



Press Release **For Immediate Release April 1, 2024**

### **On Your Feet Foundation welcomes Georgia Adoption Specialists to the Birthparent Support Alliance**

[EVANSTON, ILL. & ATLANTA, GA.] — Georgia Adoption Specialists, a 501(c)(3) non-profit child placement agency licensed in Georgia, is the newest member of the Birthparent Support Alliance, a membership offered by On Your Feet to adoption professionals committed to best practices in post-placement care for birth parents, regardless of how long ago placement happened, or the circumstances of that placement. Based in Atlanta, Georgia Adoption Specialists aims to provide supportive, inclusive, and ethical services to the adoption triad: birth parents, adoptive parents and adoptees. Joining the Birthparent Support Alliance demonstrates how deep their commitment to birth parent care is after placement. This membership ensures that every birth parent who has placed a child for adoption through Georgia Adoption Specialists, has access to world-class post-placement care, for as long as they need it.

According to Alexis Eyler, On Your Feet’s Executive Director, “When birth parents aren’t given the tools they need to heal, not only are they suffering, but their suffering affects both their child and their child’s adoptive parents, causing more trauma. Adoptive parents cannot build a healthy open adoption with a birth parent who doesn’t receive the support required after placement.” Many birth parents have nowhere to turn for help as they grieve the loss of their child and try to rebuild their lives, and there is no other organization in the United States that provides the level of care necessary for them to heal in the way On Your Feet does.

When agencies join the Birthparent Support Alliance, their birth parents receive access to a one-on-one On Your Feet case manager, who helps guide them through a bespoke healing journey based on their needs, and have access to that help for a lifetime. By becoming a Birthparent Support Alliance member, Georgia Adoption Specialists is helping to create healthy open adoptions for both their birth parents and the adoptive families they serve.

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Twenty-three years ago, the founders of On Your Feet recognized the importance of post-placement care for birth parents. Today, On Your Feet Foundation is recognized as the leader in comprehensive post-placement support for birth parents, a demographic that has historically been under-served within the adoption community. In the adoption landscape, they are a neutral third party, providing birth parents with case management, adoption-competent therapy, therapeutic retreats, education and counseling grants, adoption education, and a strong, vibrant community in which to heal and thrive.

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