

*Letter From Adoptive Family to Birth Family*

*(names changed to protect confidentiality)*

*Maria, today is both an ending and a beginning. Today is the end of your journey to bring Daniel into this world. Today is the beginning of our commitment to raise Daniel to the best of our abilities. We promise to love Daniel as much as we know you do. We promise that we will never forget the incredible sacrifices you made in order to give Daniel the life you wanted him to have. We promise to share with Daniel your courage, strength, and selflessness.*

*As Daniel grows, we promise to remember the example you have set and to always put his interests first. We know, and promise with all of our heart that Daniel will receive the gift that you intended him to have. Daniel is perfect for us, and we thank God for bringing all of us together.*

*We would like to express our joy to you through words, though there are none that could accurately convey our feelings, and the respect and gratitude we have for you and the difficult decisions you have made. When we began this adventure a few months ago, we didn't know that there was even the slightest possibility of finding a birthmother that would exceed our every hope, dream, and expectation we had regarding adoption. We decided early on that the only way to proceed was to open our hearts, and trust that God would guide us through this new adventure. His answer was to send us a wonderful angel named Maria. You not only took away our hesitation and fear, but through your courage and actions have taught us even when life takes an unfortunate turn, we can trust that everything will happen the way it was meant to happen. You will always have a place in our hearts and you will always be welcome in our home.*

*Today, we begin the next leg of our journey with this miracle, Daniel Christian. We will do our best to provide for Daniel, to ensure he has a safe, happy home, a strong education, and a loving family. We will do our best to be good parents and the best "big sister".*

*With all of our hearts*

*Doug, Karen, and Jill*