



Building and Supporting
Families Since 1985

Looking Through The Windows of Chrysalis House

Chrysalis House has had a big year full of growth and change complete with a brand new look! We have continued our social media presence via our Blog (<http://chrysalishouseinc.wordpress.com>), Facebook (Chrysalis House, Inc. Fresno) and Pinterest. Stacy, our Clinical Documentation Specialist, moderates these social media platforms and has done a great job reaching our families and community, sharing about Chrysalis House and educating about adoption. Please Follow, Like and Share Chrysalis House!

Our staff family grew this year as well, adding a new Social Worker to our team, Stephanie Schmidt, MSW. Stephanie works with families to help prepare them for their adoption and offers support throughout their journey. She is an integral part of our training team as well, helping to educate prospective adoptive parents about adoption, the issues adoptees face and other general parenting skills. Stephanie's greatest asset has been her experience in working with birth parents. Stephanie's compassion, knowledge and dedication to these men and women is evident and she has helped to grow our Domestic Adoption Program—a growth we hope to see more of in the coming years!

Our mission since 1985 has been to build and support families through adoption. Over the years we have seen the agency become more diverse, offering many different types of adoption paths: Domestic, Foster/Adopt, Dual-Track, International and Embryo. We are also privileged to work in cooperation with Fresno County Department of Social Services to assist in the finalization of many of their relative and mentor placements. So far this year we have helped to bring 41 children permanency! It is our greatest honor to be a part of their journey home and to help many wonderful families begin and grow through the joys of adoption!

Perhaps our greatest change this year has been our look. Our logo is our first impression to prospective adoptive parents, birth parents and the professional community. We take great pride in our name and wish to honor our founder by keeping her memory and mission alive through Chrysalis House. A "chrysalis" is a hard case that protects a moth or butterfly while it's turning into an adult. Like a butterfly emerging from its chrysalis, children and families have a chance at a new beginning through adoption. Our new logo features 3 butterflies, each depicting the figure of a person with the arrangement symbolizing the adoption triad—adoptive parents, birth parents and the adoptee. Our website also received a much needed overhaul providing a clean, clear presentation to prospective families and birth parents. We added more helpful information about adoption, the services we offer and client testimonials. We have already seen an overwhelmingly positive response from these changes. Check us out, www.chrysalishouse.com!

Our wonderful year couldn't have happened without the support and generosity from our families. We are truly blessed to have you as a part of our family and we look forward to many more successful years to come!



CHI Family Picnic

Aloha! On May 3, 2014, Chrysalis House held a family picnic at a local park to celebrate family! We had a blast sharing a beautiful Spring day with our families. We truly have a great bunch of people supporting us! Kids, parents and staff alike enjoyed some fun in the sun with volleyball, badminton, bubbles and a giant beach ball. Other activities included a piñata (a huge “hit”) and photo booth complete with themed props. We hope to make this picnic an annual event and we look forward to celebrating with you all again next year!



Welcome Stephanie Schmidt, MSW

Stephanie comes to us with years of adoption and foster care experience. Most recently she worked with families pursuing a domestic adoption and with birth mothers to make an adoption plan. Stephanie received her Master's in Social Work from Fresno State University and has directed her focus to working with children and families. We are blessed to have added such a wonderful asset to our team who has already made a lasting impression in the lives of our families and birth parents. Welcome Stephanie!

Chrysalis House, Inc. will be closed in observance of the following Holidays:

- Thanksgiving: November 27-28, 2014
- Winter Holidays: Office Closed December 25–January 2, 2015
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 19, 2015
- President's Day: February 16, 2015