

# Allison Johnson

## Client Advocate

**M**y husband, Randy, and I have been married for 31 years. We lived in Virginia before moving back to South Carolina in 2017. Due to my health issues, we don't have children, but enjoy spoiling our fur baby, Darci. We never felt God's calling to adopt, but God blessed us with opportunities to help and mentor young people. We are also blessed with four nephews with whom we spend a great deal of time. We love to travel and meet people from different cultures. I am part of the welcome ministry at my church, sing in the choir and volunteer with the International Friendship Ministries.



The reason I began volunteering at Daybreak as a Client Advocate was because I lost a precious person, my sibling, to abortion. My mom had gotten pregnant a few years before she and Dad were married, and due to the influence of my grandmother, my mom decided to have an abortion. My dad left the decision up to her. At the time, abortion was illegal in SC, therefore my parents flew to NY for Mom to have an abortion. Mom and Dad didn't talk about it for almost 25 years. When my sister's teenage friend became pregnant, she came to Mom. Mom advised her not to have an abortion; yet, she still couldn't reveal her secret. But a deep, buried wound started to fester and began to affect everything and everyone in her life. I had only been married for a few years when this resurfaced and Mom revealed to me and my sister what had happened. My mom's actions, the things she said to us while growing up, made so much more sense to me. Although I now know that Mom's relationship with God depended on it, the pain and torment I saw her go through was heartbreaking to witness.

Abortion not only takes the life of a precious child, but it can wreak havoc on the woman who makes that decision and can affect everyone in the family. In principle, I am my parents' first born, but I will always consider myself their middle child. And although I have never met him/her, I will always miss my sibling and think of what could have been.

God placed on my heart that I needed to get involved with a ministry such as Daybreak. His timing is always perfect and I know He led me to be here. Without a place like Daybreak, my mom would not have found the healing that she needed. She now counsels post-abortion women.

**FUN FACT:** My happy place is to be in my kayak (flatwater), leisurely rowing, enjoying the beautiful world God gave us.

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