



ADOPTION BY GENTLE CARE

Serving as a partner in creating and sustaining nurturing families

July 31, 2020

Adoption by Gentle Care was founded in 1985 with a mission to create and sustain families. Over the past 35 years, we've had the immeasurable pleasure of creating more than 2,100 families while also advocating for and supporting expectant parents and birth parents who made the selfless choice of making an adoption plan for their baby. But, 2020 has been exceptionally difficult for many organizations, especially small, non-profits like AGC. So, it is with heavy hearts that we announce that Adoption by Gentle Care has made the difficult decision to close its doors.

As part of winding down our day-to-day operations, we've spent the last several weeks helping our Waiting Families explore options for continuing their adoption journeys and transitioning open home studies to other licensed agencies. In the course of this process, we found an amazing ally in Open Arms Adoptions. In addition to working with a number of our Waiting Families, they have generously agreed to assume the care and custody of all AGC's closed adoption files, as required by the Ohio Revised Code. We are pleased to announce that, as part of that responsibility, the OAA team will continue to facilitate post-placement communication for all Placed Families and Birth Parents who depend on the agency as the channel for those important relationships. We encourage all Placed Families to abide by the agreements they made with their Birth Parent(s) at the time of placement, as our closure and the transfer of files do not alter that agreement in any way.

All Placed Family/Birth Parent correspondence can be mailed to:

Open Arms Adoptions
9205 State Route 43, #208
Streetsboro, OH 44241

For **all other inquiries related to your closed adoption files**, you can continue to contact the Open Arms team through AGC's phone number and email:

(614) 469-0007 or info@adoptgentlecare.com

We understand that everyone's path to adoption is deeply personal and that you chose to work with Adoption by Gentle Care after careful consideration. It has been our great honor to work with each and every one of you, and we are deeply saddened that our agency can no longer be a part of your family's journey.

Sincerely,

Sarah Callihan
President, Board of Directors
Adoption by Gentle Care

Trina Saunders, LSW
Executive Director
Adoption by Gentle Care