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#### FORMER ORPHAN TO SPEAK ON IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTION

Steve Feldmann will speak on the importance of adoption in a child's life on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at a Newport High School teen health class in Newport, KY.

An orphan who was placed for adoption at birth, Feldmann, now 40, is married, has his own family, and is a successful attorney. He is president of the board of directors for Healthy Visions, a non-profit Cincinnati organization dedicated to serving youth and adults who seek stronger relationships by equipping them with skills and knowledge to make better choices in sexuality, marriage, and parenting throughout their lives. One of the organization's programs is Adoption Option, which provides practical and positive information on adoption to teens at high schools in greater Cincinnati and northern Kentucky.

Choosing the gift of life over death or childhood poverty, and making an adoption plan is one of the most selfless things a teen mother can do for her child, said Carole Adlard, founder and director of Healthy Visions. The Adoption Option school-based program presents the facts about adoption, as well as a message of hope and positive action, says Adlard.

Feldmann is a resident of West Chester and a member of St. Maximilian-Kolbe Church. He is available to speak locally about adoption as an option and can be reached at Healthy Visions at [www.healthyvisions.org](http://www.healthyvisions.org) or at (513) 793-7268.

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