



State of the Agency

Dear AWL Families,

We want to take this opportunity to wish members of the AWL family a happy holiday season and a healthy New Year. We are hopeful that 2024 will bring peace to the world. While the world is in turmoil, we continue to do the good work of adoptions.



At the end of November, we have successfully placed 40 children into loving adoptive families and helped 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.

Our colleagues across the US are also experiencing an increase in activity. With this increase, we have all seen an increase in the difficulties and suffering of many of the expectant parents. There is an increase in drug use and homelessness. We do our best to help women in these difficult situations. In many cases, we have collaborated with several states' departments of children and families to aid women in making a private adoption plan, rather than their child going into the state foster care system.

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 ask for your help to ensure that all our expectant parents and hopeful families are provided with the best care possible.

Your generous contributions enable us to continually aid expectant/birth mothers with needed living expenses and medical care. Increasingly, we are financially supporting women to stay in a hotel for months, so they are not sleeping on the streets. 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.

Amy S. Cohen, LICSW
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Continued Growth and Change

Nancy has transitioned to part-time hours at AWL

Nancy Rosenhaus has been at AWL since 1988 and the Associate Director of AWL since 2001. In May of this year, Nancy decreased her hours of work to 20 hours a week. She is focusing her attention on conducting home studies with prospective adoptive parents and outreach to local hospitals. Nancy continues to be a vital member of the AWL team, but now she has more time to spend with her grandchildren and play pickleball.



Meet Juliette, Our Student Intern

Juliette is a Master of Social Work candidate at Simmons University. She received her Bachelor of Arts in psychology and computer science at Macalester College in 2020. Juliette is collaborating with AWL social worker Kate for her second-year practicum providing support to adoptive and expectant families. She is excited to delve into the



world of adoption and hone her social work skills along the way. In her little bits of free time, you can find Juliette eating sushi, playing board games with friends, exploring nature with her newlywed wife Laura, or snuggling on the couch watching sit-coms with her cats Fitzgerald and Waldo.

Juliette is a second-year graduate intern who will be graduating with her Master of Social Work this Spring from Simmons University.

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Now more than ever, it is a time we could use your help to ensure that all our expectant parents and waiting families are provided with the best care possible. Your generous contributions enable us to continually aid expectant/birth mothers with needed living expenses and medical care. More and more we are working with women that are homeless. 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.

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