

# The Calhoon Family Story Script

Beth Calhoon: "People don't even understand the rewards and the impact that you have on some of these kids."

This is the story of the Calhoon family. Holton, Ks

Beth Calhoon: "I was at school one day and one of our students was in kind of a sketchy situation and um he had to go to court and next thing we know he was going into foster care and we went down and picked him up and brought him to our house, so he could stay here in the community and finish high school."

They took the necessary classes, obtained a temporary license and were allowed an emergency placement.

Beth Calhoon: He came home from work and I said, "Guess what it's a boy and he's moving in at about 9 o'clock tonight!"

Mike Calhoon: "We talked to all of our kids, by the time we adopted Anthony and Sarah all of our kids were grown and out of the house and we talked to all of them about what they thought about us adopting a couple of kids and they were all for it, if that's what we wanted to do then they'd back us up. They all enjoy having younger siblings now. So, it's pretty cool."

The family is so supportive; the Calhoons' adult children want to follow their parents' example.

Beth Calhoon: "Yeah it's changed their whole outlook on, you know maybe one day them adopting their own kids and helping kids in foster care."

The Calhoons encourage other Kansas families to consider foster care and adoption.

Beth Calhoon: "I mean there's so many different ways that you can help, and even if you want to come into a foster home and help. We will have people come over and help with, riding horses or whatever we have going on."

Mike Calhoon: "I tell Beth quite a bit that the smiles that I see on our two and then the smiles that I see on the foster kids faces when they're just here for a short time or whatever. And the things that we're able to help them out with, you can't put a price on a smile like that."