

Kevin, Megan & Benjamin

Last October, Kevin and Megan applied to helpusadopt.org for an adoption grant. They had been through years of infertility treatments, exhausting their savings. [Helpusadopt.org](http://helpusadopt.org) provided them with a \$5,000 grant to help them start their family. This winter, they were matched with a birthmother, and Kevin recently wrote us,

“On Saturday, January 14th, 2017 Benjamin was born in Lockport, NY at 7:27 PM. 7lbs, 5oz and 21 inches long. At around 11:00 AM that day we were contacted by the agency, and told that our birth mother had begun labor. Since we live two hours away from the hospital, Meg finished up work, we met at the house, and then set out for the hospital. We arrived at around 2:00 PM. We were able to visit with our birth mother throughout the afternoon. We met several members of her family, and the birth father’s family, and some of their close friends. When it came time to deliver we were nearby in the hallway. She requested that Megan be the first to hold him, and once the nurses were done with him they handed him to her. It was immediately obvious that he was healthy and very alert.

The hospital staff were fantastic and provided a separate room for us to stay in that night to spend time bonding with Benjamin. We also checked in on his birth mom to make sure she was doing well. The second night we stayed in a nearby hotel to make sure we were well rested for the drive home.

Benjamin has been to the doctor for his regular checkups, with great reports. On Monday, at his one month visit, he weighed 9lbs 6oz. He is developing well and seems to be quite happy. He sleeps and eats well, fussing only for the usual things.

Our family has been showering him with love. He has met both sets of grandparents, his great grandfather, aunts, cousins, and several of our closest friends.

We are very grateful to HelpUsAdopt.org and our agency for helping to bring Benjamin into our family!”

