



# RAISE the DOUGH

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We raise funds for **ADOPTION** because no child should be without a parent.



## a word from the **FOUNDER**

## UPCOMING DATES

### Why Adoption?

I am so grateful to see all that has been accomplished already in 2017. Our amazing volunteers and board members have rallied around the mission of the organization in a beautiful way. We had a great turnout at our annual fundraiser, providing us the opportunity to meet with many of our donors, make some new friends, visit with our sponsored families, and meet some of the children who have been recently adopted into a forever family. It is a joy to see how this organization is bringing about some significant change in the lives of these dear families in our community.

A friend of mine recently asked, "Why do you do this?" The question was aimed at better understanding why we've chosen to go through the struggle of starting an organization, taking on the challenge of fundraising for others and focusing specifically on adoption. There are many causes out there...many non-profits doing some amazing work and all vying for attention. So why adoption?

Adoption is a beautiful picture of the type of love we've received from God. In fact, I believe adoption is the heartbeat of the very one who creates hearts. In the new testament, we read

in multiple places that though we were born into sin, God adopted<sup>1</sup> us as sons and daughters through the death and resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ. Undeserving of his love and favor, He chose to pursue us. And if that weren't enough, we learn in the book of Ephesians<sup>2</sup> that this was part of His plan all along.

Another verse that fuels much of what we do comes from the book of James.<sup>3</sup> In that letter we're told, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

You see, adoption is not only important to the child being adopted, but to the family taking a child in. It's significant in the lives of the friends and family of those choosing to adopt. It is integral to the mission of the church and is significant in the life of the community at large. Adoption gives us a tangible picture of the very heart of God. We do this because we believe adoption matters. Thank you for being a part of this mission. We may never truly know the full impact of this pursuit together.

by **Tobias Forshtay**

<sup>1</sup>Romans 8:15, Romans 9:4, Galatians 4:5;  
<sup>2</sup>Ephesians 1:5; <sup>3</sup>James 1:27

**Annual Walk for Life Donut Dash**  
**Heartline Pregnancy Center K21 Pavilion**  
 October 21

**Get to know Raise the Dough**  
**Christ's Covenant Church**  
 November 2

**World Adoption Day**  
 November 9

**National Adoption Month\***  
 November 18

\*November is National Adoption Awareness Month. You may notice an increase in national adoption communication and activity. We also plan to do an annual "Get To Know" us event.



## plan your **GIFTING**

Do you plan your giving? Many families will prayerfully consider which organizations to budget giving to over the course of a year. That helps ensure that donors and recipients of these gifts can count on them, giving organizations the confidence to plan and make commitments throughout the year. We're blessed to have a few reoccurring gifts and would like to ask you: Would you consider budgeting a monthly gift to Raise the Dough in 2018? Raise the Dough, Inc. is a 501c3 organization and all donations are tax deductible. You can give electronically through our website at [raisethedough.org](http://raisethedough.org) or by mail at P.O. Box 256, Warsaw, IN 46581. Checks should be made payable to Raise the Dough, Inc. Thanks!



## 3 adopted in 2017!

In our inaugural May 2017 newsletter, we had just witnessed the completion of our first sponsored adoption in 2017. At that time we were still working with a couple families who were in the final stages of completing their adoptions. It's with great joy that we can now say that we've been blessed to participate in seeing 2 additional children adopted this year. Thank you for your continued support in making these adoptions possible for families in this community. We hope that you were able to join us at our fundraising event to meet these wonderful parents and their children at Doughnut Day 2017. If not, perhaps you'll be able to do so at an upcoming event. Please give some praise over these new successful adoptions and hold these other sponsored families in prayer as we join with them in their journey.

### **Morrow Family**

Brennan adopted in October 2015

### **Clothier Family**

Toban adopted in July 2016

### **Roman Family**

Poppy adopted in February 2017

### **Hand Family**

Shiloh adopted in March 2017

### **Green Family**

Evelyn adopted in May 2017

### **Actively Supporting**

**Gillette Family**

**Flamm Family**

**Manduka Family**

**Snider Family**

**Warren Family**

If you know of a local family that we can help support, please direct them to our website where you can complete an application for assistance and help get us connected. We have some lofty goals over the years to come and would count it a blessing to be introduced to more families in-need.



## VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Raise the Dough, Inc. is an organization that exists only because of the many volunteer hours gifted to the organization throughout the year. As we're operating out of homes, coffee shops, and libraries throughout Warsaw, Raise the Dough has little overhead costs. That enables us to bless families with the lion's share of our gifts received.

Would you consider volunteering? There are many opportunities to do so; whether at an event or a few hours a week, we have administrative, finance, and marketing needs to be met even today. If you are gifted in one of these areas and would consider blessing our organization with your talents, please send an email with your contact info and area of interest to [info@raisethedough.org](mailto:info@raisethedough.org) today.