Hello we are... Brandon and Suzanne







Our Hopes and Dreams...

We are thankful that you're taking the time to review our family profile. We are not going to pretend to know what you are feeling or thinking right now. However, we want you to know that we deeply respect you for the decisions you have already made. We write this letter to you with completely open hearts and open minds.

We are Brandon and Suzanne, and we hope this letter and profile gives you some comfort and encouragement during this process. Hopefully, it will give you a glimpse of who we are and why we want to adopt.

We are strongly committed to giving our children a life of wonderful memories, great opportunities, and unconditional love. We are so humbled at the thought of becoming parents again, and Gavin, our 5 year old son, is thrilled about being a big brother! We have been so blessed with our son Gavin, and cannot wait to add another child to our family.

Please know that we pray for you. We pray that you will have peace, comfort, encouragement, and hope.

Respectfully,

Suzanne, Brandon and Gavin





Our family really is our top priority and we are fully committed to it!

All of the choices and decisions we make revolve around the strength and happiness of our family. Any child that is in our home will go to bed every night having been read to, prayed with, hugged, and kissed goodnight. They will close their eyes knowing that they have a mommy and a daddy that will protect them, provide for them, and cherish them unconditionally.

Not only will we provide our children with all of their needs, we are committed to providing them with the experiences of fun vacations, Christmas mornings, and occasional trips for ice cream or a special treat or toy. We love to see Gavin's face when he barrels into the living room on Christmas morning or when he realizes he has earned a special treat!

We cannot promise that we'll be able to fulfill a child's every wish when it comes to material objects, but we can assure you that our children will have a reasonable balance between necessity and luxury. We feel it is important that our children remain appreciative of the things they have.

Education is another priority in our family. There are several teachers on both sides of our family and all the children are encouraged and supported to make the most of their education. Gavin has previously attended a private pre-school at our church, but will be going to public school this Fall. Our local school district is excellent, and the elementary school Gavin will attend is especially good. We cannot wait to see Gavin excel next year!

Although we remain committed to providing the best education possible for our kids, we will be supportive of whatever they choose to do after high school. While college opens doors, it doesn't guarantee a happy life. We want our children to be happy, content, and successful. We will be supportive of them no matter how they choose to create that life.

If we adopt a child from a race other than our own, we will be committed to teaching the child about their culture and their heritage. We know there are lots of different ways to educate children about their culture including a variety of toys, books, and videos and culturally enriching museums, exhibits, concerts, etc. There are many cultural festivals and activities near our town that would enable us to teach our children about their culture and heritage. These are just a few examples of how we will be successful keeping our children connected to their culture and heritage.

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A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Family dog and horses

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother:

Running, reading, cooking, swimming, taking pictures, hiking

Adoptive Father:

Riding Horses and ATV's, playing basketball, scuba diving, playing pool, hiking

Family:

Swimming, playing softball, reading bedtime stories, watching movies, riding ATV's

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Teacher Adoptive Father: Foreman

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Masters Degree Adoptive Father: Some College

Our home...

We live in the beautiful mountains in a very family-oriented and historic little town. We built our home several years ago knowing that we wanted to have more children. We've always said that the sweetest sound is that of sweet smiling kiddos running and giggling. We cannot wait to add more of this to our already happy home!

Our home, situated on 6 acres has a game room upstairs, and a large front and back yard. Our home is very inviting and cozy, there is always laughter or activity coming from somewhere in the house. We relax by the fireplace in the winter and love our front porch swing in the spring and summer.

We share our land with two horses, "Slick" and "Lil' Girl", and an energetic Yorkie named "Cooper". Brandon loves working in our wonderful big garden full of fresh summer fruits and veggies!

Our neighborhood is very family-oriented with wonderful parks. Afternoons spent playing at the park are a regular adventure for our family! There are a lot of families with young children living close by. There are often little bicycle parades in front of our house! It is very quiet and extremely safe.

From the laughter and chatter at the dinner table to the tickles and giggles in the living room, there always seems to be sounds of happiness in our home. We may be staying in for family movie night, watching Gavin at karate practice, or hanging out with family and friends. We make a point to spend quality time together as a family every day. Our goal is to always provide our children with a safe and happy home, as well as two parents who provide constant love and acceptance.

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Our family...

Most couples have a romantic story about how they met or saw each other for the first time... not the case with us! We actually met at a grocery store. Suzanne worked there at night and on the weekends. Brandon would come into the store to grab a soda or snack and always found himself going through her line to pay. She was completely oblivious to this, but apparently this was on purpose! Eventually, Suzanne figured out that the cute blond was waiting in her line to buy a pack of gum when there were 3 other cashiers open.

We dated through college, and married in 2004. We have been together for 9 years and both of us agree that we wouldn't take back even one day and



that our marriage is a life-long commitment. Our marriage is strong! We have so much fun together, and can't wait to see what the future holds for our family!

Our 5 year old son Gavin is our only child. He is very kind, considerate, and curious...he always seems to find himself in a mud puddle He is a very energetic little boy and by the end of the day, we're all worn out. We like to joke that he is mommy's baby until the big white truck pulls in. When Brandon arrives home, he is Daddy's little man. They spend most of their time outside, they specifically enjoy taking care of and riding the horses, exploring the land on Brandon's ATV, playing basketball, and watching baseball together.

When we are all together, we often find ourselves either at the park or at the lake. We are all very adventurous and love to go hiking, kayaking, and jet-skiing on the lake. On rainy days, we like to take Gavin to the public library or Chuck E. Cheese for some fun family time.

Brandon and I are both very adamant that we all sit down together for dinner as often as possible. I really enjoy cooking, and Gavin likes to help set the table. While having dinner, we like to talk about things that happened during the day or maybe our plans for the weekend.

It's important to us that our children have great memories of fun family traditions. We have been able to create some new family traditions and have borrowed a few from each side of the family. One of our favorite traditions is our annual "blackberry day". We put on our helmets and set off on our ATV's into the wooded area behind our house to pick blackberries. Even though we end up eating more than we bring home, we usually have with several big buckets full of fresh berries. Once we get home, we like to make fresh blackberry jams or cobbler and homemade. blackberry dumplings' throughout the year.

Another family tradition is our annual 4th of July BBQ. We fire up the grills and invite about 50 of our closest friends over for food, fun, and fireworks. The kids swim in the pool and the adults usually play games like softball. When the sun sets, we enjoy a great fireworks show and marshmallow roast. The kids also love to catch fireflies and lightning bugs!

We join Brandon's family every Sunday for a sit-down meal at his grandmothers. We usually eat turkey, mashed potatoes, fresh baked rolls, and homegrown garden veggies. Wednesdays are family-night at Suzanne's parents. Gavin joins his cousins there to spend time hiking with Grandpa or reading books with Grandma! We also spend a lot of time with different families from our church. The kids play really well together, and there always seems to be a new baby being added to the group. We look forward to everyone welcoming our child soon!