

Hi Chris. I hope you had a Happy Mother's Day. My bm and I surely had one because of you and the wonderful work you do. On Fri. May 3, I met my bm for the first time. After many conversatioons about the emotions that would more than likely flow once we saw each other, she ruled out meeting at a public place and invited me to her home. We talked for hours, exchanged pictures, and made plans to see each other again on May 17. Still, she has not told anyone about this. However, she vows to tell her children soon.

My next step, of course, is to locate my bf. She answered questions that were asked about him. However, she did not volunteer any information. She was quite sarcastic by saying "you found me, finding him shouldn't be a problem. You do have his name, unlike mine." I plan to give it some time before I pursue him. My biological grandmothers(paternal and maternal) and my sister live in the same county. If my bf were to tell his mother, the can of worms would be wide open. However, if I see that bm isn't making much effort, I will have to make my move. Enough time has passed, we are all adults, now.

Again, I will welcome any advise you may have on how to handle that situation.

Thank you so much for everything you've done to make this reunion possible.

RB/NC



Dear Kinsolving,

Just wanted to let you both know that I went to New York and met my birthmom. It was wonderful. She is a great woman - a very "little" woman as she stands 4'10" tall. As you know, she had two more children, my brother and sister. They welcomed me with open arms. In fact, the whole family, including the spouses and children, welcomed me. This experience has changed my life. I am so happy I'm on "Cloud 9." I feel so blessed.

I have an inner peace I've never had before.

We have all decided to keep in touch and they will be coming down to Florida to visit me. My sister is in need of an "older" sister. I feel I can be a positive influence in her life. I hope so. My brother is 12 years younger. My mother and I found out that we have a lot in common. We look a lot alike and have similar personality traits and characteristics.

After a few days, we were very relaxed with each other and I felt a "bond" with her and she with me. It has been an amazing experience.

If anyone wants to write me regarding my experience or confirmation concerning your agency, feel free to give them my e-mail address. I will be more than happy to share my story with them as well as serve as an advocate for you. It is as I read over two years ago from someone on Sylvia's NY Adoption Page "it is worth every penny."

I can't thank you enough for finding my family. Never doubt what you do.:)

God Bless.

RP/NY

Dear Ms. Lee,

Thank you so much for checking your archives. I have passed your suggestions on to a birthmom.

Thank you, also, for telling me of your ability to search in NY, for my birthson. But, your reputation precedes you! I have known for several years of your success rate and your excellent reputation in the adoption community. I personally know many triad members whom you have reunited with birthfamily and continue to recommend your services, without reservation.

I hope to be among those people at some point- just need to get in a more economically comfortable position!

Many thanks for your consideration and all you do for the adoption community.

Dear Chris:

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the search you did for me. If it wasn't for you I would be still on the Internet sites trying to find my Mom. I took your advise in making a phone call to my Mom.

This is the way the phone call went. The phone rang and my birthmom's daughter answered the phone and I asked to speak to my birthmom. She asked what this was in reference to and I told her it was a personal matter. My birthmom answered and I asked if she was able to talk about a personal matter or should I call back another time. She said she could talk and I told her it was of a private matter and again she said she was able to talk. I asked her to bear with me for I was nervous and my hands were shaking. I told her that we may have meet in the past and she asked me where and I told her in SC. She said I hope you are who I think you are, and I went on to tell her if the date September 29th 1956 meant anything and she said Oh My God you're my son. I told her yes Mom I'm your son. In the background I could here my birthsister saying that they had another brother. She went on to tell me over the years she had thought of me many times and that she didn't ever expect to here from me. She asked where I was living and I told her. She told me if she had known I was that close to her she would have come and seen me. She asked me if I wanted to meet her and I told Mom you don't know how much I want to see you. I told her how I was told I was adopted. That my Mom didn't love me or want anything to do with me. She reaffirmed the fact that wasn't the case that she loved me very much and at the last minute almost changed her mind. But thought what was best for me. I also told her that my adoptive mother had passed away in February and my stepfather had given me an envelope with all my adoption papers and a letter from her. I also told her that it was her letter that kept me going to find her. She went on to tell me I had 2 sisters and 3 brothers. I told her I was off on Tuesday and if that was a good day for us to meet and she said that would be fine. She also asked if I had my baby pictures and I said yes. She said she had asked many times if my grandmother had any pictures of me and she would say no. Well, Chris this meeting would not have been possible if it wasn't for you.

Chris, again I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for making this reunion possible. Thanks to you, you have made my Mom and me the happiest 2 people on this earth.

Sincerely,
JB/VA



chris- just to let youknow that I had the most wonderful conversation with my birth mother this morning. I called her at work and we talked for an hour- and I;m going down to CT. this weekend to meet her and her husband and one of my half sisters. it's better than Hollywood! I could not have imagined a more positive reaction. thankyou-

RT/NY

chris- just to update you- our reunion was yesterday the 22nd and it continues to be a fairy tale- I not only met my mom- but also her husband and my half sister from PA flew up to spend the day. we all spent an amazing day together. we all like each other and I know that there will be a continued relationship.sometimes life works out.-

RT/NY



Hi Chris,

Long time no talk to.

Update on my son:

We have spoken several times on the phone, exchanged pictures...finally!!!!!!) and after having seen what he looks like, I have decided that I carried him as a favor. He looks nothing like me, but exactly like his father. It is eerie, really, to see a man who so resembles someone I used to date. I am a very average looking woman, so I expected him to look like me...short, on the stocky side, and average looking. Whew!!!

He is short. That is where the similarity ends, because he is also slender. He is dark complected, hazel green (dreamy!!) eyes, and very handsome. I just kept staring at these pictures, and rememberd why I was so attracted to his father. Thank goodness, his father's gene pool was stronger than mine.

But, the best news is that he is coming up to see me this summer. Can't wait. I will fill you in when it happens. Hopefully, I can sleep before then, since I am unsure as to the exact date of his visit. Sometime this summer.

I will always be eternally grateful to you for all of your assistance and your support. God has blessed me in that I found you. You are truly and Angel.

FR/PA



Dear Chris,

I used your services a few years back and found some of my biological family. My case was a bit different if you recall, my mother had been only 11 years old when she had me and and I did not know that prior to searching. During the time that I met relatives and heard horrendous stories I thought I would have a break down

Sounds bad doesn't it? Well, not really, I have absolute peace of mind now and feel like I am on solid ground. I have achieved much success in my career which had been blocked due to the inability of knowing where I came from.

Life carry's many mysteries, strains and difficulties and my adoption search ended up being at the time every adoptees worst fear come true.

I have long since worked through the maze and come out stronger and better on the other side for a few years now.

I no longer have contact with some of my biological family and am at peace with that.

I now have my own family and we are building a great life! I just wanted to say "Thank You!" :)

chris...i cant thank u enough..i've made contact wwith pretty much everybody...it went very well ...got dads name as well...i cant thank u enough...God bless.

regards

BK/CA



Chris,

I have been reading Vanguard today and it has brought back a lot of memories. After doing a lot of investigative work myself you helped me get that last piece of the puzzle. That was back in April of 1998 now I need help again, thus the estimate request.

My birth Mom was deceased but my birth father is not. I have delayed sending you a testimonial because I was waiting for the fairy tale ending, which now appears in jeopardy. He and I have had correspondence by mail, but never met. He stated in our one and only phone conversation that he wouldn't rule it out, but that now was not the right time. That was 4 years ago. This past Christmas I sent him a gift basket, as I have for the last 3 years, and it was sent back saying he had moved.

I remember when we found him in 1998 you told me we would be able to keep up with him from now on. Can you please give me an estimate of what it would cost to find out where he is now. I am wondering if he is still alive.

Although, my communication with him was only once or twice a year, I did feel progress was being made that might possibly lead to a reunion with the only blood relative I have left on earth.(as it turned out my birth mother was a product of an affair which all came out in a meeting with her family much to the surprise of her remaining brother and sister. What a circus reunion that was.

Even though I didn't have the ending I wanted I do thank you for giving me my answers. AM/NC

<< Dear Chris:

Thank you so much for finding my birth family for me. I am sorry it has taken so long to advise you as to what happened, but I needed to kind of get it together. I notice that I am much more relaxed than I used to be. Completing the circle really has made a difference in my life and I thank you so very much.

Per your suggestions, I telephoned my Aunt and advised her that I was my birthmother's daughter. After a little hesitation, she took me at my word and said my Aunt, my mother's sister, was on her way out of town and they would call me as soon as she arrived. Well, that wait was excruciating. After about five hours of waiting for that phone call, I decided that they changed their minds and did not want anything further with me. Just about the time I decided that, the phone rang, The telephone call was, of course, very stressful, enlightening and wonderful. I learned that they had no idea about me, but welcomed me unconditionally.

I made arrangements to go and meet them the end of June. Luckily, my girl friend went with me so I wasn't totally "thrown to the wolves". It turned out, though, that everyone was so excited to meet me. I was able to see myself in my cousins and to be included into a wonderful family.

Anyway, once again, I thank you for all you did. I am sure you get different responses from different scenarios, but for mine, it was wonderful.

Thank you again.

Very truly yours,

JB/CA



Dear Chris,

It has been just over a year since you found my son for me, and last week we met, face to face, for the first time.

I could not have scripted a better reunion. Upon seeing me, he literally lept from his jeep, sprinted over to where I was standing, and embraced me, hugging me, and hugging me and hugging me. I am unsure who was happier, but no matter, we were both overjoyed at finally getting the opportunity to be together.

He is quiet, but funny. He is very polite, but not to the point of sickeningly so. His manners are impeccable, and his demeanor is kind...so kind. He and I kept catching each other staring, trying to find our family resemblances, and they are there. Not strikingly so, but he has the shape of my face and head, and the area around the mouth is the same. I told him that I wished I were as beautiful as he is handsome. He told me he thought I was beautiful.

We discussed how we had needed this year's time to acclimate ourselves to this new relationship and we are both happy that we were careful and tentative about meeting each other. We agreed that it was "our" decision, no one else's, and that the end result is exactly what we had hoped for, happy and easy going.

We parted with the promise to stay in touch and he promised he will be back to visit, at least next summer, if not before.

I have fallen in love...again, not with my baby, this time, but with my son.

I will be forever in your gratitude.

FR/PA

reunited birth mother...how sweet it is!!!

If Chris Lee had not been involved; believe me, I would have never found my birthmother. I am a female adoptee that had searched for over 13 years, to no avail. I put ads in the paper; I was on the computer constantly..I wrote Albany, Ny numerous times.....and nothing. I hired Chris Lee and in three days she found my mother; I had my grandparents names..my birthname; my siblings and their spouses names....my uncles names and phone numbers along with other info.

She is very confidential.

The money was worth it.....considering I have my identity back. Keep your mind open when you do hire her...because you never know what may be on the other side.

If nothing...you will know who and what you are and where you came from.....I come from limited means but the money was not a issue for me.I had to find.

Good luck to you. Chris Lee is excellent.

GW/NY

Found Jan, 2002

Hi Chris...just thought I'd give you a quick update...if you're interested. My reunion with my mom is beyond any of my wildest dreams. It is absolutely wonderful. I have truly found my Mother. I've also met my half brother and sister and things are just as wonderful there. I have not encountered the FIRST bit of negativity from ANYONE! But it gets better. Through help on the internet, I have also found my father. He lives in Albany, Ga. and I've talked to him. He had no idea I existed, but to make a long story

short, believes that I AM his daughter, is glad to have talked to me and wants to meet me. We have been exchanging emails and pics regularly and he refers to his sons as my brothers. (!) I resemble him a little more than my Mother. But WAIT...it gets even better. My Mother is single and has been for a LONG time. My Father is single and not involved with anyone. Yep, you guessed it...they have talked to EACH OTHER. For the first time since Dec of '64. Before I was even born! They talked last week for almost an hour and things are okay between them too. Isn't that wild? The work you did for me may just bring about an entire family reunion after 37 years!!!! It blows my mind. And I can't thank you enough.

Just thought you might like to hear how positive things have been. Thank you again!!!

LW/NC



Dear Chris:

One quick question - Did you ever find anything about the person I referred to you? I told him about your service either 3 or 4 years ago. When he spoke at a library for search support, he mentioned that Kinsolving was taking a look at his unusual case. If I didn't receive a brochure in the mail I would of never known Kinsolving existed. How I wish I knew of you in 1984 when I decided to find my birthparents. I believe that my birthmother would have been more receptive since her husband knew of my adoption. Her husband died in 1986. I also believe that everything happens for the best and it musn't of been the right time.

Sincerely,

DR/Mt



Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!! I cannot thank you enough for what you have been able to accomplish, after so many others had given up.

An intermediary person contacted her this AM - and shortly thereafter, upon her request, I called her. I spoke to my mother, I finally spoke to my mother. I cannot believe after all these years, I got to speak to my mother. I never would have thought that this day would come.

Tomorrow I get to meet my first cousin who lives less than a mile from me.

One day soon, I will get to actually meet my mother. First, she will be telling her husband and family about me -they do not know yet.

Thank you once again, I will definitely refer you if ever I know anyone in need.

Kindest Regards,
RM/CA



Hey Chris,

I can't remember if I told you yet that I met my birthmother finally. It took her a couple years to work up the nerve. After she basically told me to get lost (which I did) she called out of the blue one day and said she was ready. We met last October and she seems very happy to have gotten to know me. She's told all her family and they're waiting to meet me too.

She's a very pleasant woman I enjoy being around. We stay in touch and get together every couple months.

I've told my adoptive brother about you and have sent him a link to your web site. He may or may not contact you. I always thought he was squeemish about doing this.

Thanks again for your help.

JM/NC



Dear Chris,

Thank you again so much for finding my son. He and I spoke last night for the first time, and he was so open-hearted toward me - he even said he has nothing but love for me,

and thanked me for finding him and for giving birth to him. It could not have been any more wonderful.

We talked for over an hour, and he is very open to more contact. It is the dream of my life come true. And I'm so grateful to you for all you've done to make this happen.

Thank you with all my heart!

JK/GA



Hello Chris,

Hope my email finds you and yours doing well.

I wanted to fill you in on my reunion efforts with the birth siblings you were able to locate in my search. After getting your info, I held on to it for a good while.....fearful of the rejection I had already experienced with my birthmother. I got your info in June, '01 and just couldn't do anything with it until a restless night of dreaming about my brothers and sisters. The next morning, I sat down and wrote that first contact letter again, as I've done many many times. But this time- instead of crumpling it up and tossing it away..... I acted on it. I stamped it- sealed it with a kiss and good hopes and dropped it in the mailbox. That was Monday, Sept. 10th, 2001.

The events of the next day changed the world, AND delayed my letter in getting to my birthbrother. If there ever was a time that dissolved my fear of rejection, it was then. Not knowing what tomorrow would bring.....and the urgency to reach out to everyone in my life -family, friends, neighbors, and Americans.....made it all right and good.

The facts I would gather about my beginnings and family weren't anything like I had expected. I found that the family was very fractured. My birthmom was married, but not to my birthfather. She had left the marriage and 3 sons she had before I was born about 2 years after I was adopted. The boys had been raised by their father, and several step-mothers. They have not heard or seen from my birthmom in more than 39 years now. These 3 boys have not had contact with their father or each other in more than 29 years. They hadn't even been notified that their father had passed away in Seattle, in 1999. Guess who got to break the news? :(

The oldest of the siblings had an illness as a child with high fever that caused developmental disabilities. He had been institutionalized in WA when he was very young. I've been able to locate him.....living independently while still receiving services for living skills in Port Angeles, WA. He is absolutely thrilled to learn about having a sister! He's had NO family contact since 1973.

My birthmom went on to have 2 more children, 10 and 12 years after me. Both daughters, she kept and raised them. They had never been told about me, or the 3 oldest brothers. They (one brother and sister) had lived and worked about 5 blocks apart for many years and never knew the other existed! It's really taken me back a bit to learn that I'm not the only one learning the truth of my past. This has opened the door for all of us, and as can be expected- been difficult at times. But we're muddling thru it- and beginning the process of healing.

Birthmom denies (again) to her youngest children that *we* are hers.....all she can relate or recall is that she only had ONE child of her first marriage, and that she placed HIM for adoption because of his mental retardation. I don't know that we'll ever be able to reach out to her and offer forgiveness that she will accept, but what will be will be, and we are still trying.

Birthmom had repeated this pattern of secrets and lies to her youngest children as well...they had been told that birthmoms current husband of 25yrs is their father. It wasn't until they were teenagers that it was discovered on their birth certificate that the listed father was NOT the man they have grown up with. With your info about bmoms marriages, I was able to pass the identity and location of their birthfather to them!! The oldest sister has made contact with her father and opened the door to communication.

Now the good news! I've been invited to come to Seattle to meet the 2 youngest sisters, and travel together to meet the oldest birth brother.

I wish I were able to show my true appreciation for what you have provided me with. YOU gave me what the courts, and judges and agencies and laws and even birthmom would not provide.....my siblings!!!!!!!
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

MN/WA



Dear Chris,

I write to you two days before I get the chance to meet my son, face to face. I cannot even put into words what this feels like. I spoke with him and with his girlfriend last evening, and they seem to be looking forward to this time as much as I. I'm off to buy a camera or two (my good one needs repair) for this time we're together, and I'll be able to, finally, have a picture with both my son and me.

They are staying with us for a week, on the boat. We are planning many activities, so that he will not be forced to spend all of his time with me.

I approach this meeting with trepidation as well as joy. The years of angst are soon to be replaced with memories of him...with me.

Anyway, thank you again, for 1/ finding my son, and 2/for being interested enough to share your email address with all of us.

God bless you,
FR/PA



Hi, I contacted you about six weeks ago regarding my husbands adoption search, hopefully you remember as I know you help all who seek. Well my husband had passed away one year ago today and you led me to another searcher that is where my husband was born. He helped me to find his birthmom in a matter of three weeks. I called her for the first time a week ago today. She is a gift from God and everything he had hoped while he was alive he would find. She is saddened by the loss of her son but thrilled at the fact she has three grandchildren as she never had more children and did not think she would be a grandma. Thank you for all that you do and all of your help. Your honest referral was a Godsend. I applaud you in all that you do for people who wish to seek and find, whatever may be at the other end of the line.

Thank you,
MA/II



Chirs,I made contact!

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> Just to let you know.....I made contact with my birth sibling last night. She had no idea about me but said her ESP told her their was "someone" out there. Her mother told her when she was 8 & in the 2th grade she was going to New York for some reason and would be gone for awhile and then must have been when she went to Charleston for the full pregnancy. She was very ecstatic and quite dramatic from all this..more so than I was. We talked some about my birthmother and her relationship's and that I was a "love child" from someone she never married. But we are going to try & contact him. She isnt very fond of him as he must have abused her at some time. We talked for about 45 minutes about other things and all in all it was a great talk. She does have lots of problems. Has had a few mental breakdowns. I'm a little nerveous about us meeting

towards the end of August but we are going to talk several more times before then. I didnt give her my address or phone number for safety untill she has the full understanding I need to keep this from my Mom & Dad until I'm ready for them to know. Chris.....do the majority of your clients tell their adoptive parents about their findings? Thanks again for all your help.....Richard

RB/NC



Hello Chris well what can I say we sent her a few letters she is keeping in contact with the next to oldest brother and she has requested for him to make copies and pass them on to us.

She has opened up to us and shared some of her childhood which doesn't sound very good and also ask for pictures and we all sent them she said that we can feel free to write her however, because the family is so large she will send all responses to him and he forwards it.

We have only received 2 letters no phone calls yet I she wants to be the first to call and we are honoring her wishes. He may get to see her this month he is going on a business trip to mass and is going to ask to see her if only for a brief visit.

She sent us pictures she look like her mom. (my mother in law) which is her birth mom recently wrote a letter and poured out her heart because she is having a lot of trouble understanding why she out of all the children was given out for adoption which we told mom that this was to be expected. Just be honest with her about her feelings and what happened with the biological father which is the same for all kids does not acknowledge that the child is his. We have asked him to do a Dna test and he has not answered. Is their any way with just knowing the kids and mother and fathers blood type to prove this is his child? Any idea's?

She has some health concerns and said she does NOT share our enthusiasm about locating her after all these years she said it may have been different if she was a lot younger and not married. We take it one day at a time and share with her about all of our lives and try to build on that , what took 43 years to now find her will take a while to establish a relationship. Any feedback would be helpful. Thanks again for all your genuine help and concern.

TY/PA

Chris,

THANK YOU SOOOOO Much! Very interesting stuff I must say. I just want you to know that I will, no doubt, be recommending your services to any and all. Thanks again and God Bless You!

MS/NY

<< Dear Chris,

Thank you for the follow-up information.

I have grown tremendously as a person following my reunion and I hope to publish some books to assist birth parents in the introducing of adoption to their adoptive children....keep your fingers crossed for me..this is quite new territory. I have the feeling of giving back to the "community" of adoptees and I still feel a sense of my purpose is related to this part of my life. This has been extremely freeing and gratifying for me and I will always be grateful to you and your staff for providing the services you do to the adoption community. My biological mother became very "focused" on me as our relationship began to grow. She seem to begin the parental relationship but at a very beginning stage, which for a 36 year old woman was a bit much. My independent nature also meant that I wasn't a "dependent" person by nature and this also complicated the relationship. I will be visiting the area she lives this summer and I will place a call to her to have coffee if she likes. I will always feel this search was a successful one for all involved. Knowing is always better than speculating.....

If you ever need an endorsement, please do not hesitate to use my name and new number as references.

MG/NY