

Hello we are...
Chris and Julie





Our Hopes and Dreams...

It takes an enormous amount of courage and love to consider adoption. We write this letter to assure you that if you select us as adoptive parents, your child will be unconditionally loved and supported as well as surrounded by a caring family.

We have always wanted to be parents, our child will know what loving birth parents they have and how deeply cherished they are by both families. We'll share our adoption story from the beginning, so as the child grows up, more and more questions can be answered.

Our hearts go out to you as you select adoptive parents for your child.

Sincerely,

Chris
Julie


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Our values and beliefs as parents...

Regardless of whether we adopt a child of our own race, or a different race, tolerance and respect for all races will be taught. We will learn about the child's culture and teach the child about their heritage. We will also seek out people from that culture to share in our child's life. We can cook ethnic foods together and find books at the library to learn. No matter the activity: from choosing books, videos, and toys to our attitudes and actions toward people and events, we will teach our child to respect and celebrate everyone's differences.



One of our closest friends has recently adopted a little child from Guatemala. As the child's Godparents, it was such a wonderful experience to travel to Guatemala with our friend for the trip to bring the child home. My friend and I both teared up as we brought the child into the states where she became a citizen. She has brought such love and joy into our life and that of her adoptive mom's. We take comfort in that our child will have a friend that is also adopted and may share some of the same questions.



We also believe education is critically important for a child. It is a part of a solid foundation for a child to grow into an independent adult. We would support our child attending college and starting off on their own.

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A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Family Dog

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother:

Organizer for Support Group for People with Spinal Cord Injuries, Watching Movies, Live Theater, Entertaining

Adoptive Father:

Photography, Reading, Working on House Projects, Triathlons

Family:

Spending time with family and friends; playing with our dogs; sporting events: baseball, football, Nascar races; travelling; enjoying local interests: Botanical Gardens, Zoo, Art Museum, History Museum

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Systems Engineer

Adoptive Father: Manager

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelors Degree

Adoptive Father: Masters Degree

Our home...

We picked our home because it would be a great place to raise a family. Our school district has Blue Ribbon schools that have been awarded for academic excellence. Our home is across the street from a beautiful park with play equipment for all ages, a large lake for fishing and feeding the ducks, and nature trails. The large back yard is fully fenced to keep our children safe and large enough for a swing set with plenty of room to play a game of catch.

We look forward to seeing our child playing with the other children on our street riding bikes, having water balloon fights, shooting baskets or just having fun. We would also seek out all the wonderful programs for children offered by the metropolitan area such as the zoo, science center, botanical gardens, and sports programs. The Zoo offers wonderful programs for kids to explore the Zoo's animal habitats and learn about conservation. The Botanical Gardens helps parents and little ones learn about plants and nature together. And our baseball team has a great kid's club to participate in. We would also want our child to pay it back by volunteering and participating in charitable events. We hope to raise a well-rounded child who can grow to be a happy fulfilled adult.

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Our family...

We first met in college and became great friends, then starting dating over the summer, and have been married for over 12 years. Four years after we got married, Julie started infertility treatments to fulfill the dream of having children. A few short months later she had a back injury, spent several months in rehab, and now needs to use a wheelchair. That time in our lives was hard, and is what has tested our marriage and has proven we can be there for each other when the going gets tough. We have both grown from the experience, met many new friends, and understand what really matters in life.



We love our families very much and share time with each other throughout the year. Julie has one sister and Chris has one brother. Most of our immediate family members live close by. Chris' mom comes from a large family with many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Our child would be part of many holiday celebrations, birthday parties, graduation parties, summer barbecues and family vacations. We spend a lot of time with Chris' brother's children, taking them on the weekends and going to the Zoo, Science Center, movies, etc. They would love to have another child to join in on the fun. Our whole family looks forward to the addition of another child and is eager to share our joy.

Getting together with family and friends for the holidays is very important to us. We have out of town family stay at our house for the Christmas holiday, and Chris' mom has a celebration for all the family the Saturday after Christmas. An uncle dresses up as Santa and talks with all the children (and some adults) about how they behaved that year.

We are both very fortunate to have stable jobs with regular income. We both work for a major aerospace company. Chris is a Software Manager and Julie is a Systems Engineer. We would both agree that the people we work with are the best aspect of our jobs. We both are able to work from home and flex our time, allowing us to be involved in our child's life. We look forward to field trips, sporting events, camping trips, and to be there for our child.



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