

## Hailey's Story

## Hailey's story is one of transformation and love.

Hailey began the earliest years of her life experiencing extensive trauma. She was faced with abandonment by her biological family, and placed in the system to cope with her feelings of being "unloved" and abandoned.

Hailey thought her life was going to change for the better as she was adopted by a family. Finally "chosen" she began to settle into her new life. Unfortunately, her early traumas led to her lashing and and experiencing behavioral challenges. This led to her adoptive family abandoning her, and resurfacing her trauma.

Thankfully, Hailey was matched again with a new, loving, and stable adoptive family, dedicated to her healing journey. Her new adoptive family committed to supporting Hailey heal from her trauma by enrolling her in therapy services and reconnecting her with her biological family.

At Center for Child Counseling, Hailey consistently worked on her trauma with a compassionate therapist. Through these sessions, she learned to express her feelings about her trauma and rebuild her self-esteem.

In a recent therapeutic activity with her therapist, Hailey was asked to identify words that represent her trauma versus her personal characteristics. Hailey confidently chose the words "brave," "strong," and "love" to represent herself.

Hailey's story proves that with love and healing, resilience and transformation are possible.

Because of the generosity of donors like you, Hailey can now confidently call herself "brave," "strong," and "loved."

