive Director

**Nancy Rosenhaus, LICSW**  
Associate Director

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## *Meet Our New President of the Board of Directors*



Mark Blecher has served on the board of Adoptions with Love for ten years, serving recently as Treasurer and now as Board President, Mark's professional background is in marketing and strategy in the consumer goods industry. He spent the past twenty years of his career in a variety of roles at Hasbro, where he last held the position of SVP Corporate Development and Strategy. Prior to Hasbro he held marketing leadership roles at Electronic Arts, Pepsi and Clorox. Mark earned a BS in Economics at the Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania and an MBA at Harvard

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