

# My Gift of Life



In March of 2009, (when I was 21 years old), I met the most beautiful woman I had ever seen- not because she had a perfect appearance or wore fancy things- but because she is my **birth mother**. She gave me **life**. She gave me the most wonderful **family**. She thought about **my future** instead of her own. She was **selfless**. She gave me the best gift I've ever been given and that's the gift of life. I will always love her for that and I thought "no one will ever give me a gift like that again!"

*"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." -Jeremiah 1:5*

I was **adopted** at birth by a couple who desperately wanted kids but couldn't have their own. My dad, Warren, is the wisest, most stable, solid provider in the world. My mom, Barbara, is the most caring, sincere, loving mother I know. My sister, Rachel, is fun, sweet and I wouldn't trade her for any other sister! I am very blessed.



**My family Barbara, Warren, me and Rachel**

In May of 2009, I visited the hometown of my birth mother. I met her other daughters (my half sisters) and it was an amazing experience to see what it would have been like to grow up where I was born. I had no idea that **what she was going to tell me that day would change my life forever**. After thanking her for choosing to give me life, she broke down into tears.

She told me that at 14 years old, she went to an abortion clinic to have an abortion because she didn't know she had any other options. Back then, they didn't do sonograms. Because of that, a couple months later, she realized she was still pregnant and went back to the abortion clinic. It was too late to get another abortion. The doctor told her that she had been pregnant with twins.

**One was aborted; one survived...I am a twin abortion survivor.  
She cried as she told me how lucky I am to be alive!  
It's a miracle!**



Warren, my Birth Mom, me, Barbara

I was born 2 ½ months pre-mature, weighed 3 lbs. 2 oz, my hips were dislocated (because during the abortion the sac that held my body together was broken), and I was on life support and spent 2 months in the hospital. I was put in a body cast, had casts on my feet, didn't walk until I was 2 years old, and it still affects me today.

Although I don't know why I survived the abortion and my twin didn't; and I don't know why I was given the amazing, loving family that I was adopted into- I know that this amazing story of life and being wanted by a loving family should not be a rare thing! Other children can have the same gift of life that I have (and that's the most precious gift you can give to someone!).

**Abortion is not the only option and YOU deserve better....**

Other Options:

**Adoption/Pregnancy Centers:**

These are just a few of the options available! If you have any other questions google search for other pregnancy services that might be helpful to you in your area!

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My half sisters