

WAVERLY BABY HOME VOLUNTARY ADOPTION REGISTRY PROGRAM

Thank you for your inquiry about the Voluntary Adoption Registry.

For persons who have a strong desire to know more about an adoption that was completed through Waverly Baby Home/Trillium Family Services, the Registry creates a method of communicating information while preserving confidentiality. For persons who do not wish to be contacted after an adoption, the Registry respects their right of privacy.

You may have a number of questions regarding the Adoption Registry program. The most commonly asked questions are answered below:

1. **What is the Adoption Registry Program?**

The Adoption Registry is a two-part program allowing Waverly Baby Home/Trillium Family Services to provide identifying and non-identifying information to eligible persons.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

1. **Who qualifies for identifying information?**

First, "Identifying Information" refers to that information which may be given when there are two matching inquiries in a file, i.e. a birth parent and an adoptee wishing to be reunited with one another and both have submitted similar requests to the file.

The following people qualify for Identifying Information

- Adult Adoptee
- Birth Parent of an adoptee
- Adult Genetic Brother or Sister of Adoptee
- Adoptive Parents of a Deceased Adoptee (must provide a copy of death certificate)
- Adult Brother or Sister of Deceased Birth Parents (must provide a copy of death certificate)

2. **When will identifying information be given?**

Names and most current known address necessary for the identification of the birth parents and adoptee will be given to the registrants when the adoptee **AND** one of the above parties referred to in #1 have registered for this service.

3. **How do I register?**

Complete the attached form and return it to:

Attn: Adoption Registry
Trillium Family Services
4455 NE Hwy 20
Corvallis, Oregon 97330

- Have your signature on the registry form notarized
- Enclose a copy of your birth certificate.
- There is no fee for birth parents wishing to register.

Trillium does charge a **\$25.00 non-refundable** fee to people wishing only to register and who do not wish or are not eligible to receive non-identifying information from the file.

4. **When will I know if I have a matching request?**

Waverly Baby Home/Trillium Family Services will advise you in four to six weeks of your qualification to receive Identifying Information and whether or not a "match" has occurred.

5. **When there is a "match", how will I be notified?**

When there is a "match," a representative of Waverly Baby Home/Trillium Family Services will contact you – usually by telephone.

NON-IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

1. Who qualifies for non-identifying information?

The following persons qualify for non-identifying information:

- Adoptee over age 18
- If adoptee is deceased, the adoptee's spouse if that spouse is a birth parent to the adoptee's child(ren) or the guardian of the adoptee's child(ren).
- If the adoptee is deceased, any child of the adoptee over age 18.

In cases where the adoptee is deceased, a death certificate is required.

Siblings (brothers/sisters) are not eligible for non-identifying information.

2. What information does the non-identifying part of the program provide?

Non-identifying information consists of non-identifying genetic, medical and social information contained in Waverly Baby Home files. Names are never disclosed unless there is a "match." The information that is available as non-identifying is only as current as the last file entry.

3. How do I register to receive non-identifying information?

Complete the attached form and return it to:

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Trillium Family Services
4455 NE Hwy 20
Corvallis, Oregon 97330

- Have your signature on the registry form notarized
- Enclose a copy of your birth certificate. (If adoptee, we need your post-adoption birth certificate).
- **Enclose a check in the amount of \$45.00.** (This fee is refundable only if there is no information in the file to provide. *(If this fee is a hardship please bring this to the attention of the Adoption Registry Coordinator.)*)

Complete the form by answering as many questions as you are able to. You may or may not know all the answers to the questions.

4. Where do I get a copy of my birth certificate?

You may obtain a copy of your birth certificate, if born in Oregon, from:

Oregon State Vital Records Office
P.O. Box 14050
Portland, Oregon 97293
Phone (503) 731-4108
Recording Line (503) 731-4095
Fax: (503) 234-8417

5. How long will I be registered?

You will be registered with Waverly Baby Home/Trillium Family Services until such time as you give written notice to this agency that you no longer wish to have your name on the registry. It is the responsibility of the registrant to notify Waverly Baby Home/Trillium Family Services of any change of address, phone number, or name.

6. Can I update my information in the Waverly Children's Home/Trillium Family Services files?

Yes. The program allows you to provide more recent information. You can update your file at any time by sending the information, in writing, to Trillium Family Services at the address listed in question #3 above. There is no fee for this service.

7. How soon can I expect to hear from Waverly Baby Home/Trillium Family Services regarding my requests?

You can expect a reply within 6 weeks. We will try to process the information more quickly as the volume of inquiries permits.

MEASURE 58

Measure 58 gives to Oregon born adoptees, age 21 or older, the right to obtain a copy of their original birth record from the Center for Health Statistics (Vital Records). Their telephone number is (503) 731-4095. The preadoption birth record is not a legal certificate for purposes of identification; it is merely a verification of birth information. Measure 58 does not open agency adoption records.

IN AN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION DATED OCTOBER 8, 1986 AND RESTATED
DECEMBER 11, 1992, PRESENT OREGON LAW FORBIDS GIVING BIRTH PARENTS ANY
INFORMATION ABOUT ADOPTIVE PARENTS.

Waverly Baby Home/Trillium Family Services
 Voluntary Adoption Registry Form
 c/o Children's Farm Home – 4455 NE Hwy 20 Corvallis, OR 97330

Name of person registering: _____ Relationship to Adoptee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ May we leave a message on your home phone? Y N

Work phone: (_____) _____ May we call you at work? Y N

If you are an **adoptee**, we need the following information: (Please attach a copy of your pre-adoption and current birth certificates)

Adoptee's birth name	_____
Adoptee's adoptive name	_____
Adoptee's birth date	_____
Name of adoptive parents	_____

If you are a **birth parent**, we need the following information: (Please attach a copy of your birth certificate)

Birth mother's name at the time of adoption	_____
Birth mother's birth date	_____
Baby's birth date (approx.)	_____

Person registering is:

Adoptee Birth parent Other (identify): _____

I hereby authorize Trillium Family Services/Waverly Baby Home to identify me to any and all who register with the Voluntary Adoption Registry and who are authorized to know my identity (Trillium Family Services/Waverly Baby Home will not release your identifying information without contacting you first). I have attached a copy of my birth certificate. I make this affidavit for the purpose of registering pursuant to ORS 109.460.

Signature of person registering: _____

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____ in the year _____.

 Notary Public for the state of _____

My commission expires _____