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Adoption

For Amanda and Doug, the road to bringing a child into their lives was a long one, but one well worth the journey. After deciding to adopt, the couple wound up half a world away in Kazakhstan where they finally met Joseph, a seven-month-old child in need of a loving home.

“We really feel that we were destined to have Joseph as our child,” Amanda says. “We feel it was part of a larger plan, if you will, and that Joseph was always meant to be ours.”

After Amanda and Doug decided adoption was the right option for them in building a family, they didn't know where to begin the maze of complicated procedures to complete an adoption. Then they heard Anne Pearce, the Board of Child Care's Director of Adoption Services, speak to a fertility support group, and so began their relationship with BCC, which has stuck by them throughout the adoption process.



While Amanda and Doug used an adoption agency located

outside their home state of Maryland for placement services, BCC provided a free initial consultation about the couple's adoption options, and supplied a packet of informational materials and articles that became the couple's "bible." When Amanda and Doug needed a licensed agency within Maryland to complete their home study, they turned to BCC. And when unexpected glitches occurred during their wait for a child, BCC was there to offer support, including help finding a second adoption agency to work with when they became unhappy with the first.

When Amanda and Doug finally brought Joseph home in May 2007, BCC was again there to guide them through the process, providing post-adoption support and advice, such as how to talk with people about their adoption, how to eventually explain the adoption to Joseph, and how to continue bonding with their new son.

“The Board of Child Care has just been fantastic and a great resource in assisting us with questions and concerns,” says Amanda. And Joseph? “He's an amazing little boy. We are so blessed to have him in our lives.”

