

Hello we are...  
Josh and Heather





## *Our Hopes and Dreams...*

We cannot imagine how difficult of a decision this may be for you, but we are sure that it takes a very special person to make this choice. We believe that choosing adoption is a very brave, courageous, loving and selfless act.

We are both pretty laid back, easy going people. We work hard, but also like to have fun with each other, family and friends. We enjoy being outdoors, visiting new places, and experiencing new things.

Our hopes and dreams for a family are very simple. We will provide a loving, caring and secure home for a child, similar to what we had growing up. Because there doesn't seem to be a "solid" medical reason for our infertility, we believe it's God's plan for us to build our family through adoption. This will be our first child; we simply can't wait to share our love with him or her. To watch them grow, learn and discover. To help guide them through life. To see what type of person they become.

If you chose us to parent your child, we promise that we will provide them everything they need to have a healthy, secure, adventuresome, and productive life. For you, please know that you will always be a part of our family. You will always be respected and loved for the opportunity you gave us to love and parent your child.

Warmest Wishes,

*Josh and Heather*

  
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## Our values and beliefs as parents...

Our values and beliefs are based on our wonderful up-bringing. We value family and friends. Our family and friends are our “rock” that keeps us grounded. We believe it’s not your material possessions that define who you are, but rather the relationships and time you spend with those that you love. We will teach our children the importance of solid relationships by continuing to build bonds with friends and family. We will celebrate big days together, like birthdays and holidays. Family and friends will also participate in the child’s special days such as recitals, first day of school, kindergarten graduation, school performances, and sports events. They will join us as we explore local attractions such as the zoo, aquarium or even the nearby park.



Education is very important. We want our children to have the opportunities to reach their dreams. We believe that a solid education is a great foundation to wonderful life. Heather knows this first hand as her nursing degree has transformed her life. Heather’s job will allow her to be a stay-at-home mother and maintain an extremely flexible schedule only working 3 weekend days a month. With a good education, anything is possible.

We value diversity and open-mindedness. We believe that no one should pass judgment on anyone because of their differences. Our family is very diverse including those from different ethnic groups and those who have made different life style choices. We believe those differences and acceptance of our differences make us stronger individuals and strengthen our family unit. We will teach this to our children through our actions – how we treat and act towards others who may be different than us.



We value security. We want our children to grow up knowing that they will always have a HOME to come to. We will always be there for them. We will always be willing to help with an open mind and heart. We will always help our children through life’s challenges.

We believe that if you want something you have to work for it. We believe a good work ethic is a solid foundation for life in general. It’s our hard work that has allowed us to enjoy our life, purchase a home, and travel regularly to see and experience new things. We will share this value with our children by demonstrating balance between work and having fun.

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## A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Pet Fish

### HOBBIES:

#### **Adoptive Mother:**

Cooking, Reading, Hiking, Crafts

#### **Adoptive Father:**

Golf, Basketball, Horseback Riding

#### **Family:**

Hiking Trails, Attending Sporting Events, Grilling out with friends.

### PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Licensed Practical Nurse

**Adoptive Father:** Automotive Team Leader

### EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Associates Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Some College

## Our home...

Our home is special because it's...HOME. It's warm, full of love, friends and family.

We live in a small town where everybody knows everybody, where there are little worries. We could not imagine living anywhere else! Our house is situated on almost 2 acres surrounded by farmland and hills. We love cooking and having dinner together and catching up on our day. We look forward to our children joining our family's favorite time at the table. Yes, in the early years it will include throwing food, cleaning the floor and maybe the walls after each meal, but we look forward to it all.

Our child's bedroom is almost done except for some personal touches that will reflect the child. It's located just a few steps from our bedroom and is decorated in soft tones with animal prints such as giraffes, polar bears, monkey's and many more. The bookcase is filled with books ready to inspire them, fill their imagination, and put them to sleep at bedtime. We look forward to hearing their first word, seeing their first step, and watching them filled with wonder as they learn and explore in the security of our home.

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## Our family...

We grew up knowing that family is one of the most important things in your life. They are who you rely on, who you spend time with, and who are always there for you. We believe that blood is not what makes you family, it's the time spent together and the feelings you have for one another that make you family. Our family is a part of our everyday lives.



Some of our most treasured memories are the time we spend with our family. Every other Sunday our entire family joins in for dinner together. And I mean everyone; moms, dads, sisters, brothers, and cousins all come out to enjoy each other's company, as well as some of Josh's grandmother's best home cooking.

Holidays are also precious time for our family. Thanksgiving and Christmas are the time of year when our family actually rings bells and the house is filled with laughter and joy. Our traditions include decorating our Christmas tree after Thanksgiving dinner. The room is filled with people - some unwrapping ornaments, others decorating the tree. This is the festive start of our family's Christmas celebration. On Christmas morning everyone gathers for breakfast that includes Heather's dad's famous apple turnovers, and then we open presents. We top off the day with Christmas dinner. We can't wait to share these traditions with our children, to watch their faces light up as they discover all the wonder of the holidays.

As anticipated, our family and friends are so excited about our adoption journey. They continue to offer us their love and support as we wait patiently to welcome our newest family member. Our child will be surrounded with love, security, kindness and patience. Not just by us, but by our entire family.



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