

# FAMILY FOCUS ADOPTION SERVICES



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## Adoption Covenant

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I, Jim Brown, have made my decision. I want to become the forever father of Harold Anthony Jones, and I want Harold to become my forever son.

Harold has been living with Carol and myself for a very long time. During this time I have not only come to know Harold, but I have come to recognize and appreciate the unique qualities that make Harold the wonderful person that he is. We've all been through a lot together, including good times and tough times too; all of which, I believe, have made us closer and stronger while on our journey to becoming a forever family. I also believe that by collecting all of my evidence and completing each of my adoption steps, I have had all the time that I need with Harold, and have learned all that I need to know about him, in order to make this permanent, unconditional, and irrevocable decision with full confidence.

I love Harold. I love him now and I will love him always. With this Covenant this afternoon, I am making Harold my son in my head, in my heart, and in my life. And I promise that I will always respect him, I will always protect him, and I will always respond to him as his father - forever.

As Harold's forever father I recognize that Harold has ties to and feelings for people he cared about before he ever knew me. I promise to respect those feelings and protect always all of the relationships in Harold's life. I also recognize, as all parents must, that I may not always understand Harold or his behavior. But I promise to always respect his feelings and his thinking.

This adoption is a Covenant I make directly with Harold, as his father. It is independent of Carol's decision to become Harold's mother. Because my adoption of Harold is unconditional, irrevocable, and forever, I promise that there is nothing anyone can do or say, including Harold, or myself that will ever make me change my mind about any of this.

From today, my relationship with Harold becomes exactly the same as though he were born to me. No longer am I Harold's "maybe" dad; I am now his forever-dad. Signing this Covenant in front of Harold, and in the presence of Carol and these other witnesses, is my vow of all that I am here committing to. Finally, I would like to say that I am very glad that this day has finally arrived, as I am very happy and very proud to become, this afternoon, the forever father of Harold.

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**Jim Brown**

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