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The successful search that you were able to accomplish has changed the lives of so many people. My birthmother, who never stopped grieving over the loss of her child after being coerced into relinquishment in 1962, finally found peace of mind when we were reunited 39 years later. She died 6 years after our reunion, but thankfully we had time to get to know one another. I hate to think of the implications of just a few more years of fruitless searching on my own before contacting you.

You also located my birthfather who didn't even know of my existence. Although he didn't deny the possibility of being my father, he couldn't confirm it either, so we had DNA testing which proved paternity. As you can see from the pictures, I have two sets of half sisters - and coincidentally both sets of sisters are the same ages! A third daughter on my b-father's side passed away just a few months after our reunion, so again the timing was critical and just a short time longer in my search would have meant I never knew her at all.

I live 900 miles from my birthfamily due to the fact that in order to hide her "shame" my birthmother was sent to stay with relatives and put me up for adoption far from home. The adoption was privately arranged by the relatives (one of whom was an administrator in the hospital where I was born) who specifically made a point of covering all the tracks. She was told, upon giving me up, that "there is no way she will ever find you". That was not what she desired, but what she was made to believe was in my best interest. My case seemed like a difficult one due to the fact that I had no information other than the date and city of my birth, and all the records were sealed. I had no success in many years of searching on my own. But you did it! I am grateful every day for the outcome in finding the truth about my past, making peace with the circumstances of my adoption, and most of all for the relationship with an entire family of wonderful people I might never have known.

It is hard to even find the words to say how grateful I am for what you have done. I was as skeptical as anyone could be when I first contacted you, but now I will gladly tell anyone who asks that you are 100% the real deal. Anyone can look at my pictures and see that this is a real reunion and you were the one who made this possible!

Best wishes, and thank you again for choosing to make it your life's work to reunite those of us separated by the circumstances of adoption. M

In a message dated 3/27/2010 1:18:01 PM Eastern Daylight Time,

I want to take this opportunity to share with you that I met my birth Mother yesterday; she welcomed me with open arms. We both felt an enormous weight lift from our hearts as we held each other with tears flowing.

I give great thanks to the Lord for this opportunity, to you & Scott for all the leg-work, and to my friend Phyllis Elmore who recommended such a fantastic agency who accomplish what I feared for so long was impossible. I will highly and positively recommend you to other adoptees; you can count on that!

May the Lord continue to richly bless you as you continue your mission and give hope [and joy] to so many of us.

C /NY

In a message dated 3/20/2010 12:10:07 PM Eastern Daylight Time,

(Quick reminder of who I am: the one whose birthmother, Gene, went to India as a missionary, and adopted 13 children there; birthfather Bill is into Christian devotional radio out of Florida)

I just got off the phone with JL (the woman who went to India with my birthmother), and came away with a little bit of additional info.

The reason only 11 children were mentioned in Gene's obituary is that 2 of them died before she did. Anand, the oldest (and the one closest to Gene), died the day Gene was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer - what an awful day that must have been for her (and J)! No other history of cancer in the family (other than mine!).

According to J, my mother loved (my birthfather) until the day she died - "I don't think she ever got over him".He has other children from his second marriage, and he visited G & J a few times over the years.

J had known about me, although the first words out of her mouth were "How did you find out about her? The records were supposed to be sealed!" I told her the internet has made things possible that weren't possible before, and she acknowledged that the internet has changed the world. After which, she answered all my questions and then some. She's promised to send me some old photos, including one of my birthfather that my mother kept on her dresser for all the years J knew her.

I'm sending her printouts of the pictures and articles I (mostly YOU, actually) found online.

I emailed my birthfather last week (his radio station has an email address for him), just saying I was hoping for some information on GL , without specifically stating that I'm his biological daughter. No reply back from him yet, but I'll give that time before following up.J tells me his wife has Alzheimer's, so he probably has a lot on his plate already.

Once again, thank you for all your hard work, and for providing me with so many answers!

R

In a message dated 3/27/2010 11:15:01 AM Eastern Daylight Time,

My name is Linda G and I used your services in 2004. You were successful at finding my birth mom and I am happy to say that I have a wonderful relationship with her and my extended family. Thank you again.

In a message dated 4/11/2010 3:35:15 PM Eastern Daylight Time,

Ms Lee, on behalf of Steven and myself we would like to thank you and the entire staff at kinsloving company for your help and professionalism , not only that your job was well done with perfection , you brought closer to a puzzle that was missing.We would also like to thank MS Patrica Morrison for giving us the information that we had needed to contacted your company.Once again thank you.

In a message dated 5/21/2010 4:04:44 PM Eastern Daylight Time,

Hi Chris,
I wanted to thank you for finding my maternal birthfamily (10/14/59F TX adoption search). I was sad to learn that my mother had passed away so many years ago, but I was thrilled to learn of my aunt still living in new Mexico. I have been in contact with her--have been out to meet her--and we are both overjoyed at the reunion.
Unfortunately, it appears that my mother never named my birthfather to anyone in the family--at least, not to my aunt's knowledge, or that she is able to communicate to me at this point. She does have some memory problems, but I have the feeling that if she knew anything else she would have told me at this point.
Would Kinsolving be able to undertake the search for my birthfather, even though I have no name, or any clue as to his identity?
I look forward to hearing from you.
Thank you again,

RL

Hi Chris,

Just wanted to let you know that 12 years later I still appreciate how quickly Kinsolving found my family. My adoptive sister (RR) still enjoys seeing her family as well. We were definitely able to have closure after so many years of wondering where we came from. I hope this email finds you in good health. If you would like to use me as a reference, I would be happy to speak with perspective clients.

PP
Bronx, NY

In a message dated 6/9/2010 7:30:49 AM Eastern Daylight Time,

Tuesday was my day to call.

Not sure if you want me to put details here or phone me?

I did phone call her, she was at work on lunch break, so I suggested to call her later in the evening. We talked about an hour; having my questions/statements written down in front of me was a huge help. C was very excited and open and just filled with questions.

Most intriguing facts she told me were that her mom did give her my letter on her 21st birthday; she tried the route of registry but had no luck.I gave her a contact person and number if she wanted to look into that.

Also, that when parents first picked her up at the hospital, one of the nurses let some info slip so parents knew my name was Teresa and they knew I was from Mullins. When my dad died a year ago, C's mother cut out obit from paper to show C because she felt strongly it was her real grandfather.

I left everything in her hands now- to process, to pray, to talk with her family/husband who was actually sitting there with her as we spoke, but to really consider what if any steps she wants to take. She mainly wants photos to know who she looks like.

Now, my task is to let my own children know. Any words of wisdom would be welcome!

Thank you again!

TC/SC

Sent: 2/25/2010 7:04:51 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
Subj: Thank You!

To all at Kinsolving,

How do I ever thank you all for that phone call 1 year ago tonight! You have changed my life so much. I love my new family & am so blessed. My heart goes out to all of you. It's been an absolutely wonderful year with many trips between FL & NY. I don't remember whether I sent you these photos from Ft Lauderdale: my brother Steve, my sister in the black top & me in the green sparkly top. The last photo is my birthmother & my sister. Think there's a resemblance! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!
What a rewarding job you have making people feel so full of emotion, happiness & their life complete.
Love,

EM/NY

Just wanted to let you guys know that I made contact with my birth mothers brother (L) and her sister (L). They were both very receptive and happy to hear from me. I spent about 45 minutes on the phone with each of them. L did know who my birth father was. She gave me his name, but he died July 27th. I got lots of information from both of them, and they want to meet me. I hope Chris is feeling better, and when she feels up to it I would love to share more with her.

Thank you so much!!
SKK/VA

In a message dated 7/31/2010 12:11:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time,

Thank you so much for this information. This is information that I never thought I would learn. You all are amazing. I am letting this all soak in now, and will try to make some form of contact with my birth mother in the near future. It is a lot to take in, but I am really excited. Thank you again, and I will keep you posted about how our contact goes.

MM/OH

Sent: Tue, Feb 16, 2010 5:38 pm
Subject: FW: 3/25/52F PA Adoption Search

Dear Chris Lee and Kinsolving staff,

I just wanted to let you know that I met my birthmother last weekend, and she had earlier sent me information as to the identity of my birthfather, who is deceased. We had a good meeting, and I also met my half-sister, with whom she lives. The information that you had given me showed that her first husband, to whom she was still married (but from her information, long separated) at the time of my birth was ELH. Most interestingly, my birthfather, also originally from the Fredonia, Pa, area, was DLL!! According to my birthmother, she and my birthfather later married in Idaho in the early 70's, but the marriage did not last and they divorced, after which she married AJ, (also now deceased) in Idaho.

I have a wealth of information to digest, but just wanted to say thanks!

JK/PA

My name is Ny, you did a search for me a few weeks ago, and found several living relatives. You also gave me the first name of a man who was presumably my father (JF). I have been in touch with my siblings, brother and sister whose names you provided for me. My sister J says that JF is probably also her father as she has a birth certificate with his name listed as father. She was adopted by the man our mother married. That would make her my full sister rather than half sister, and since there's 9 years difference in our ages we strongly suspect there are other siblings, perhaps with the same parentage. She has no information about Jf, so our question is, are you able to find out any more about who JF was with no information other than the name of the woman he was probably married to, perhaps for quite a few years? I am most appreciative of the information you recently gave me, wish I had contracted your help a lot sooner; but better now than later.
Thanks,

NY/NE

In a message dated 3/16/2010 2:39:07 PM Eastern Daylight Time,

You found my son at the end of January, 2007. I will be eternally grateful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

EF

In a message dated 3/16/2010 11:02:36 AM Eastern Daylight Time,
Chris -

The following is a link to pictures from a brunch my wife and I attended with our son last month: <http://m1e.net/c?116376995-xbFGwwvy6P931M%405586270-2rWsm2LOnmx1w>
I met my birth aunts (my birth mother's sisters), my three birth cousins (and their husbands/boyfriends), as well as my birth cousin Leah's newborn, Finley (she was born in December). We had a great time -- it was amazing meeting everyone, and everyone was excited to meet me and my family. One of my birth aunts remarked to my wife in a private moment that I look exactly like my maternal birth grandfather. We all look forward to seeing one another again soon.

Thank you again for your help in finding my birth family.

All the best,

SS

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