

Bianco Professional Association

Adoption Chronicle

Assisting families with adoption for over 30 years



The Loving Choice of Private Adoption

Choosing to adopt is one of life’s biggest decisions. For birth parents, the choice takes courage and selflessness. For adoptive parents, adoption provides an opportunity to start and grow a family. For an adopted child, it is the chance to grow and be nurtured in a warm, loving, permanent home.

The Bianco Adoption Team

Bianco Professional Association has performed private adoptions for over 30 years. Our firm has brought many families together through the process of adoption. We pride ourselves on the close relationships we build with adoptive families and birth parents to make an emotional journey as smooth as possible. We provide a comprehensive adoption experience and guide adoptive families through the search, match, placement, and finalization stages of adoption.

Our goal is to help create your family. When you need us, we’ll be here.

**Private adoption works—and it works very well.
Just ask some of our happy families!**

Jeff, Christine, Matthew & Libby

We began our adoption journey in the spring of 2017. We had gone through many years of infertility struggles after having our son and had exhausted all options from IVF to acupuncture. The adoption process is daunting with so many unknowns. After meeting with the Bianco team, we felt confident this was the right way to grow our family.

Everything seemed to be moving quickly as soon as we confirmed this was our path. We got a call from Kristine at the end of summer that we had a match! We exchanged letters with the birth mother throughout her pregnancy and finally got the call that she was ready to give birth! We flew out west the next day and were able to enjoy time with the birth mother before she delivered. The connection with our daughter was immediate. We were amazed at how quickly she grabbed our hearts. Watching her grow and learn about the world around her is a delight everyday. Our son Matthew, who is 9, is completely in love with his sister and can’t get enough of her giggles and smiles.



We are grateful for BPA and their work. We couldn’t imagine working with anyone else. We can’t believe that in under a year we have this beautiful girl who fits perfectly into our family.

How to begin the adoption process:

- 1 Educate yourself & family members about adoption.
- 2 Decide what type of adoption you want to pursue.
- 3 Talk to those who have adopted and learn about their experiences.
- 4 Contact Bianco to get started.

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Sarah, Brantley & Maren

We are high school sweethearts who've always dreamed about having children. Even in our earliest days of talking about being parents, we considered adoption as a way we may grow our family. We have always believed that love is what truly creates a family.

Fast forward 13+ years later, we decided it was time to have children, and the old fashioned way seemed to be the most efficient route. Well, when the old fashioned way (with a little medical intervention along the way!) didn't work out for us, we didn't take long to decide that adoption was the way we would start our family.

We first met with Jim and Lisa right before Christmas of 2016. Going into the meeting we were apprehensive. So much was unknown and unfamiliar to us. We were soon put at ease; Jim and Lisa were warm, professional, and knowledgeable. They answered all our questions thoroughly and honestly, and assured us that there was a baby out there, who was meant for us. After our initial meeting, we were confident that these were the folks who would help us become parents.

We started receiving birth mother profiles in February of 2017. We carefully considered each profile, and trusted that the right birth family would choose us at the right time. In May, we got a call from Lisa...two different birth mother's had chosen us! We took the weekend to consider which birth family was right for us. In the end, we went with our gut feeling, and chose the birth mother in Arizona, who was due in November. Both of our birthdays are in early November, and the fact that this baby was also due in November seemed like a sign. Soon after we matched, we found out she was due with a baby girl!

Between May and November, we developed a special bond with our daughter's birth mother. We emailed back and forth and had Skype calls. She shared ultrasound photos and updates about her pregnancy. We incorporated a name of her choosing as the middle name and showed her the nursery we had ready for the baby. Before we met her in person, we felt like we already knew her!



About a week before the scheduled cesarean section, we learned it was time to fly out to Arizona...the baby was coming early! Our time in Arizona felt like a whirlwind. We had about a day to settle in before the baby arrived. And when she did, I was fortunate enough to be in the operating room, holding her birth mom's hand when she entered the world. Maren arrived just one day before Brantley's birthday, and four days before mine! She was the best birthday gift we've ever received.

We spent three days in the hospital with our daughter, Maren, and her birth mom. In those three days, we shared priceless time together; caring for Maren, sharing meals, and talking about many different things. We will always remember how lovingly Maren's birth mom looked at her, and are grateful that we have those memories to share with Maren someday.

Our journey to parenthood has had peaks and valleys. Being Maren's parents is certainly the peak! But along the way we had questions, insecurities, and fears of the unknown. Lisa, Kristine, and Jim were by our side the entire way. They were always readily available with answers, advice, or a compassionate ear. They are the most professional, competent, thorough, and caring team of people we could've asked for to help us create our family. We are so grateful to Bianco PA for all their help on our journey to parenthood. We couldn't have done it without them!

Richard, Meghan & Olivia

Adoption was always Meghan's plan for starting a family and Richard was excited to do the same. In 2015, we started to navigate the adoption waters. It took time to really figure what path to go down. In 2016, we contacted Bianco and set up a meeting. It was overwhelming at first but they really put our minds at ease! They answered all of our questions, and helped set us up with our social worker.



After our home study was completed, we got email after email with potential birth moms but neither us nor BPA wavered as we waited. We knew our baby was out there looking for us just like we were looking for them.

Late Monday night on January 9th we received an email from Kristine about a baby girl that was due in February right here in New Hampshire. Meghan got an immediate feeling in her stomach. She knew this baby girl was the one. She was sitting in the nursery chair and ran to wake up Richard. "This is the one! Let's say yes!" and Richard agreed.

The very next day the birth mom received our scrapbook and knew that we were the parents for her baby. On Friday the 12th we met with the birth mom. It just felt so right. We left that meeting with such an amazing feeling. Our family dreams were coming true. A C-section was scheduled for January 30th so it was coming up so quick.

As fate would have it, her water broke the very next day!! We raced to the hospital and met our baby, Olivia Grace. It was love at first sight. After all the waiting and all the ups and downs—we had her in our arms. It was completely worth it.

Jim, Lisa, and Kristine are an amazing team. They were always available whenever we needed them. They were speedy with their responses and made this process smooth (well, as smooth as it could be!) We are beyond happy with everything and how it happened. Richard is already talking about baby number two! BPA is our obvious choice when we decide to start the process over again! We are so thankful for them.

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Justin, Lauren, Jonah & Josslyn

August 13, 2016 was the day our family became complete. During the previous fall, we made the decision to reach out to Bianco to begin the process of adoption for our second time. They answered all our questions & updated us on the process since it had been a few years since we adopted our son, Jonah. Just as we had remembered, Lisa and Jim walked us through every step and before we knew it we were receiving opportunities once again.

In May, we received an email from Lisa saying that one of the birth mothers we had expressed interest in chose us to be the adoptive parents of her baby. We were over the moon & Jonah was jumping up and down with excitement to be a big brother. The next few months we had a few phone calls with the birthmother with Lisa right by our side answering all our questions as we continued to get close to the due date. The communication with BPA was always quick & easy. They really made the process so straightforward, leaving no concerns about paperwork so we could just focus on preparing for baby.

As the due date got closer, we were in daily contact with Lisa to hear how the birth mom was progressing so we could plan the best we could for our trip out west. Then we knew the time was coming & headed to the airport. We continued to have contact with Lisa and Jim and felt at ease as we flew out. A few days later, we were in the delivery room as our daughter, Josslyn was born! For the next week, we enjoyed our time as a family, knowing that BPA was working to get us back home as soon as they could.

Throughout the whole adoption process, we knew we were in good hands. We always felt like we could ask any questions, talk about any concerns, or just have a listening ear to count on. We have been blessed twice with our children, Jonah & Josslyn, and truly are grateful that Jim, Lisa, and Kristine were there to make our dreams come true.



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**Congratulations to all of our families who have recently adopted!
Thank you to our families who shared their stories in this newsletter.**

Dianne, Bill & Carly

When we decided we were ready to start a family, we never expected that we would have any trouble having our own biological child. As the months passed, we began to realize that we needed to look into other ways to bring a child into our family. After educating ourselves about adoption, we decided this was the way we wanted to start a family. This was a very exciting, yet nerve-wracking time. We had no personal experience with adoption, and it seemed like a very involved process. On the other hand, we were so happy to know that there was a way for us to have a child.

We came into the adoption process filled with questions. Attorney Bianco and Lisa were able to walk us through the process and help us see that they would be there to guide us every step of the way. I remember Attorney Bianco saying at our initial meeting that if we were committed to the process, we would have the baby that we so badly desired. And that's exactly what happened.

When we found out we had been chosen by our daughter Carly's birth mother, we were filled with so much excitement. We knew the birth mom was having a girl so we went out and bought a few dresses to celebrate the exciting news. We had two months to wait until our daughter's due date. Over the course of those two months, we exchanged emails with the birth mom and had a couple of phone conversations with her. We were amazed at how caring the birth mom was toward us. She kept thanking us for adopting her daughter and saying how happy she was that we would soon experience the joys of parenthood.

Two days before our daughter's due date, we got a call in the evening from Lisa telling us that the birth mother was going to be induced the next morning. We booked the earliest flights out for the next day. We knew it was questionable as to whether or not we would make it in time for the birth. When our plane landed, I turned on my phone, and there was a text message with a picture of our daughter...she had arrived! It was certainly the best text message we have ever received. We went directly from the airport to the hospital to meet our daughter. We spent time with Carly's birth mother in the hospital and also met up with her a few days later at a local park. We have so much love and respect for our daughter's birth mother!

Bringing a child into our family through adoption has been truly amazing. We describe our experience as picture perfect. It was a long, emotional road for us, and we couldn't have hoped for a more wonderful outcome. We will be forever grateful to Bianco PA for helping bring our baby girl to us!



TAX CREDIT FOR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

The adoption tax credit may help you offset the costs of adoption. Currently, the maximum tax credit is set at \$13,570 per child and is applicable to any reasonable and necessary adoption costs. The credit is subject to income limitations and is based on a family's modified adjusted gross income. The credit begins to decrease for families with incomes above roughly \$200,000. The adoption tax credit only applies to domestic, international, and foster care adoptions.

4 Talk to your tax professional for more information.