



Building and Supporting Families Since 1985

Looking Through The Windows of Chrysalis House

“CELEBRATE ADOPTION!” FUNDRAISER

On December 1, 2017 Chrysalis House, Inc. held our third annual Celebrate Adoption Fundraiser at the Second Space Theatre in Fresno. We were thrilled to spend the evening with so many of you! Guests enjoyed wine, appetizers, a silent auction, surprise boxes and the play “A Christmas Carol” performed by the Good Company Players.

Through ticket sales, sponsorships, surprise box sales and our silent auction, we raised funds which will go towards increasing community awareness, improving our Birth Parent outreach and improving our Post-Placement/Adoption Services. With your help, we strive to honor the mission of our founder by building and supporting families through adoption. Every dollar we raise goes directly to Chrysalis House and helps bring adoption education and supportive services to our local community.

As always we want to thank the wonderful Good Company Players and Second Space Theater for entertaining our guests and being such gracious hosts!

We are always blessed by the abundance of support that we receive from families, sponsors, our Board of Directors, Chrysalis House community, those who event such a special

- US Cold Storage
- Juice Plus/Tower Gardens
- The Tullock Family
- In Memory of M.H.
- The Coles Family
- The Campbell Family
- The Huerta Family

Friends of and our local Thank you to made this success and “Thank You”

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

- Winter Holiday: Office Closed December 25–January 1, 2018
  - Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 15, 2018
  - President’s Day: February 19, 2018

Chrysalis House would like to thank **TekTegrity** for providing all of our technical support throughout the year!

Chrysalis House is now able to receive paperwork 24/7. Please feel free to drop your paperwork into our mail slot! We strive to work at the pace of our families and this new feature will allow us to process

## 2017 in Review

Chrysalis House has had an exciting year! This year we grew by 26 new families! We are looking forward to watching all of these families welcome new babies and children in the near future.

In the previous year, CHI placed 21 children through our fost/adopt program, 2 children were placed domestically, and 4 children adopted internationally. CHI also works in cooperation with Fresno County DSS to help finalize the adoption of dozens of foster children throughout the year.

## Share Your Talents!

Have you been looking for a way to give back? Do you have ideas on how to grow Chrysalis House? Have you considered serving on our Board of Directors?

Chrysalis House is always looking for fabulous Board Members. Our Board of Directors is made up of professional's, friends of adoption and adoptees and adoptive parents. If you would like to bless us with your talents, please consider joining the Chrysalis House Board.



## Honoring your Post-Adoption Contact Agreement

We at Chrysalis House firmly believe that once a Post-Adoption Contact Agreement is established that it should be honored in its entirety as long as the contact remains safe and appropriate for your child. Often times, your commitment to this agreement may begin to fade as “life” simply gets in the way. You may push off writing that letter to next month when things will be less busy only to then have it completely fall off your radar. You may think that when the Birth Parent reaches out, you will promptly get your letter/pictures together, however, the Birth Parent may never reach out. You may feel that your efforts are falling on deaf ears as your correspondence is never returned so why put forth the effort.

As an adoptee myself I am happy to know that my parents honored their agreement in its entirety—even after my Birth Mother stopped writing and even though my Birth Father never did. As an adult now I am proud that they kept their commitment and honored my birth parents in this way. I have never had to question whether or not my parents did something to push my birth family away. While you may not think this means something to your kids now, it will mean something to them later. Honor this

## Happy Holidays From Chrysalis House!

Year after year the Chrysalis House Staff reflects back on our years of service and are blessed by the opportunity we have been given to be a part of our families lives in such an intimate way. We laugh with you, we cry with you, we anxiously wait along side you and in the end we happily rejoice with you! Adoption is truly a journey and each member of the Chrysalis House Staff joins in on the ride. From our Administrative Staff, to our Social Workers, to our Executive Staff—we all take great pride in the work that we do to help build your forever family.

This holiday season we want to “Thank You” for choosing us to walk this journey with you. We are honored to have a front row seat and to witness the blessing of family.

*Mandy Johnson*  
*Stephani Schmit*  
*Mercy Christmas*  
*Ashley Shelton*  
*Megan Bojorquez*  
*Ashley Williams*

