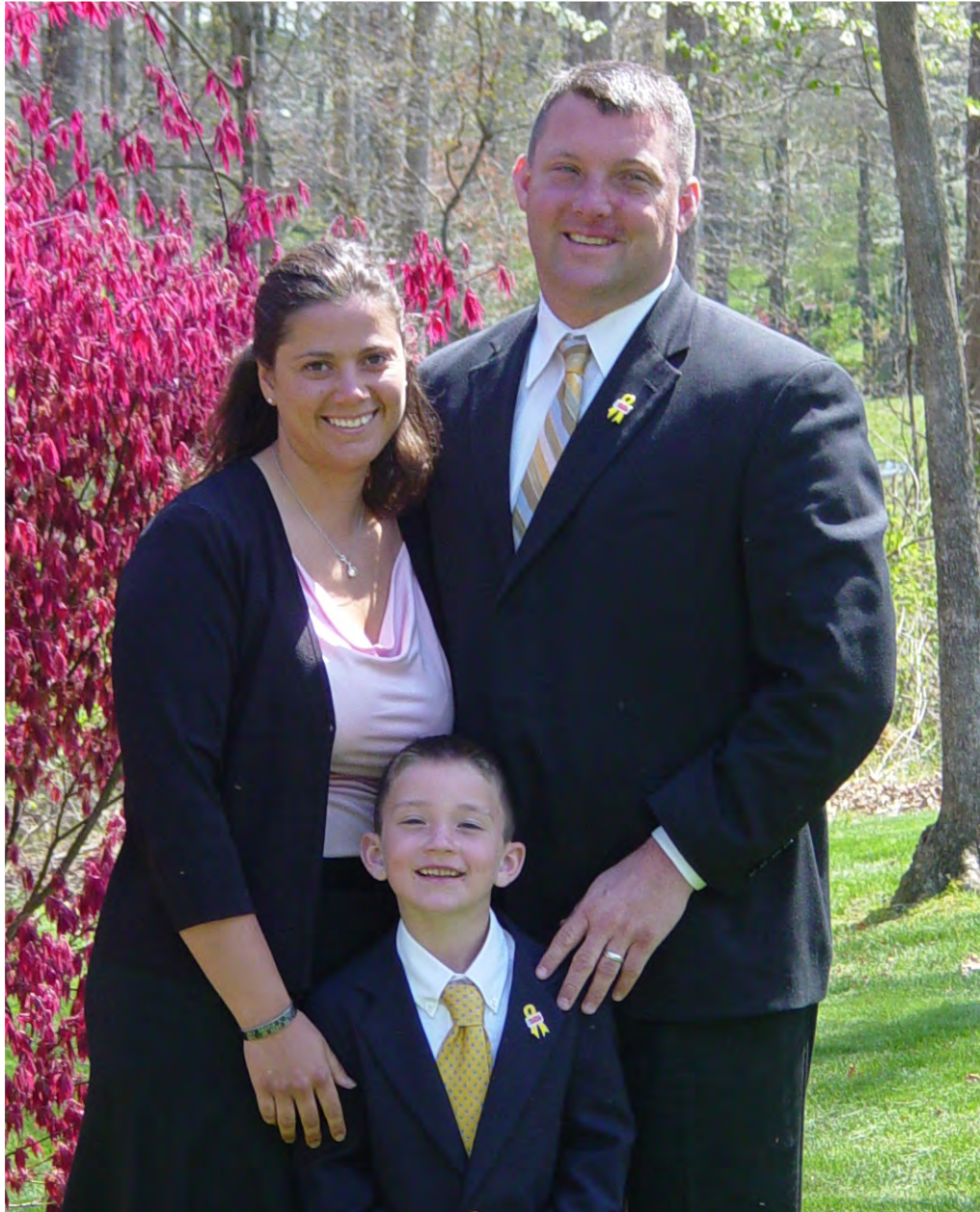


Hello we are...  
Freddie, Jennifer and Claiborne





## *Our Hopes and Dreams...*

To say we understand that you are going through a difficult time with this decision would not be a true statement. Truth is, we can't understand everything you're feeling and thinking about. But we would like for you to know we wish you the very best with your decision.

We are writing this letter to hopefully better communicate who we are, how we got here, and where we're going.

We are Jennifer and Freddie. We are a humble, loving family dedicated to our family, community, and Country. Our family is centered on faith and sharing all life's experiences that make up our journey together.

When the doctor told us we couldn't conceive a child we prayed and soon became peaceful with the situation and with adoption. We consider adoption a blessing not an alternative. Our love for each other and desire to share everything we have with a child led us to write this letter. Freddie has a wonderful nine year old son that spends weekends and summers with us. His name is Clai and he's very excited to be a big brother. We've been very open with Clai about adoption as we make all major decisions as a family.

As we continue to grow and understand adoption, we want you to know that we'll be honest with you at all times. Our lives are an open book. Jen flies helicopters for a living and Freddie is a National Program Director. Two jobs that reflect responsibility, but also offer us a flexible schedule that allows lots of family time which means more to us than anything.

From travel, church to golf, we do everything together.

As you read this letter, we hope that you start to get to know us and we pray that we can talk soon. We give you our word that we will dedicate our lives to our new bundle of joy.

God Bless,  
*Freddie*  
*Jennifer*



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## Our values and beliefs as parents...

To see us with Clai you'd see two fun-loving people that feel learning through adventure helps to teach youngsters life lessons while having fun.

For the first two months following adoption, we'll both be home with the baby. Then we plan to have one-on-one child care for the first three years. Last month, we interviewed three child care providers and have already pre-selected the person that will come to our home to be with the baby while we are at work. We decided to have child care at our house to maintain familiarity during the first years. This is just an example of how detailed Jennifer is at making decisions that will benefit our baby.

We are active. Life for a child we are blessed with will be exciting, yet grounded in love and education. An example is our daily schedule. We take walks to the church daily. We're buying a stroller that is specifically designed for walking and running. We feel exposure to our lives is the best way to teach an active, productive way of life.

We like to travel and we plan to include the baby in our travels just like we've taken Clai over the years. Before he was eight years old, he'd been to over ten states, two countries, and been to the beach five times. Often our vacations are spent with family and friends, we usually visit Disney World every year. Like all things, vacations and travel are learning opportunities for children.

Education is very important whether it's received through college or some type of vocation. Our hope is for our baby to attend the Christian Academy until the fourth grade. Then, we will decide as a family if they'll remain at Christian Academy or attend public school. This is another example of how we make decisions as a family.



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## A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Family dog

### HOBBIES:

#### **Adoptive Mother:**

Golf, running, reading, cooking, spending time with family

#### **Adoptive Father:**

Golf, reading, spending time with family

#### **Family:**

Travel, golf, football games, vacations and walking our dog.

### PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Helicopter Pilot, Military

**Adoptive Father:** Program Director, Military Contractor

### EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Army Aviation Helicopter School

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelors Degree

## Our home...

We live in a beautiful, gated community in the suburbs. Most homes are three and four bedrooms and the neighborhood is comprised of professional, working families with many serving in the military or working for the government.

Every day there are ten to twenty children playing in our neighborhood. Kids play in each other's yards, they ride bikes down the street, and everyone looks out for each other. It's a great neighborhood for kids.

Our home is two miles away from our church and one mile away from Christian Academy School. We live 10 minutes from work, so the commute is easy and convenient.



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## Our family...

Freddie works for the National Guard. He loves his job and especially enjoys serving his State and Country. Jennifer flies helicopters for the National Guard. Jen's one of only four female pilots in the state, which is a major honor and responsibility. She often flies during the day, so her work schedule is almost like a typical 9 to 5 job. While being in the military is an honor, we understand you may have concerns. As of today, there are no plans for either of us to go overseas.

Family to us is important and we value our together time. Freddie's son, Clai spends weekends and summers with us. One day last summer, Clai and Jen decided to go camping. We bought a tent and sleeping bags, made food, and prepared for the big camping adventure in the back yard. Clai was so excited. That lasted for about 10 minutes, they both came back inside and we watched a movie and roasted marshmallows on the back porch. We all got a laugh out of that camping story.

Most fall Saturdays are spent tailgating and enjoying all the festivities surrounding football. Clai enjoys painting his face, Jen likes to cook for tailgating, and Freddie, well he just likes football. We can and often make any event a family outing, we simply enjoy having fun together.

Freddie's family lives two hours from us. Jen's mom, brother, niece, nephew and sister-in law live close by. They often come to our house for cookouts and birthday parties. Every year at Christmas, the entire family comes over to open presents. Thanksgiving is celebrated two times, once with Freddie's family, and then with Jennifer's. Full bellies and smiles make this holiday awesome.

Our family is totally supportive and excited about adoption. Freddie's mom was given a picture frame for her birthday but she took it back to the store because it lacked an opening for the new baby's photo. Jen's mom is a foster parent of two teenage girls. Our family is one hundred percent behind us and anxiously awaits our new arrival.

We can assure you that family, faith, education, and discipline will be consistent and paramount in our family. We pray that you will consider us, we give you our word that we'll dedicate our lives to your baby.



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