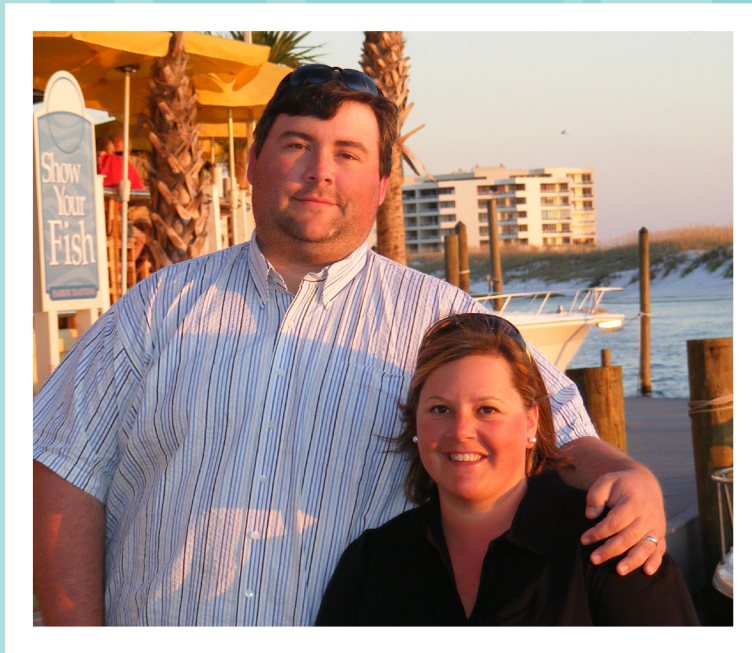


Hello we are...  
Bill and Ann





## *Our Hopes and Dreams...*

Words cannot express just how thankful we are that you are considering us as part of your adoption plan. Although we have never met, we already know that you are an extraordinary person, filled with compassion and love.

It is impossible to explain in such limited space how much we have to offer as parents or how much love we have to give. We hope something about us touches your heart as you consider the miracle of adoption.

We met at work in the summer of 2005. It was Ann's first day of work and Bill asked her to go to lunch with him and some other co-workers. She declined! After much persistence from Bill, we became fast friends and eventually realized what we had was more than friendship. We were married in the fall of 2007 and each day we have together is amazing.

Shortly after we were married Ann's mother was diagnosed with cancer. Thankfully, Ann's mom is doing better now. But, how we dealt with this was a test for how well we communicated with and without words. Nothing can ever prepare you for how you will support your new spouse when they have a parent who is ill. Somewhere along the lines in this whole ordeal we heard the quote "you become strongest in your weakest moments". This short phrase stuck with us and has proven to be right time after time.

As we continue to explore the miracle of adoption, this phrase stays close to our heart. As we think of you it is impossible for us to imagine how you are feeling right now, and everything that you have been through up to this point. But, if you select us to parent your child, our promise is to honor your courage and thoughtful decision each and every day.

Your child will know how much you love and care for them to have made this special plan for their life. We will help them understand what a miraculous blessing adoption is and just how special they are because of this blessing. They will know that they are loved and cherished. They will be nurtured, guided and surrounded by people who love and adore them.

Sincerely,

*Bill and Ann*

  
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## Our values and beliefs as parents...

Honesty is important to both of us for the simple reason that we cannot truly be ourselves unless we are completely honest. Bill, as a Deputy Sheriff, values honesty in his line of work because it can mean saving a life. Ann uses honesty with her students each day by trying to show them that telling the truth is the most important thing they can do. We will share this value with our child by speaking the truth and being honest and upfront about our child's adoption.

We try to be compassionate by doing what we can to help others. Giving of our time and capabilities without receiving anything in return, is a core value. It doesn't matter if it's family, friends or someone in the community. Whether it is helping a neighbor take out their trash or just being there for our friends and family as a listening ear, our child will learn this by seeing it's a way of life for us. Laughter is a must in our home. Life without laughter is just boring.

Laughter can bring one out of the most horrible mood and turn their day around. This is what brought the two of us together, one single laugh shared and the rest was history. Ann knew that Bill was the one for her when she laughed like she had never laughed before in front of someone she barely knew. We will encourage our child to laugh each and every day. To laugh with us, laugh at us, laugh until we cry, or cry until we laugh. Studies say that the average child laughs over 300 times per day. We cannot wait to be part of the reason they are laughing so much.

We feel strongly that education should nurture a child's natural curiosity. Education is not defined as just a classroom and textbook situation. Education is about being allowed to explore the world you live in and the world you want to live in. Education has opened new doors for us, including learning new interests. We are constantly seeking out ways to learn and expand ourselves and our worlds. We want to share our love for learning with our child and hope they will grow to be a life-long learner.



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## Our home...

### A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Family dog

#### HOBBIES:

##### **Adoptive Mother:**

Spending time with family and friends, entertaining, cooking, traveling, and reading

##### **Adoptive Father:**

Spending time with my family, going to movies, watching sports specifically college football, fishing, and hunting

##### **Family:**

Game night with friends, cooking, traveling and car trips

#### PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Kindergarten Teacher

**Adoptive Father:** Deputy Sheriff

#### EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Masters Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Masters Degree

It's our center, our heart. It's the place that nurtures, feeds, comforts, warms and rejuvenates us. It's our private place where we can be alone to think our own thoughts, sing our own songs, pad around in our slippers and pajamas all day if we want. Home is a place where memories come unexpectedly while cleaning or making dinner. It's the comfort of familiarity, of closeness, of security, of love. It is the place that we feel the most free to be ourselves. It's the place we feel safe and secure. The decor may change periodically, the meals might not always be perfect, and the laundry might not always be done. But, like a very famous Dorothy once said "there's no place like home".

Our home is in a wonderful city that has so much to offer. It's very family oriented and filled with activities and places for people of all ages. We have a wonderful children's museum, and a world class aquarium that we cannot wait to spend family time at. Our neighborhood has a great playground, pool, and two ponds for fishing. Bill is so excited about taking our child fishing whether it is in the neighborhood pond, the river, or the ocean it doesn't matter.

We have been busy preparing a room for our child! This has been a special project that Ann, her mom and sister have had a great time doing together. Each day there is some new idea Ann has about how she wants to decorate to create the most special room ever.

But, the thing we are most looking forward to is sharing our home with our child. We cannot wait to watch them grow and learn and help them every step of the way. We cannot wait for our home to be filled with the joyful sounds of a family laughing, and loving life.

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# Our family...

Currently our immediate family is the two of us... and our dog.

From the moment Bill met Ann he knew that she was the one for me. She has an incredible sense of who she is and what she wants to be. She is quick witted and always up for a good laugh. She has a heart of gold and sees the good in every person. I believe that is why she is such a wonderful kindergarten teacher. The way that she relates to her students is with calm and ease. She not only educates her students but strives to provide a space where they can be themselves and feel safe and secure doing so. I know without a doubt that she will do the same for our child.

Bill is a genuine, honest, loving, and well educated man. He has a smile that brightens up the darkest room and a laugh that is infectious. He never meets a stranger and wants to make everyone feel happy and loved. Bill has worked in law enforcement for the last six years and has loved every minute of it. He likes to take the time to get to know the people he is working with, to learn something new from each and every person he meets. He is an unbelievable husband and partner and truly completes me.

As a couple we share an ability and readiness to communicate and do so without judgment. We enjoy spending time together whether it is making dinner or folding clothes. We have found that when we work together that life is easier for both of us and we are happier. We cannot wait to share our family life with our child. Like, pancake breakfasts on the weekends. Every Saturday morning Bill is at the helm in the kitchen preparing his famous pancakes for breakfast. We both cannot wait for him to have a helper in the kitchen and another mouth to devour his specialty.

When it comes to family there is no doubt that we are extremely blessed. We would not be where we are today without the love and support that both of our families have provided us throughout our lives and this journey to parenthood. Our families are close by and we see them often, even sharing summer vacations to the beach each year. Summer vacations like this have been a part of Ann's life since she was born. Her family has been going to the same beach together for over 35 summers. The group has grown from a modest one of maybe 10 people to now more than 30 people.

We are so excited about growing our family through adoption. Although some days we think we just can't wait another minute, we know that all good things do come to those who wait and that there is a bigger plan in store for us than our timeline. In the future we would like to see a family not just of three but of four or more. We are hoping to add brothers and sisters to our child's life so that they can share in those most special sibling relationships. As we have grown we both have come to realize just how important and special relationships between siblings are.



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