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Dear Friends,

Each year as we prepare for our annual fundraiser it reminds us of the individual stories behind our mission. On August 9, 2025, we will celebrate 114 years of service in Wyoming. Your generosity has allowed us to take part in building healthy families through adoption while advocating for children and birth families.

A few years ago, we shared the story of a young birth mother who was struggling to care for her children, remain sober, and find healthy ways to deal with the many challenges in her life. She placed two children with us and our relationship with her has continued over the years. The birth father to these children has remained in contact with us as well. We pride ourselves on the relationships we build with birth families and always offer that connection and support to both mothers and fathers.

It had been many months since we heard from this birth father. He is busy working to support the child he is raising. She just turned nine years old. The other day the two of them walked through the office door. We were not expecting them and ended up visiting for over an hour. He simply stopped by to say hello. He was so proud to show off his daughter, who is growing into such a beautiful young girl. He beamed with pride when he shared that he is 207 days sober. He is truly doing well and is motivated to do so for his children. He loves and cares for all three equally.

Because of sponsors like you, WCS has been able to help this birth father over the past few years. During difficult times we assisted him with paying his rent, ensured his heat and lights stayed on, and he had food on the table for him and his daughter. We did this while he successfully completed a required drug court program, worked, and raised his daughter. As an agency and as donors in the community, we can all feel gratitude for the small role we each played in supporting his success.

As we prepare for our 114<sup>th</sup> gala, we request your continued generosity. Your investment in WCS directly impacts the well-being of the communities we serve, ensuring our clients have the resources and support necessary to navigate life's challenges.

Please consider joining us on August 9, 2025, to celebrate 114 years of building strong families through adoption. If unable to attend in person, you can participate in our virtual silent auction. To show your support, please complete the attached donation form and you will make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your unwavering investment in our work.

Gratefully,

*Bryan M. Cook*

CEO