

Hello we are...
Ian and Jenn





Our Hopes and Dreams...

We met at the National Institute of Health where we both worked. We were amazed at how well we fit together. Open communications, honesty, shared values, and our sense of adventure provided a great foundation for a friendship. Our relationship grew quickly and after two years of dating we got married. We had discussed adoption from the beginning of our family planning. So, when we tried to grow our family and discovered that we had fertility issues, we knew adoption was the right option for us.

Now we move forward with hope. Hope to expand our family. Hope to share in the life of a child.

As parents our goal is to help our child navigate the world in the best possible way so they are happy in life. Whatever our child's personality and interests, we will encourage and support them. Ian is excited to be a father. He will read stories and he will be on the floor playing every chance he gets. As our child gets older, Ian will play an active role in helping them learn new skills and supporting their interests and hobbies.

I look forward to everything being a mother brings. From tummy time to rocking and cuddling at night I can't wait to share life with our child. I even look forward to mid-night feedings and dirty diapers! I'm eager to provide love, support, and comfort, and to teach and guide our child as they develop into their own individual. I can't wait to watch them grow and enjoy all of those special moments along the way.

If you choose us to be the adoptive parents for your child, we promise to love them unconditionally and provide a stable home. We will teach them to be a strong, confident, self-sufficient individual, yet a good team player. We may not provide them with everything they want, but we promise to provide everything they need.

We respect, appreciate, and admire your courageous decision to consider adoption.
We sincerely wish you comfort and peace of mind during this time.

Warmly,

Jenn & Ian


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Our values and beliefs as parents...

We appreciate the values we learned from our parents and through our involvement in church at a young age. The focus was on being a loving, forgiving, and nonjudgmental person. We will share these values and beliefs with our child and raise them to know God in hopes that they will feel companionship, comfort, and guidance, and will learn the values that bring people together rather than tear them apart.

We believe in taking care of yourself so that you can take care of others. We will teach our child to respect him or herself and others, to have a strong sense of who they are, to know that they are loved and to be loving of others. We will teach honesty and comfort in standing up for themselves and others when needed.

We believe in always doing our best. We grew up believing you have to put in hard work to get good results. Yet we understand that you don't always succeed. We look forward to celebrating any accomplishments - big or small - with our child. Giving their best effort is all we expect.

We believe living life to its fullest – everyday. We like the outdoors and enjoy hiking on trails, riding our bikes, and paddling across lakes or rivers. We have been very blessed to visit some wonderful places like Italy, Iceland and the mountains of West Virginia. Our camping skills aren't the best, but we plan to keep trying until we get it right. We look forward to seeing our daily adventures through the eyes of a child and showing them everything the world has to offer.



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A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Family dogs

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother:

Spending time in nature, jogging, hiking, playing soccer, reading, volunteering, spending time with family and friends

Adoptive Father:

Painting, drawing, listening to music, biking, playing golf and basketball, watching college football, spending time with friends and family

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Dietitian

Adoptive Father: Medical Research Officer

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Masters Degree

Adoptive Father: Medical Doctor

Our home...

We live in a lovely suburban neighborhood outside a city where diversity is a norm. There are lots of nearby places to play and be active, including parks, playgrounds, hiking trails and a bike trail just down the street. This is where we take our two dogs for walks. Our elementary school is short walk up the street.

Our home sits on a quiet street with huge trees. Our yard has mature landscaping with a fenced-in backyard and a fun hill for sledding. We have a fire-pit surrounded by built-in benches that's perfect for roasting marshmallows and making s'mores.

Our home is warm and inviting. The common living area is flooded with sunlight and the walls are painted bright warm colors and decorated with lots of pictures from the places we've traveled and Ian's art work. Each room has a cozy and personal feel with bright colors and comfortable furniture.

Most evenings during the week we walk the dogs on the nearby hiking trail, have dinner and either read or watch a sitcom. Regardless of what we are doing after dinner, we usually spend time in the family room. It's relaxing with its oversized and over-stuffed green sage couch and arm chair; the furniture, blinds and ceiling fan are all the warmth of maple wood.

Although we haven't actually decorated the nursery yet, we have been thinking about it a lot. We will paint 3 of the 4 walls in a different theme – ocean, desert, and jungle. The wall with the ocean will be painted blue and have lots of fish, sea horses, star fish and sea turtles. The desert will have elephants and giraffes, and the jungle will have lots of trees and monkeys swinging from vines. The built-in book shelves will be filled with books, and of course the room will have a rocker so we can read to our child and rock them to sleep.

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Our family...

We met at work more than 6 years ago and dated 2 years before getting married. Our marriage is solid and based on friendship, mutual respect for each other, and unconditional love. We make a good team. Jenn is friendly and kind-hearted. She always loved animals and grew up spending time around horses. Ian is quiet at first, but when you get to know him, you realize he is a gentle giant who is kind and has a great sense of humor.

Both of us were raised in two-parent homes and both sets of our parents are still together – after more than 35 years.

Our parents gave us unconditional support, love, and guidance while we were growing up. Ian's father's goal was to leave the world better than he found it and his mother taught him compassion and understanding. Jenn's parents taught her that who she is on the inside matters most, to not be afraid of failure, and to care about others.

We get together with our families often, celebrating every birthday and holiday. Jenn grew up in the country and her parents still live there, they work hard to maintain their 5 acres and still have 2 horses. Her mom spends her free time riding horses, helping people at church, and babysitting her grandchildren. When everyone is there we play lots of sports, feed the horses, and play hide and seek. When we visit Ian's family we all act like big kids. Everyone in our families will warmly welcome our child into the family and the kids will be thrilled to have another cousin as a playmate.



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