

New Podcast 'Voices of Adoption' Launches to Bridge Understanding Across Adoption Community

Weekly series hosted by Donna Pope and Nathan Gwilliam creates a safe space for conversations about many aspects of adoption.

SANDY, UT, UNITED STATES, August 1, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- For too long, the adoption community has spoken across divided rooms. Birth parents share their stories only with other birth parents. Adoptive families connect solely within their own circles. Adoptees navigate their journeys in isolation, their voices often unheard. This fragmentation has left millions of Americans touched by adoption feeling disconnected from the very community that should embrace them.

[Heart to Heart Adoptions](#) announces the launch of "Voices of Adoption," a weekly podcast that brings together diverse voices across the community for authentic conversations.

Hosted by Donna Pope, founder of Heart to Heart Adoptions, and Nathan Gwilliam, founder & former CEO of [Adoption.com](#). The podcast addresses a critical gap in community discourse by creating a platform where adoptees, birth parents, adoptive families, and industry professionals can share their stories. Learn more at [VoicesOfAdoption.org](#).

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Every adoption should be ethical, period.”

Donna Pope

Donna Pope has supported families and birth mothers in domestic placement for nearly 30 years. Throughout her career, she has witnessed how community conversations often remain compartmentalized. Birth parents find solace

only among other birth parents, adoptive families seek support exclusively within their own circles, and adoptees frequently navigate their journeys without guidance from those who truly



Donna Pope

understand their experience. The podcast aims to create a space where all these voices can come together and learn from each other.

Breaking Down Barriers Through Storytelling

This community encompasses millions of Americans, yet many feel disconnected from others who share similar experiences. [Recent studies](#) indicate that approximately 115,000+ children are adopted annually in the United States, creating an ever-growing community of individuals touched by adoption in various ways.

The podcast tackles this isolation by featuring guests from across the adoption triad and beyond. Episodes cover topics ranging from search and reunion journeys to trauma, celebrating adoption milestones, and navigating complex family dynamics. The podcast also explores the experiences of community professionals who dedicate their careers to supporting others through this journey.

Adoption is beautiful, but it's also complex, encompassing grief, joy, uncertainty, and hope. By acknowledging these emotions and experiences, the podcast builds stronger understanding and support within the community. Through shared stories and open dialogue, the community comes together to identify areas for improvement and work collectively to make adoption better for everyone involved.

Expert Hosts with Deep Industry Knowledge

Donna Pope brings nearly three decades of experience in domestic placement to her role as host. As the founder of Heart to Heart Adoptions, a nationwide agency, she has personally



Heart to Heart Adoption Team



Nathan Gwilliam - Founder & Former CEO of Adoption.com

supported thousands of families and birth mothers through their journeys over the years. Her approach emphasizes choice, support, and ongoing relationships that honor everyone involved in the process.

Nathan Gwilliam contributes his decades of experience and expertise to the podcast, helping create conversations that are both informative and emotionally supportive. Together, the hosts bring a wealth of knowledge about placement processes, legal considerations, emotional support, and the real-world challenges that the community members face.

The hosts understand that adoption is not just a legal process but a lifelong journey that affects everyone involved. They create an environment where guests feel safe to share their authentic experiences, including the parts that aren't always easy to talk about.

Addressing Critical Community Needs

The podcast launches at a time when the community is increasingly seeking authentic representation and support. Social media has connected many individuals, but it has also highlighted the need for deeper, more nuanced conversations about adoption experiences.

"Voices of Adoption" addresses several critical needs within the community:

Education and Awareness: The episodes focus on helping listeners better understand different types of placement, sharing practical tips and real-life stories that offer step-by-step guidance for navigating common challenges, and highlighting available support resources. Guests reveal strategies they've used to overcome obstacles, providing tangible advice that listeners can apply to their own situations. This education benefits not only those directly involved in adoption but also friends, family members, and community members who want to support the community better.

Emotional Support: By sharing real stories and experiences, the podcast helps listeners feel less alone in their adoption journeys. Whether someone is struggling with related grief, celebrating a reunion, or navigating the complexities of open adoption relationships, they can find relevant experiences and insights through the podcast.

Bridge Building: The podcast actively works to build understanding between different parts of the community. When adoptees hear from birth parents, or when adoptive families learn from industry professionals, it creates empathy and connection that strengthens the entire community.

Professional Development: Episodes featuring adoption professionals help others in the field stay current on best practices, ethical considerations, and innovative approaches to supporting the community members.

Weekly Episodes with Lasting Impact

New episodes of "Voices of Adoption" are released weekly, providing consistent support and fresh perspectives for the adoption community. Each episode is carefully crafted to provide value whether listeners have five minutes or an hour to engage with the content.

The podcast format allows for intimate, extended conversations that go beyond surface-level discussions. Guests are encouraged to share their authentic experiences, including challenges they've faced and insights they've gained along the way.

The show is not interested in presenting adoption as a fairy tale. Real life is complicated, and these experiences reflect that complexity. By being direct about both the beautiful and difficult aspects of adoption, the podcast aims to better support everyone involved.

Building a Supportive Community

Beyond individual episodes, "Voices of Adoption" aims to foster ongoing community connection. The podcast serves as a catalyst for conversations that continue in families, support groups, and professional settings long after episodes end.

Listeners are encouraged to share their own stories and connect with others who have similar experiences. The podcast team actively engages with their audience, responding to feedback and incorporating listener suggestions into future episode planning. To join the conversation and connect with the community, visit VoicesOfAdoption.org for episode guides, resources, and ways to share your own story.

The goal is not just to create a podcast, but to strengthen this community as a whole. When people feel understood and supported, they're better able to support others, creating a positive ripple effect that benefits the wider community.

Available Now

"Voices of Adoption" is available on all major podcast platforms, including Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube, and others. New episodes are released every week, with a growing archive of conversations available for listeners to explore. Visit VoicesOfAdoption.org to access episodes and learn more about the show.

The podcast is produced by Heart to Heart Adoptions, a nationwide agency, which has been supporting families and birth mothers for nearly 30 years.

For more information on the podcast, upcoming episodes, or interview opportunities with the hosts, visit VoicesOfAdoption.org or contact VOApodcast@hearttoheartadopt.com.

About Heart to Heart Adoptions Founded by Donna Pope, the agency has supported thousands

of families and birth mothers over nearly 30 years of operation and emphasizes choice, support, and ongoing relationships that honor everyone involved in the adoption process.

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