



MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

As March comes to a close, we are reflecting on a group of people close to our mission and our hearts, because this month has been National Social Work Month! Join us below as we dive further into this topic.

A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Every Tuesday, Chosen's care managers meet as a group to discuss and counsel through the greatest challenges they are navigating with families. Every time I am blessed to sit in on this, I am awed by their commitment.

Many of our care managers have backgrounds in social work. They have come to Chosen after observing the heartache that is so often present in the child welfare system. They are developing their careers on a foundation of compassion and service. They demonstrate immeasurable love for people who are hurting.

At Chosen, **we walk alongside our families** and this approach allows our care managers to develop deep, authentic relationships with the parents and children served. They use their social work expertise to establish trust and effectively serve our families, by helping them uncover their strengths and address areas in their lives that require attention.

March is Social Work Awareness Month—an opportunity to celebrate the extraordinary work these

individuals do on a daily basis. At Chosen, they are defending children who cannot advocate for themselves. Across our communities, they are working tirelessly to positively impact vulnerable populations. **The compassion exhibited by social workers is a reminder that there is goodness and light in the world, and we are grateful for them!**

As March draws to an end, take an opportunity today to thank a social worker for the hope and healing they are bringing to our community. And in the meantime, we also thank YOU for the role you play in facilitating the great work being done. Without your support, it wouldn't be possible!

With deep gratitude,



Jenni Lord | Chosen Care
Chief Executive Officer

Resources

Hurting families often need more than knowledge to get them through difficult times—they need a relentless team surrounding them with care and support. When families work with Chosen, they have a care manager who will do *whatever it takes* to help them heal, including providing resources tailored to their unique needs.

Check out a list of resources below, recommended by our care managers:

- **Teaching Self-Regulation Blog**
- **Teaching Self-Regulation Tool**
- **Parenting Endurance**
- **Understanding Our Senses**

Be sure to check out all other Chosen resources at www.chosen.care!

A CHOSEN STORY: JASON'S STORY

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EVERY CHILD NEEDS A FAMILY



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Ashley and Cody always knew they wanted to adopt a child--their hearts were full of love to give. So when the time was right, they discussed the decision as a family, coordinated with CPS, and went through all necessary training. When 12-year-old Jason joined their family, they felt prepared.

However, they didn't foresee the educational difficulties Jason would face, and they certainly did not expect COVID-19 to interrupt school, work, and life in general.

Wondering if anyone would be able to help them put Jason on a path to healing, Ashley and Cody turned to Chosen for a partner on this journey.

Read the family's full story [here](#).

The first three months of 2021 have been busy for Chosen, and our team is growing rapidly! Let's give a warm welcome to:

Bethany Hall



Bethany Hall has joined Chosen's team as a Care Manager and Intake Specialist.

Bethany Hall is a licensed family nurse practitioner specializing in Complex Developmental Trauma (CDT). You can read more about Bethany [here](#).

Denisse Warshak

Denisse Warshak has joined Chosen's team as a Bilingual Interpreter.



Denisse was born in Mexico, has a history in special education and church leadership. She has a deep passion for serving others. You can read more about Denisse [here](#).

Faith Little



Faith Little has joined Chosen's team as Administrative Coordinator.

After working with children through college, Faith feels a deep connection to children who have experienced trauma. You can read more about Faith [here](#).

Morgan Bradbury



Morgan Bradbury has joined Chosen's team as Mission Advancement Coordinator.

Morgan has dedicated her career to the service of others and is passionate about ensuring the betterment of our community. You can read more about Morgan [here](#).

CHOSEN BOARD UPDATES



Bo Carrington has joined Chosen's Board. Bo comes to the board with extensive experience in executive coaching, consulting and nonprofit service.



Lorraine Martinez has also joined the Chosen Board. She brings with her a wealth of experience in child welfare, foster care, and healthcare.

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Have you committed to being part of the healing in 2021?

By joining our community of monthly donors, you can help Chosen bring hope into homes across the country! Committing to automated giving is fast and easy, and will ensure that Chosen can continue to provide services to every hurting family who comes to us.

Monthly commitments of **any amount** can be made [here](#).

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