

# A Child's Thoughts

*My name is Simon. I'm 12 years old. My sisters and I were living in a Bridge Resource Home because my parents used drugs. I knew that my parents loved us, and we loved them, but they did not take care of us.*

*I was happy when they placed us with my grandmother, but she got sick and couldn't take care of us either. When we left my grandma's, we went to John and Heather's home. They knew that we loved our mother and grandma and that we wanted to be with them.*

*Once my parents got help, John and Heather would let us talk to them on the phone. My parents came to church with us, and would eat dinner with us sometimes. I was so glad to see my parents. We also got to visit my grandma and spend time with her .*

*It took awhile, but we did get to go home with our parents. We still got to see John and Heather .*

*My mom started using drugs again, and my dad left. When OKDHS came out, my mom asked if we could go back to John and Heather's house. John and Heather adopted us. I miss my mom, but I still get to see her and grandma.*

# A Biological Family's Thoughts

*We were lucky to have had them all placed together in one home. During the first few meetings, we had mixed feelings about John and Heather. We felt as though they didn't want us to be there. Once we accepted responsibility for what was happening, we then realized that they wanted nothing more than for us to have our children back. They were determined to help in any way they could, within their guidelines as an approved Bridge Resource Family. They were honest about it all because they cared. We stayed in contact after our kids returned home.*

*Pam and Ken*