

# S U C C E S S S T O R I E S



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Chrissy Lytle doesn't shy away from challenges.

She knew she wanted to make a difference with children and chose to become a foster parent. Incredibly, she has honored the connections of three special children by keeping them together, becoming an adoptive mother three times over.

As a single woman and a first time foster parent, Chrissy took on a huge responsibility when she fostered two young children who were taken into custody after being abused by their birth mother.

It wasn't always easy. The children challenged Chrissy with their behavior—tantrums, aggression, and anxiety characterized their first few months together. Chrissy worked with the child and family team and with the therapist

to meet the needs of the children, becoming a strong advocate for them in the process. She attended visits and court hearings regularly. Chrissy relied on the connections of her own extended family and her connection to her faith to see her through.

When it was determined that the children needed a level of care higher than Family Foster Care, they were able to stay with Chrissy after she obtained the extra training necessary to provide Therapeutic Foster Care for them.

When the children's younger brother was born and taken into custody, Chrissy again was up for the challenge, thus keeping this sibling group of three connected.

Finally, when parental rights were terminated and the children became free for adoption, Chrissy again was up for the challenge and now is the adoptive mother of three wonderful children, ages eight, six, and two.

Way to go, Chrissy!



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