

CHOSEN International provides opportunities for support and encouragement by bringing together those who have been touched by adoption.



Current programs and those under development include:

- Teen Camps
- Parenting Conferences
- Online Teen Mentor Program
- Online Counseling
- Facilitated Support Groups for:

Teen Adoptees
Adult Adoptees
Adoptive Parents



"It isn't where you come from; it's where you're going that counts."

— Ella Fitzgerald



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Celebrating... Educating... Encouraging...
Those Whose Lives Are
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"Something extraordinary happens when adoptees connect with one another, a reassurance of being understood, an unspoken bond, a sense of belonging." — Sherrie Eldridge, adoptee and author of *"Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew."*



CHOSEN International is a faith based organization seeking to encourage and empower teen adoptees and their parents with emotional support and educational resources. Integrating biblically based beliefs with psychologically sound principles, **CHOSEN International** proactively addresses some of the unique challenges that adoptees face as they journey through life.



Adoption has changed dramatically...

Prior generations of adoptees typically joined their families as infants. However in recent years, over ninety percent of the children placed for adoption are adopted from our foster care system, or are adopted internationally. These children may bring with them additional deep layers of wounds from prior neglect and abuse.

Adoption touches so many lives...

It is estimated that over 1.6 million children under the age of eighteen are adopted. Building a family through adoption impacts the lives of not just the adoptees themselves, but also their parents, grandparents, siblings, and other extended family members and friends.

CHOSEN International's "Touched By Adoption" conferences bring parents and teens together with outstanding professionals in the field of adoption for a time of celebrating, educating and strengthening adoptive families.



Adopted children are often told they have been chosen...

However, during adolescence some may begin to process their adoptions in terms of rejection. The challenges of building a healthy identity may be complicated by additional complex issues and unknowns.



In fun and supportive settings, "Touched By Adoption" camps provide safe opportunities for teens to process some of the emotions commonly caused by the feelings of abandonment and rejection that often accompany adoption. Adult adoptees give encouragement, direction and a sense of hope as they share their lives, and teens come away empowered by the knowledge that they are God's "twice chosen".



Chosen International desires to help adoptees understand and embrace their adoptions as a part of God's "divine design" for their lives, and move forward into an emotionally healthy adulthood.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

"For you are a chosen generation...His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out for darkness into His marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9