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Hi Christine,

I just wanted to take a minute and write you regarding the search you conducted for me in September 2007.

I started looking into finding my birth son approximately 7 years ago...

I did some research on my own and signed up for all of the national adoption registries in hopes he would be looking for me.

Well, as time went on and I got more and more desperate to find him, I started looking into hiring an agency to find him. There are very few agencies that will actually conduct a search for a birthparent, however, I did find 3, including your firm. I was somewhat apprehensive about hiring an agency, especially after everything I had read on-line regarding scams, however, after conversing with your firm for approximately 2 years, I decided to hire you. I signed the contracts with your agency on my sons 22nd birthday 9/5/2007.

Well, the following day, I received a call that you had located him! Everything I had tried for 7 years, your firm had accomplished in 1 day! When I got the call, I almost drove off the road...I was in such shock and disbelief...I actually remember asking if your sure you had the right child since the information I was able to provide you was so vague. Once I received the full information from you, I chose to sit on it...it took me 1 year to work up the courage to contact him. For his 23rd birthday, I mailed him a letter and a photo album letting him know who we are.

I'm happy to let you know that he was very interested in meeting me along with his brothers/sister. Within 1 week of mailing the package to the address you provided to me, I received a letter and a picture back from him! Turns out he lived 10 minutes away from me, we met each other on September 20, 2007 and it was much better than I could have ever hoped for!

Today, almost 2 years later, I am happy to report that he and I have a wonderful relationship, we see each other about once a week and have grown very close to one another. In addition, when we met, he was engaged and I was fortunate enough to attend his wedding a year ago August, so now I also have a wonderful daughter-in-law.

Thank you for providing the services that you do, without them,
I would not have ever found the missing piece in my life.
I am now truly complete.
You are more than welcome to use my email in your
newsletters/publications.

Your honest, courteous, professional approach to a very emotional journey
earns you my highest recommendation.
Best Regards, DC

Thank you Chris. This part of my life, the adoption, the pain, the
recovery and this wonderful feeling of finally being able to connect
totally with my purpose in life is what I hope this little letter comes
across. I hope others will see that even after 40yrs, moms just don't
give up on their kids.

It took me 40 years to be able to say I was his mom, and when I said it,
it felt wonderful.
Let me know if you will be sending it to your newsletter. I truly hope
your business continues to have such great success and wish I knew how to
help.

You have given me my life back and I will be eternally grateful for this.
I seriously am writing this book, and would like your permission to put
your information for search in it.
Let me know how you feel about this.

Thanks again, isn't my son beautiful....?
AB

Christine,

I would love to share my story but my story hasn't had a very happy
ending and so I am not sure it would be helpful to others. When I
initially contacted the child I'd given up our interaction went well.
I am in Maryland and he's in NC. He came to visit met my other children
and we communicated via phone for a while.
And then without warning he cut off all communication. Wouldn't return
my calls and actually changed his phone number. All without warning, no
discussion just totally cut me off. While it hurts me not knowing
why...I am okay with it. I am thankful to know that he's alive and well.
And I do thank you and your company for finding him and for providing
your service the way you did. I did contact two other search
organizations and paid money to one with no results. If you think my
story would be helpful I am happy to share.

CDA

I contacted Kinsolving on the recommendation of a friend who had had a very positive experience with them. I liked that I was told up front that they thought they could help me – and I got the feeling that they would have told me truthfully if that were not the case.

The process was simple. Waiting for the results was hard. But when I got the results, the contact information for my birth mother and father was 100% accurate I was even able to use court information provided by Kinsolving to read their divorce.

I don't know how the people at Kinsolving do what they do, but the results for me (and my friend) were exactly as expected, and much more.

I was grateful to have some of my questions answered – and then to be able to decide what to do from there myself. Regards and thank you again. CM

8/25/10

I paid OT to find my birth mother. I cant remember how much it was but I know it made me sick to my stomach after I made the pre payment by phone. I filled out the packet they sent that day I got it and sent everything right out. That was just the beginning of the waiting game where you can only inquire so often like once a month only to hear no news. I was told they were working on it, there is a process, There are different investigators that do different aspects and they pass the file down.

After 2 years I got nothing. Not a single clue. I researched that 2 years also and never could get any closer and the gate keeper at DCF wouldn't give me a hint. It is no game. If someone isn't looking for you it is supper tough to draw a name out of thin air.

I called kinsolving and talked to Chris. I wouldn't have paid her a dime up front (after being ripped off once) but sent her my info and she gave me a quote. I was blown away by the price but i have searched for 18 years driving all around Florida following bad leads. I drove 3 hours to my birth county Ocala when I was 18 to search high school year books, hospitals, etc and nothing. I had nothing to lose.

I agreed to pay kinsolving with their terms which was pay only after they

find. Anyway a week after calling Kinsolving I received a call from Chris saying my search was complete. I was really sceptical and paid a detective here a day to research them before I just wired them money. This was too good to be true I thought. My detective found no bad things on Kinsolving and I asked Chris you know how do you know it's the correct info and she kinda laughed and was like "I haven't got one wrong yet"

I wired the money rather (deposited in their account) and emailed Chris a picture of the deposit from my cell. I waited it seemed for ever. I was sunk. Then that night at like 9PM the email arrived. I had my mother's name Robin and turns out she was in prison for marijuana there and from Maryland and after her release she never came back. and unfortunately "MY MOTHER HAD PASSED AWAY" 1 YEAR EARLIER... 1 YEAR AFTER I PAID OT FOR NOTHING.

I received a lot of info on my family, family history, and phone numbers of living relatives.

Please do not pay OT or anyone else up front, there is no one else that can do this for you any cheaper than Kinsolving and no one that will work harder than someone that has to produce to get paid!

How much is it worth? Kinsolving only takes money after they find your lost one and it's probably 15- 20 percent more but you will not be taken.

I flew to Calif. 2 months ago at 32 years old to meet my uncle, my first blood relative ever who happened to have photos, over 30 letters from my mother in prison and hours and hours of video from teens to her 40s.(go figure) Since I have met other uncles and cousins, found out I'm related to a famous Civil War General. My mother wanted to find me but wasn't computer savvy. Take a look at Baltimore's county website the whole place is living in the 80s (ha ha). Anyway I've been wanting to thank Chris and her crew it's been like 9 months now. I can never thank you enough.

Sent: Sun, Aug 22, 2010 11:19 pm
Subject: Finding my Birthmother story
Earlier this year in 2010, Kinsolving found my Birthmother in one day. I was astounded. She lived 30 minutes away from me. She lived 20 minutes away from the home where I grew up with my adoptive parents.

I decided to do this for myself for my 50th birthday in March. I knew

very little about my Birthmother but I knew time was not on my side anymore, and it may have already been too late. I had the usual fears about what could happen, both good and bad.

My Birthmother was dying of leukemia when she was located. Her name was Dorothy, she was 73 years old. I spoke to her on the phone, as well as her sister that was living with her. The phone call did not go the way I had hoped, in fact it was pretty bad. She did not want to see me. She was so sick, she was not in the best frame of mind for this conversation. She had never married, and never had any other children. Dorothy and her sister were very uneducated, very poor, and were alone together in the world. They had really hard lives.

I had always assumed and hoped that she had married and had other children and had a good life. I had worried about not wanting to cause her problems if I had found her, but now I found she had always been alone and I could have been there for her if I had found her sooner. I sent her and her sister each a nice flower arrangement and I put a picture of me in the one for my mother so she could see what I looked like. I had given her sister my phone number and told her she could call me also. I didn't hear from them and I figured that was it.

About a month later my Birthmother's sister, Margaret, called me out of the blue and told me her sister had died. She had died at home 8 days after I had called. We talked for quite a while. She told me they were very happy to get the flowers from me and my mother was so happy to have gotten the picture of me.

Margaret was scared and lonely and wanted to get to know me. I ended up going to the house they lived in and saw where my mother lived and grew up in. Margaret totally accepts me as her niece like I was always there.

I also have three cousins, one female and two male all in their 50's from another sister of theirs who passed away. We all started talking on the phone and sending e-mails and exchanging pictures of our lives. They had pictures of my mother for me. I got to see what my mother looked like after all. They too have all accepted me like I have always been there. My female cousin and her daughter in Texas, asked us to come down and meet them and stay at their house, and we did! We went there in May and had a great time. It was like we've always known each other. The male cousins live near me in Michigan. One lives 10 minutes away, and the other lives 45 minutes away. We see each other also. The house my cousins grew up in was only 15 minutes away from the house I grew up in, and they looked the same.

We all have so much in common it's crazy. There's not many people left of my mother's family anymore, but they are great and I am so happy I found them. They have all accepted me and my daughter. They all tell me I look a lot like my mother, and that some things I say and do remind them of her. They have all told me about her life. The most important thing I learned about her was that she was a really good woman. She always helped people, and she took good care of her sister who fully depended on her. Even though I didn't get to meet her, and even though the phone call didn't go the way I hoped, I got the chance to say some things to her. I told her that I always loved her. She got to hear that from me before she died.

LM.

Chris, hi,
As my bio son and I move closer to understanding each other after 3 yrs, and after a rocky start, I was just reminded of a blunder I made that I thought I'd pass it on to you and your readers.

Because I was concerned that my bio son might not accept me (expecting that he had probably accomplished much by the time I found him), I put together a tidy list of personal and professional accomplishments intended to convince him that I was worth knowing (starting out an abused, pregnant teenage runaway to eventually becoming a self-sufficient, degreed professional).
I also wanted him to understand my reasons for choosing adoption for him (that I was not in the same place then as I am now).

During our first couple conversations we eventually discussed his growing up, and then my life events, and out came the nervous speech I had prepared.

At the end of my little speech my bio son replied emphatically after a brief silence, "Well I'm glad your life turned out so well without me!"

Gulp. That was an unexpected response and I realized I had sent an unintended "additional" message. I felt terrible. I had to do damage control by explaining my real intent, and then I didn't allow it to "set the tone" of future conversations.

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wish now that I had simply said that I was able to "make good from a rocky start" and then let the conversation go wherever it went thereafter.

I think it's ok to want to be accepted but impossible to predict how others will receive our messages, so I'm glad Kinsolving gives us the opportunity to share with and learn from one another's reunion experiences. Thanks for allowing me to share my blunder.

CJ in Phoenix