

# Choose Life License Plate

Promoting Adoption in Texas



## Testimonies Relating to the Choose Life License Plate Promoting Infant Adoption

### *Testimony of Kate & Chris Raeder*

**Home City:** Austin, TX

#### **Personal Story:**

My husband, Chris, and I came to our strong pro-life values through a very personal experience with adoption. I was in college and had been dating Chris for only three weeks when I discovered I was pregnant. Undergoing the same emotions any young girl in this situation would experience, I was literally inundated with the recommendation to “just get an abortion.”

Despite the very real temptations to go down that path, I had an absolute clarity of mind that proved much stronger—an unshakeable awareness that this was a baby, my baby, and his life was in danger.

I spent the next nine months making all my decisions based on one question: “What is best for this baby?” The answer was obvious: adoption.

I have been abundantly blessed in my life for this choice. Chris and I separated during the pregnancy but through this experience we saw qualities in one another that we never would have seen otherwise. We were reunited years later and married. We now have five additional children together and our home is full of love, joy, and energy.

Pursuing adoption has additionally saved me from a lifetime of pain, regret, and despair that would have been my lot had I pursued an abortion.



Additionally, three years ago my son Robbie’s adoptive parents supported him in his desire to meet us. He flew out from New York to visit us, and we now look forward to his visits every summer. He is amazing!

Chris and I are so excited about the *Choose Life* license plate bill as a wonderful way to bring the choice of life into the consciousness of other Texans.

