



## For Those Considering Adoption

### Meet the People We Help...

#### **Problem**

When Tammie and Kris first became foster parents, they were comfortable with the temporary nature of that role. As time passed and they became close with several of the children placed in their home, they began to consider the possibility of a more permanent arrangement—adopting one of their foster children. FHC caseworkers assisted them in laying the groundwork for that next step.

#### **Solution**

FHC conducted a home study, just as it would in any other potential adoptive situation. Caseworkers also gave the couple information on their 20-hour training course required by Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Additionally, the FHC staff reached out to their networks of county case workers and the Statewide Adoption Network in hopes of identifying a foster child who Tammie and Kris might be able to adopt.

#### **Outcome**

Approximately 18 months after they initially expressed their desire to adopt a foster child, Tammie and Kris welcomed six-year-old Nikki into their home. Just six months after that, her adoption was complete, and now the three are a happy, loving family. Tammie and Kris still serve as foster parents from time to time as well.