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Dear <Donor first Name(s)>

As an unwed 18-year-old, Jill knew she would not be able to provide her baby the life he deserved — a life with a loving mom and dad, and a stable home. She chose adoption for her baby. To her surprise, the baby’s father stepped in at the 11th hour petitioning for, and ultimately gaining, custody. He and his family raised Jill’s boy.

Seven years later, Jill married and was on solid ground. The timing was perfect to realize her dream of becoming a mom. Given her teen pregnancy, she never imagined facing infertility, enduring countless doctor visits and tests. After six years, she and her husband, Mike, declared, “enough!” **Not ready to give up, the Murphy’s sought a new path through Children’s Home — a path that assured them of parenthood.**

Many others chose that same path in fiscal year 2015, when **Children’s Home joined 222 children with adoptive families** and provided more than 5,200 individuals with adoption, post-adoption and pregnancy services support. <Donor first name(s)>, this work is only possible because of generous donors like you who give regularly. **With Mother’s Day drawing near, this is the perfect time to make a <2nd gift ask amount> gift to help Children’s Home continue to make motherhood a reality for women like Jill.**

“God showed me how beautiful it was to be on the receiving end of adoption.”



## Yes, I want to help children in need join loving families!

### Enclosed is my gift of:

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### WAYS TO GIVE

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Children’s Home helps ease the anxiety for couples considering adoption. The staff walked Jill and Mike through the international adoption process, educating them, helping with background checks, answering questions and preparing them for the wait for their child. At last, Madeline arrived from Korea. Three years later, Olivia joined their family.

**What could have become bitter irony for Jill instead became a sweet story of redemption thanks to Children’s Home and supporters like you who believe children need and deserve a loving family.** <donor first name(s)>, your gift today provides opportunity for people like Jill and Mike to become adoptive parents and to build a foundation of a stable, loving home.

Today, Jill continues to revel in her daughters. Maddie and Olivia are vibrant, often silly, sometimes introspective 15 and 12-year-olds, who are thriving in life and school, and enjoying a relationship with their older brother, Joshua, whom Jill met five years ago. Today, they are a “big, mushy family,” according to Jill.

“God showed me how beautiful it was to be on the *receiving* end of adoption. Not punishing me for choosing adoption with my son, but blessing me with the beauty of it all,” she wrote on her blog.

Through many years of reflection, Jill gained this and other profound insights about adoption from both a birth mom’s and an adoptive mom’s perspective. Perhaps the most profound? Love is universal and beautiful, whether for biological or adopted children.

<donor first name(s)>, thank you for your ongoing support — your gift to Children’s Home is evidence you believe this fundamental truth. **Please make an additional gift today so we may help more children experience parents’ love through adoption.** A gift of <2nd gift amount> or <3rd gift amount> can make Mothers’ Day extra special this year.

With your gift today, Children’s Home will recognize the special woman in your life with a Mother’s Day recognition card and a note confirming you hold her in high regard for all she has done for you along the way.

Thank you for your support!

Maureen E. Warren  
President, Children’s Home Society of Minnesota

P.S. Your gift today will mean more women like Jill can celebrate Mother’s Day in the future. Please send in your tax-deductible donation today.

P.P.S. Tributes received by April 29, 2016 will be sent a personalized card in time for Mother’s Day.

Yes, I want to provide life changing opportunities to children and parents alike!

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