

**Hello we are...
Buddy and Allison**





Our Hopes and Dreams...

We have dreamed about becoming parents for several years now. Although we always knew that we would adopt one day, we didn't realize the time would come so quickly. You see, Buddy was adopted as an infant and has seen the wonderful life-long experience it can be; he has dedicated parents who have, and will always love and support him. After infertility treatments were unsuccessful, we knew the time was now.

We were introduced by a mutual friend one evening in May 2004. I had heard about this guy by the name of "Buddy" for quite some time and had a clear image of this person in my mind. When I met him my "clear image" didn't look anything like him and I said, "you are Buddy, I thought you would be heftier and taller." Apparently I didn't have dating him on my mind, however it was clear he did. The next day I was planting flowers with my roommate and he asked if he could help. Really? Plant flowers? ;o)

What I didn't know then that I know now is that is just who he is. Buddy has an incredible work ethic, is passionate towards the things he believes in, and loves to help others. In April 2006, we were married in a big spring wedding surrounded by our family and friends.

And, surrounded by family and friends is how we begin our adoption journey. However, it's not lost on us that while our journey ends with our dream come true, on the other side is a loving parent who is making a courageous and selfless decision. It's only because of your strength that others can live their dream. If you chose us as the adoptive parents for your child, we promise to provide a loving and stable home and to always be the best parents we are capable of being, to provide your child with a wonderful life-long experience.

Respectfully,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...

Having a loving and supportive family provides us with a sense of security and companionship. Regardless if it's personal or professional we are always there for each other. By making family a priority; demonstrating our love and support to and for them, spending time together, and always being there for each other we will demonstrate and reinforce the importance of family.

Morals are important to us because they guide us in making daily choices especially in how we treat each other. Good morals were instilled in us through our parents and have been our compass in life since early-childhood. We are excited to share our morals with our children by treating others with dignity and respect. Modeling good morals, along with faith-based programs taught in our church will help guide our children in making good decisions.

Not only do we value education, we have a deep respect and understanding for how a well-rounded good education can improve your quality of life. Because we were both raised by parents who were educators, we learned that education doesn't start or stop in the classroom. Instead we learned that learning is a life-long experience with a "teachable moment" in almost everything we do. Yes we are excited to read books, color, play letter and number games, however we also look forward to the smallest teachable moments in everything we do.

We value working hard so that we can provide for our family and "play hard." This applies to our relationships with family and friends, working on our home, and in our professional lives. "Playing hard" means having fun every day, as well as enjoying the finer things in life; such as vacations, dining out, going to concerts and sporting events. We believe the best way to teach our child the value of hard work is through our example.



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A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Family dog

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother:

Cooking, swimming, vacations, spending time with family and friends, following favorite sports teams

Adoptive Father:

Reading, golf, grilling, sports-sports-sports, vacations

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Federal Government/Advocate

Adoptive Father: Teacher/Basketball Coach

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelors Degree

Adoptive Father: Masters Degree

Our home...

Our home is located on a quiet cul-de-sac street, with friendly neighbors, and children of all different ages. Our community is filled with great schools, parks, and activities for children. We have excellent youth athletic programs, ballet and gymnastics studios, a children's museum, an arts theater, and a variety of festivals throughout the year.

We try to make our home warm, cozy and inviting; the perfect place to relax and spend time with family and friends. Even our friends say "your house is a home". Our favorite time of the day is when we come home from work; we have the opportunity to relax together, unwind, catch up on our day, cook, take walks around the neighborhood, or play in the yard.

When our friends and family join us, it usually includes time outside in our fenced-in backyard. While we patiently wait to fill the perfect spot with a swing set, we enjoy grilling out on the deck. The bird and squirrel feeders attract all kinds of colorful birds, and the deer come around to graze on the grass just on the other side of the fence.

We are fortunate to have a home that is ready for children. From bedrooms to bathrooms to closets, there is plenty of space. We are excited for the noises a child will bring into our home and our lives. We look forward to tripping over the toys that are scattered around. We look forward to our evenings including our child, and walks with a stroller. We look forward to taking our child to the park, on picnics, swimming, and watching their face when they discover the excitement of a swing set.

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Our family...

Family is where the heart is and we are so lucky to have a wonderful network of family and friends. Being with family and friends completes us; when we are not working, we are usually spending time with them. We enjoy every day things like cooking meals together, playing putt-putt golf, driving go-karts, going to carnivals or theme parks, and attending sporting events such as football, basketball, and baseball games.

We also enjoy family vacation, attending family reunions, and celebrating birthdays and holidays as a family. One of our favorite times together is our annual vacations at the beach. Besides walks on the beach, building sand castles, chasing sea gulls, and searching for crabs at dusk, we simply enjoy the peace that comes with spending time with those that we love while listening to the crash of the waves.

One of our most valued times together as a couple is Christmas Eve. We have made it our own tradition to co-host our families – together. That is, Buddy's family and my family in the same house at the same time. You know most holidays you spend time with one side of the family and then the go see the other side. Our day usually starts at noon with appetizers, then the kids play games while the adults do most of the cooking. After we eat, we relax, open presents, and go to church as a group. It's a great time!

We are both blessed to have great parents who look forward to having additional grandchildren. They are extremely supportive and will be active in our child's life. They enjoy baby-sitting, going on trips to the zoo, vacationing at Disneyworld, and volunteering at school. Words cannot describe how excited our family is about the possibility of bringing another child into our family.



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