ADOPTION PAYMENT AGREEMENT

APPLICATION OR ACTIVATION FEE: $500

There are no additional fees due until you are matched with a birthmother.

HOME STUDY FEE: (FUNDS ARE PAID AT THE TIME OF SERVICE AND ARE NON-REFUNDABLE)

- Home Study- We do home studies anywhere in Utah for $850. The fee should be paid prior to the initial home visit or given to the Social Worker at the time of the visit. If travel is greater than 50 miles, mileage will be added.
- Home Studies from other Agencies- If your home study is current, and meets all Heart to Heart Adoption standards, we accept it from other agencies. All supporting documents are needed including BCI and references.
- If the home study is out of date but less than 2 years old, we will update it for $250.
- If the home study is more than 2 years old, we will redo it for $450.
- Post placement visits- We do post placement visits for $150 per visit. We require 2-3 post placement visits on all placements done through the agency. We will do post placements visits for all in state placements. Families living more than 50 miles from the agency will be asked to assist in travel expenses.

TOTAL AGENCY FEES: $46,000 without an Adoption Grant. This is a flat fee that covers all services provided by Heart to Heart Adoptions including services and costs related to caring for the birthmother. Following is a list of those services. This is not an inclusive list of all services provided. In addition, not all services are provided to in each situation.

BIRTH PARENTS SERVICES:

Covers the services that may be provided to Birth Parents. Including but not limited to:

- Advertising, attainment of birthparents.
- Continuously available phone support, adoption planning, and coordination.
- Grief counseling, and Group classes.
- Counseling, adoption related and life counseling, mental health therapy.
- Assistance with public services when available and appropriate.
- Housing, utilities, phone services, maintenance, security, furniture.
- Food, clothing.
- Travel or interstate transportation.
- Case-manager support, medical coordination, and in state transportation.
- Support and financial assistance during post placement confinement period.

AGENCY FEE AND ADOPTIVE FAMILY SERVICES:

Covers agency overhead and business-related costs as well as the services that may be provided to adoptive parents.

- Adoptive family application and file set-up.
- Adoptive family education and support.
- Presentation to and match with birthparents, support of match.
- Support of adoptive family in hospital and coordination with medical services.
- Relinquishment of parental rights and placement with adoptive parents.
- Notification of birth father/husband if needed, paternity search(s).
- Completion of Interstate Compact for Placement of Children, as needed for interstate placements.
- Monitoring of post placement supervision.
- Reduction of financial risk.
- Court order of Determination of Parental rights when using Utah law.
- Coordination with adoptive family legal advisor.
- Representation at finalization (Utah) or agency consent for finalization (out of state).
- Coordination between adoptive parents and birthparents for exchange of information.
- This includes all overhead and business-related costs and those services listed below. It is occasionally necessary to subcontract some of these services to other providers.

Adoption Grants

Families with limited funds may apply for an agency grant to offset the cost of their adoption. Grants will be awarded based on need and availability of funds. We strongly encourage families with adequate funds for their adoption to contribute to the grant fund, particularly after they have adopted. These contributions will assist other families with less resources to adopt.

Third Party Expenses

MEDICAL EXPENSES: (Funds may be at risk)

Medical expenses are the responsibility of the adoptive family. About 60% of our birthparents require help with their medical expenses. When appropriate, the agency will assist birthmothers to enroll in Medicaid or private insurance but cannot guarantee it will apply.

If the delivery is in Utah, the agency has arranged for discounts from most medical providers if Medicaid or private insurance are not available. All medical expenses must be paid at the time of placement to receive the medical discount. With the discount, in Utah, a normal delivery costs $3,000 to $10,000. We have no arrangements with any hospitals outside of Utah, so all cost will need to be negotiated with the hospital by the adoptive family if the birth mother and child are not on Medicaid or private insurance.

LEGAL EXPENSES: (Funds will be at risk)

In Utah the legal paperwork is done by the agency with, the exception of terminating the birthfather rights. Part of that process may require that an attorney obtain a "Determination of Paternal Rights". If this is required, there will be an addition cost of about $800-1500.

For out of state placements, we will contract with an attorney or an agency that can assist with that process. Legal expenses are the responsibility of the adoptive family. In some states we are licensed or can take relinquishment ourselves. We still we charge a legal fee to cover the cost of travel expenses as legal fees.

You will also need legal counsel to finalize the adoption. Utah laws allow families from other states to finalize in Utah with an FBI clearance if either the child was born here, or the adoptive family is a resident of Utah. If you are interested in finalizing here please let us know.

ICWA – Indian Child Welfare Act. In some cases where the birth mother and or father are part Native American or Alaskan Village tribe additional court costs of about $4,500 will be incurred. The birth mother must appear before a judge ten day after the birth.

FAILED PLACEMENT POLICY: 10% OF FUNDS ARE AT RISK

1. **Heart to Heart Adoptions, Inc. does not offer refunds.**

2. **If, before the time of relinquishment and placement, either the birthparents or the adoptive family choose not to move forward with the adoption, 10% of the total fee will be used to help cover expenses incurred by the agency. The remaining 90% of the total fee may be applied or rolled over to a new situation with Heart to Heart Adoptions, Inc.**

3. If the child is placed in your home, and later removed, no fees will be refunded or rolled over.

We have read the above payment agreement and failed placement policy. We understand that we will be required to sign an Adoption Services Financial Contract at the time a family match is completed in consideration for services rendered by Heart to Heart Adoptions.

PARENT 1_____ **DATE:**_____

PARENT 2_____ **DATE:**_____

☐ We/I give expressed consent that our/my name serves as an electronic signature.