



Trent

Christine and Greg were ready to start a family, and decided that they wanted to become the forever loving parents of a child in need of a family. They spent countless hours researching the adoption process, their state's laws, and contacting different adoption agencies directly. Christine and Greg felt the majority of agencies they visited were, "too commercial" and not a right fit for their family; they wanted to work with an agency where building their family felt more like an act of love and less like a series of business arrangements. And when they spoke with a caring social worker from CHSofNJ, Christine and Greg both knew their agency search was over. Our mission of **saving children's lives and building healthy families** perfectly mirrored the reasons they had decided to adopt a baby in the first place, so Christine and Greg excitedly began their adoption process under the helpful guidance of CHSofNJ staff.



When Baby Trent was born one month premature, his birth mother told the hospital staff that she was not prepared to care for a child. When a newborn arrives prematurely, there is always a chance of immediate and lifelong medical complications, so the hospital's staff contacted CHSofNJ, knowing our agency to be experienced in providing medically fragile foster care and adoption services.

At only three weeks old, Baby Trent met Christine and Greg in the hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. They adored him from the moment they saw him, and could not wait to begin their lives together. When Trent was strong enough to be released from the hospital, he was very briefly placed in a loving CHSofNJ foster home while the details of his adoption were finalized. Two days later, Baby Trent was welcomed home by Mommy Christine and Daddy Greg.

Trent was monitored closely by doctors for the first two years of his life through developmental check-ups. His doctors were always pleased with his physical and mental progress, but as Trent grew, he began to exhibit some minor socialization issues. Christine and Greg knew that CHSofNJ would always be there for their family, so they reached out to us for support and guidance. They were introduced to our Family and Children Enhancing Emotional Success (FACES) clinical counseling staff, who helped them understand Trent's behavior. The entire family participated in parent-child therapy groups for pre-school aged children, and after a few months of active involvement in our FACES program, Trent showed great improvement and was making new friends everywhere he went!

Today, Trent is a happy, healthy, smart, incredibly sweet four year old who loves trucks and playing outside. He enjoys making up stories with mommy and making his family laugh. His extensive vocabulary always surprises people, *and boy does he love to talk!* Trent brings such joy to his family and everyone lucky enough to meet him. Christine and Greg are so grateful for everyone who helped bring Trent into their lives. Each year, on his Adoption Anniversary, the family remembers and celebrates Trent's wonderful CHSofNJ foster parents, the caring donors who make our adoption and foster care programs possible, Trent's birth mother for so selflessly choosing to place her baby for adoption, and CHSofNJ for **always being there** when their family needed us.

Trent's family was brought together through CHSofNJ's Child Welfare/Permanency Services.