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Mark and Family David and Sherry

Two of the Best

Nobody ever said that raising kids was easy.

From teething, to potty training, all the way to teaching honesty, faithfulness, passion for others and love - parenting ain't easy.

But living with the chance of losing the children you have grown to love is torture to a parent.

Terry Hall, Plant Manager at our Rocky Ridge Cleaning Center, and his wife, Christy, have lived with that possibility for almost two years. How could anyone take away two precious children that they had grown to love more than anything else in this world?

This story starts with Christy, who had a passion for kids well before she graduated from college with a degree in Social Work and Counseling. Christy has worked with the Department of Human Resources and later with a private counseling service. She works with kids in bad home situations. Her life-long passion has been to help these kids.

Christy had such a passion that she convinced Terry that their lives could be dedicated to a greater good by becoming foster parents and eventually adopting a child in need of a home and their love. They started classes to become foster parents in August 2017.



First Day with Terry and Christy
Ages 5 months and 15 months

Christy's phone rang one afternoon in October 2017 - it was DHR calling. DHR told Christy they needed a foster home immediately for two young sisters, ages 5 months and 15 months, just for the weekend. Terry, Christy and their circle of family and

friends jumped into action getting everything needed to care for these young kids with no advance notice. Clothes, diapers, food, bedding and so much more was needed quickly. It all came together, and two precious babies were delivered to their door and walked into their hearts.

What started as a weekend of caring for these kids turned into weeks and then months as DHR dealt with removal of the sisters from their biological parents.

All the while the girls grew a firm grip on the hearts of Terry and Christy - and I suspect it was the same for the young sisters. Birthdays, holidays, family and friends all invited the young girls into their hearts. DHR knew that Terry and Christy wanted to adopt the girls.

But in the back of their minds, Terry and Christy knew there was a chance that the girls could be returned to their parents or adopted by a family member. Family always takes

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Ages 24 months and 34 months

priority in these things. But over the many months while in foster care, these young girls developed ties to Terry and Christy just as biological parents do in the first year or two with their own children. And Terry and Christy felt the same way.

The Judge signed the adoption papers in June 2019. Once official everyone could breathe easier. We all know that was the best decision for the girls. Dad was totally out of the picture. And the Mom, well, the Mom discontinued involvement in the case.

Terry, Christy and the girls will continue to have a relationship with the maternal grandparents. They even have photos of the girls' biological Mother.

Part of the adoption process included name changes for the girls. They kept the girls first names but changed their middle and last names. Jaylan Darlene (named for Terry's Mom) and Jozie Robin (named for Christy's Mom) are now the names on their birth certificates along with Mother and Father, Terry and Christy Hall. That's really special.



I asked Terry what he learned from this and after a little thought, he said "Suggesting to a woman to go buy baby clothes will bring a sparkle to her eyes."

And as for Christy, she wants more people to get involved in fostering children. "There is such a need and the good that is done through foster care is important," says Christy.

Christy lives for helping kids. It's her passion in life. She walks the walk and talks the talk.

And did I mention that they are also fostering a 16 year old girl in need of stability in her life?

There are good people in this world. Terry and Christy are two of the best.

David



"Did You Know Where This Saying Came From..."

HOW DO YOU LIKE THEM APPLES?



Meaning: This phrase is often used as a way to mock or tease others after gaining some kind of victory over them. It's similar to the expression "stick that in your pipe and smoke it!" **Example:** Ron thought he was the fastest kid in school. "No one can outrun me," he gloated. However, another kid named Tim challenged him to a race and won, so he said: "Hey, Ron, how do you like them apples? It looks like you're not the fastest after all."

Origin: It was thought that this expression might come from World War I. The word "apple" was a nickname for certain grenades and mortars that were

used in trench warfare at the time. For instance, there was a 2-inch medium trench mortar that was nicknamed "toffee apple" because it looked like an apple on a stick. Evidently, however, this phrase does not originate from WWI because it dates back to an earlier time. According to Early Sports and Pop Culture History Blog, this expression dates back to at least the year 1895. For example, it appears in the newspaper The Eagle, September 26, 1895: "Bryan is the best cotton market in this section of the state and has received more cotton than any other town in this section. How do you like them apples?"



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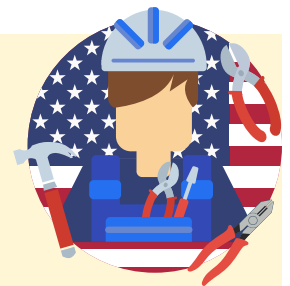
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Labor Day

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is September 2 in 2019. It is a legal holiday in the United States because the Central Labor Union wanted to create a day off for the working man. The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on September 5, 1882, in New York City and the Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday a year later on September 5. In 1884, the Union urged other cities

to celebrate a "working man's holiday" on that day and it became a federal holiday. Labor organizations grew and in 1885 many industrial centers of the country celebrated the day. Congress passed a law in 1894, recognizing Labor Day as an official national holiday. The day is celebrated now as an end-to-summer day as well as a day to recognize unions.





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Beside the normal stuff, we also clean:

- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots

And we do...

1. We are a Certified Wedding Gown Specialist
2. We are part of the Certified Restoration Drycleaning Network (CRDN) - We handle textile and electronics restoration due to damage from smoke, fire, water and mold.
3. Home and office dry cleaning pickup and delivery
4. Wash Dry & Fold service - including Champion Hamper service

Random One~Liners

- **Dentist:** "You need a crown."
Patient: "Finally someone who understands me"
- If I got 50 cents for every failed math exam, I'd have \$ 6.30 now.
- I went to see the doctor about my short-term memory problems. The first thing he did was made me pay in advance.
- Women usually claim childbirth is the most painful experience of their lives. Until they start stepping on Legos approximately three years later.
- A man drops his phone on a concrete floor. The phone is fine, no damage. How come? He had it on airplane mode.
- **Husband:** Wow, honey, you look really different today. Did you do something to your hair?
Wife: Michael, I'm over here!
- Talk is cheap, yeah? Have you ever talked to a lawyer?!
- Do not go to the bathroom in a dream. It's a trap!
- It is so cold outside I saw a politician with his hands in his own pockets.

Time To Do This...

- Resole your shoes
- Dry clean your comforter.
- Check all of your bedding to see if anything needs to be cleaned or replaced.
- Rotate and flip your mattress.
- Donate what you didn't wear over the summer.
- Test the carbon monoxide and fire alarms in your house.
- Go through your pantry and freezer to make sure that everything in it is still fresh.
- Clean off your keyboard.
- Get into the spirit by making a fall inspired potpourri.