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Dear JFS Adoption Choices Families and Friends:

We are writing to you because you are an important and valued member of the Adoption Choices family. Whether your connection is fairly recent or longstanding over many years, we want you to be aware of a major change that is occurring.

It is with great sadness that JFS will be phasing out and then closing the JFS Adoption Choices Program. The plan will be to finish all client services by October 31, 2020 and to close the program by December 31, 2020.

All current applicants/adoptive family clients will be fully supported throughout this next year. There is now a freeze on taking any new cases. A detailed plan is being constructed that is consistent with our values, best practices and the Commonwealth's adoption licensure regulations.

This decision is not a reflection on the continued high quality of the professional work, nor of the incredible commitment of the adoption program staff. Raquel and Marissa are outstanding professionals who are devoted to their clients.

Why this decision been made: Resulting from many changes in the environment over the past decade, it has become increasingly difficult to maintain the level of services that we have always provided to our clients and remain economically viable. That has included the closing of almost all international adoptions avenues, few birth mothers available in Massachusetts, the impact of technology and social media for identification of potential birth parents, etc.

Adoption Choices was the first signature program of JFS, with its roots near to the beginnings of the organization itself. The decision to close is a difficult one. Its legacy is the hundreds of loving adoptive families it has helped create over its thirty plus years. It has been a privilege to work with the many families who have been part of our adoption community over the years.

Lino Covarrubias, JFS COO and I are available to you for any individual conversation that you wish to have.

Sincerely,

Marc Jacobs
Chief Executive Officer

