We used Hands Across The Water (HATW) more than five years ago for the adoption of our son. The adoption process brings out many emotions individually and as a couple.

Feelings from excitement to when you receive your referral and obtain pictures of your child, to thoughts of worry and feeling helpless when the process keeps getting pushed back and there doesn't seem to be a good reason why. It was during all of these emotions, HATW was there for us!



Individually and as a couple, we always knew we wanted to adopt children. After researching various adoption agencies, we felt like HATW felt like 'home'.

From our first interaction over the phone, to meeting with the Director of the agency and various Social Workers, everyone seemed to have a vested interest in not only our needs of becoming parents, but the needs of the children they were placing and potential birth mothers they were working with in helping them transition from raising their child, or having them give their child up for adoption.

Through our adoption journey which took about two years, to over the five years we have been parents, we constantly incorporate advice our Social Workers provided to us.

We hope your adoption and/or fostering journey is a positive one and we feel Hands Across The Water is and will be a huge part of the journey and for many years to come after your placement!