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Executive Director, Co-Founder

Embryo Adoption Services of Cedar Park

Maria is passionate about *life*. Her mission is to connect families that have embryos in the freezer, with families that want to have a baby. Her vision is that all “remaining” frozen embryos should be adopted into a safe, loving family. She was inspired by her own struggle with infertility and miscarriage. She and her husband Jeff learned about embryo adoption by hearing Dr. James Dobson discuss the topic on his radio program, “Focus on the Family”. Maria and Jeff then pursued embryo adoption and adopted “remaining” embryos that were donated from another family. Maria later gave birth to Elisha, a beautiful baby girl. Elisha had been frozen at two cells, for four years, at -200 degrees.



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Having overcome their own battle with infertility and miscarriage, Maria and Jeff partnered with Pastor Joe Fuiten www.joefuiten.com of Cedar Park Church, www.cedarpark.org in Bothell, WA. Together they established the first ever church based embryo adoption ministry, Embryo Adoption Services of Cedar Park www.adoptanembryo.net. Established in November of 2008, dozens of families from across the US, Canada, and the UK have connected with Maria to learn more about this new and exciting affordable adoption option. Many of those have given birth to their own miracle embryo adoption babies! Every born baby is cause for *great celebration and joy*, and as co-founder and Pastor Joe Fuiten says, “Every born baby is God’s way of saying that there is still hope, and a future”. Watch inspiring 90 minute video here: <http://vimeo.com/15296717>

Maria’s passion for the plight of the frozen embryo, has led her to work as a citizen activist all across the country. She has testified and lobbied against the federal funding of embryonic stem cell research, and her testimony has helped to soundly defeat the funding of embryonic stem cell research in many states across the nation. Maria and her family stood with President Bush as he vetoed the federal funding of embryonic stem cell research in 2006. Maria’s story informs, inspires, and educates families about the value of a human embryo. Maria teaches people how to think correctly, about the dilemma of the human embryo in the freezer. This year in 2011, Maria and family including daughter Elisha were presented as testimony to the Supreme Court in an appeal of “Mary Scott Doe (a human embryo) v. Barack Hussein Obama”, an effort to reverse the current Obama administration’s funding of embryonic stem cell research.

http://martinpalmer.com/documents/Doe_v_Obama_Final.pdf

Maria has a B.A. in Christian Ministry, and attended Seattle Pacific University. She and her husband Jeff are licensed and ordained ministers, and host “Softer Sunday” at Cedar Park Assembly of God Church, in Bothell, WA. www.cedarpark.org Maria has been a “pioneer” all her life. Prior to co-founding Embryo Adoption Services of Cedar Park, Maria had 25 years experience as a successful entrepreneur as founder and president of a ship supply company Galley Resources, Inc. She was one of the first woman owned business owners in the commercial fishing industry, and remained so over the “long haul”. Maria is an articulate and compelling speaker. She communicates effectively and in a moving way, with honesty, courage, and candor about her own story. Maria and her husband Jeff live in the Seattle area on a horse farm, at the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. Together, they are writing a book about the miracle story of the birth of their daughter Elisha, and their passion to help other families. Web site www.adoptanembryo.net adoptanembryo@aol.com email

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