

Trinity

Trinity could hardly wait to make her mark on the world, so at 35 weeks gestation and weighing only 5 pounds, she made her debut! Her mother had struggled with addiction throughout her pregnancy, and sadly, Trinity was born into a struggle herself; immediately after birth, Trinity had to battle heroin and opiate withdrawals, an infection, and seizures. Her condition required an extended stay in the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), where doctors and nurses worked feverishly to help her tiny body fight.

After 4 weeks in the special care nursery, Trinity stabilized and was doing well. Her birth mother took her home and tried to provide the exceptional care her sweet baby girl deserved. But at the tender age of 3, Trinity was diagnosed with Epilepsy, Autism, Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and a speech/language disorder. Her birth mother, who still struggled daily to cope with addiction and medical issues of her own, decided that her medically fragile daughter deserved the best forever care possible and placed Trinity into CHSofNJ foster care.



The Caesars never failed to advocate for Trinity's needs. Under their care, she met with professionals who could help her overcome the many obstacles she faced. Trinity has been followed by several specialists including a neurologist, pediatric ophthalmologist, pediatric orthopedist, and an ear nose & throat specialist. She also received specialized in-home behavioral therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy to address her developmental delays. As a result, Trinity's language skills have greatly increased and her difficult behaviors have significantly decreased. The Caesars also worked with the School District and developed a personalized plan at school that takes into consideration Trinity's disabilities, which accounts for her tremendous learning progress; Trinity has truly blossomed and has since moved from a special needs classroom to a regular classroom with minimal in-class support!

Trinity's birth mother cared very much for her daughter and often visited while she was in CHSofNJ foster care with the Caesars. She could clearly see the Caesars' unconditional love for Trinity and how much her fragile baby had progressed under their care. So, in 2014, Trinity's birth mother worked with CHSofNJ to develop a thoughtful and loving plan for The Caesars to adopt her daughter. Both families agreed that it was in Trinity's best interest to have as many loving influences in her life as possible, so in Trinity's case, everyone agreed to an open adoption, which was finalized in the fall of 2015. The Caesars continue to bring Trinity to visit with her birth mother and grandmother several times throughout the year.

Trinity is loved by so many, and after spending just a few brief moments with her, it is easy to see why- you can't help but smile as she grins ear to ear and flashes that sparkle in her eyes! Trinity continues to receive special services through the school district and is still followed by a few specialists, but overall she has shown remarkable progress and is truly thriving with her forever family, the Caesars. Knowing that she has the unconditional love of her adoptive family and also her birth mother has only added to Trinity's sparkle, as the support she feels every day continues to build upon her self-worth and happiness.

Since 1894, CHSofNJ has been saving children's lives and building healthy families, because we believe that every child deserves a safe and loving home. We were able to be there for Trinity, her loving birth mother, and her new adoptive family each step of the way, and we will always be there should they ever need us. Your donation today will help us to be there for even more babies, children, and families. Please help us make a difference in their lives.