

A FEW WORDS FROM AN

ADOPTIVE FAMILY

We asked one of our adoptive families to share their thoughts during Adoption Awareness Month.



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These responses are from a two parent family in the process of adopting a boy with special needs who is nearly six years old. Names are withheld to protect their privacy.

What led you to decide to adopt a child from a Children's Aid Society?

We chose to adopt a child from a Children's Aid Society as we recognized there were many children waiting for permanent homes, right in Ontario.

How has the experience of adoption changed or enriched your life?

Becoming parents through adoption has enriched our lives significantly. We have had the opportunity to connect and form a new community with other adoptive and foster parents. We have partnered with some amazing professionals who genuinely care about and advocate for our son and his needs.

What has been the most challenging part of adopting?

Adoption is a long process and quite time-consuming, in a variety of ways. It also requires a large commitment from a prospective adoptive family.

How do you help your adopted child understand their identity?

Openness in adoption is so important. Our son maintains a strong connection with his siblings, despite living in a separate home from them. We strive to help our son make connections with individuals from a similar cultural background and actively seek out advice about practices we are unfamiliar with (eg. hair/skin care).

What advice would you give to someone considering adopting a child from Peel CAS?

If you have ever considered adoption, don't let fear stand in your way! Be open to learning about a child or children who may be quite different than what you envisioned, for your family. Adoption is a journey and we are constantly learning.

Thank you to all our adoptive families for welcoming children and youth into their lives. We are grateful to all our families for helping to create permanency for our children in care.

