

Our adoption experience

I could sum up our adoption experience in one word: "SUPERB!" From our first telephone call to the Goldstein's, to the moment we held our little boy in our arms five minutes after his birth, everything went so smoothly. And it all happened so fast. We spoke with Joy and Michael Goldstein in December (long distance from Europe), got started on our home study program and preparation of materials, and went on-line (as advised) with Parent Profiles in the beginning of May. Within 2 weeks we had our first "hit," which did not work out. But by July we were talking to 3 different birthmothers, all very much interested in us as a prospective couple to adopt their as yet unborn child. And when we finally made our choice (it was terrific to have had the ability to choose) they handled all the details. They even had to arrange a new transmission for the birthparents car!

I have saved the e-mail from the Goldstein's when they first heard from the birthparents who were the ones who gave us their newborn baby boy. While there were emotional highs and lows during the entire process, looking back on it at this point three years later, we can say that it all went so easy. They had told us in the beginning that if we were patient they could guarantee (what a word for an attorney!) a baby. Joy and Michael led us through all the steps with the support of a warm, caring, and knowledgeable office staff. We never felt as if we were on our own. They were always an e-mail or telephone call away. And all went so perfectly well after the birth, with their help arranging for a passport within 2 weeks so we could all return home to Europe.

And of course, our little guy has changed our life, bringing us closer with family and friends, and giving us a new perspective on what is truly important. While the process and all the details appeared daunting at first, the fact of having made the perfect choice for an adoption support team in Joy and Michael made the process so much easier. We are, and always will be, grateful for the guidance, care, personal attention, and hand-holding that Joy and Michael provided us before, during, and after the adoption.

Richard and Florence