

**ADOPTION SERVICES, INC.
2500 NORTH TYLER STREET
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72207**

PICTURE AND LETTER AGREEMENT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF PLACEMENT: _____

We, the above named family, agree to provide a minimum of ten (10) non-identifying photographs monthly for the birthmother during the first year after placement occurs. In addition, we agree to provide duplicates of these pictures for the birthfather if requested to do so. The first group of pictures should be given to Adoption Services **within one week of placement**. Thereafter, additional photographs will be given to Adoption Services by the first of each month. Within the year, we also agree to provide the birthparents with at least one larger professional photograph.

We realize that, whenever possible, we should include pictures that reflect memorable experiences in our child's life, (i.e., christening, court date, holidays, first birthday, as well as happy day-to-day pictures). We agree to send a Mother's Day card and pictures since this is a day that birthmothers really appreciate the support and attention. We understand that these pictures reassure the birthparents that our child is loved and well cared for. We may also include comments written on small notes on the back of these pictures or we may include a letter.

We understand that the staff of Adoption Services will carefully screen all pictures to ensure that we have not overlooked something that may identify our family. Confidentiality of all parties will be carefully maintained.

In addition, we also agree to provide the birthmother with at least two non-identifying letters during the first year of our child's life. The first letter should be within the first month of placement. The second letter should be given to Adoption Services at the end of the first year. Adoption Services requests that these letters come from your heart and include such things as personality, growth and development, likes and dislikes, etc. Even more important, please include how grateful you are to the birthmother and how much you love your child.

We agree to provide at least five (5) pictures each year, until age eighteen (18) for the birthmother following the end of the first year's pictures. These pictures can be sent at special times (i.e. mother's day, Christmas, birthdays, graduations, etc.). A social worker will discuss our particular situation with us regarding maintaining confidentiality. We understand that many birthparents are requesting annual letters and we agree to provide these if it is in the best interests of all parties concerned.

Adoption Services, Inc. recognizes this is not always easy for new adoptive parents to do, but we have found that receiving these pictures and letters has been very valuable in the healing process of the women and families with whom we work. Not all women choose to receive these pictures right away or ever. We want to provide this option for the women who do want to receive them.

Many of the birth fathers with whom we work would also appreciate letters, pictures and cards. We will work with you on a case-by-case basis of what would be most appropriate for contact in your situation.

Thank you very much for understanding and for helping us with this request. The birthparents make their incredibly difficult decision out of love. They do not wish to disrupt the placement, only to know that their child is doing well and is loved.