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As we approach our 112th Gala celebration, we want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support year after year. Your generosity allows us to answer calls like we got last month from the hospital asking us to come and speak to Sara, a mother who had just given birth to her fourth child and was concerned with how she was going to take care of four kiddos, one of which has special needs. This mom needed guidance, support, and someone to listen. One of our social workers went straight to the hospital and spent the entire day with Sara answering her questions and providing her support.

Every situation with our birth parents looks different. Our agency did what we could to support Sara while she struggled to know what was best for her daughter. She knew her daughter deserved a life that she could not provide; a life she herself was never afforded. We provided Sara a place where she could feel heard and valued. A place where she could advocate for herself and her daughter. Sara made the very difficult decision to place her daughter for adoption; a decision she felt was best for her. Choosing adoption is not giving up or abandoning your child – it's intentionally making a plan. It has purpose behind it, and it comes from a place of LOVE. We continue to work with Sara to make sure she knows we are her advocates before, during, and after the adoption. We will always be the place she can call.

We can do this because of people like you.

We continue to see an increased need in financial support for those who are currently parenting, facing unplanned pregnancies, and/or who have made previous adoption plans through WCS. The birth moms we serve on a daily basis are some of the strongest women we know, and they deserve to be heard, loved, and respected. In order for us to continue to be their advocate and provide resources to them we need your help. Wyoming Children's Society was founded in 1911 and has since been dedicated to improving the lives of women, children, and families. Our work cannot be done without you and now, more than ever we ask for your investment. You can make a difference! There are several ways you can do this: donate an auction item, purchase a corporate table, attend the Gala, or make a financial contribution.

We hope you will join us on Saturday, August 12, 2023, as we celebrate 112 years of building strong and healthy families through adoption. If you are unable to join us in person, you will be able to participate in our silent auction virtually as we have found it to be a fun way to include friends and family near and far! To lend your support, please complete the attached donation form and consider making a difference in the lives of those we serve. We are forever grateful for your investment in our work!

Gratefully,

Kristin Burkart

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