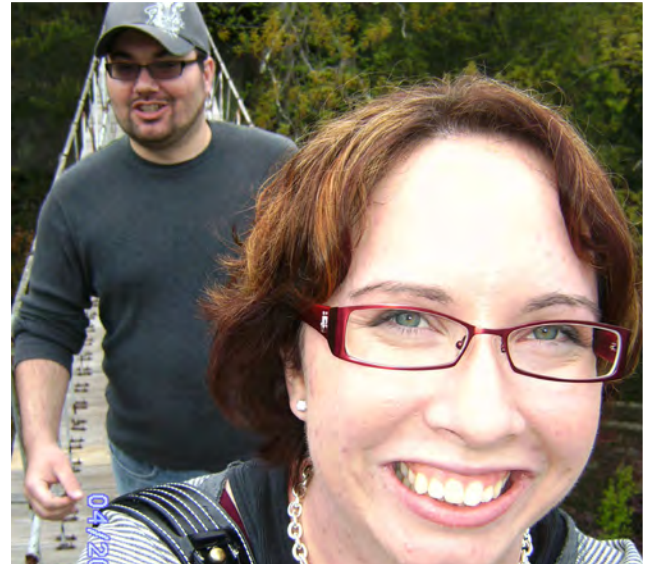


Hello we are...  
Stephen and Jessica





## *Our Hopes and Dreams...*

Hello! We are Stephen and Jessica. We are honored to have the chance to tell you about ourselves. We are two people who love each other very much and respect our marriage to one another. We know that our relationship is not a one way street and we try our best to be supportive, patient, understanding, and compassionate towards one another. With this being said, we feel that our love for one another is bursting at the seams and we are ready to share this with a child.

We feel that a mother who has decided to place her child for adoption has done a selfless act of love. It takes an extremely big-hearted person to love someone so much to provide the life she believes they deserve. We feel you are a true example of what a hero is.

We hope that our relationship with you will continue throughout your child's life, we would love to send pictures, videos, letters, and e-mails over the years if you wish.

Sincerely,

*Stephen*  
*Jessica*

  
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## *Our values and beliefs as parents...*

We feel that we can provide a positive impact on a child's life by showering them with love and affection, teaching them right from wrong, and showing them how to be an honest, caring individual.

We don't hesitate to tell the truth and we want to teach our children the same. We both grew up with families that provided us with a good sense of morality and values and what it takes to be respectable people.

We believe that education is one of the most important parts of being a parent. We will provide our children with a well-rounded education; the learning will not stop at the school. We will see to it that our children graduate high school and if they wish to attend college, we will make every effort to help them succeed and reach their goals.

We plan to educate our child about their culture by attending cultural events and by socializing with others who are of the same race. We will embrace their culture and celebrate our differences and similarities.

Life for a child in our house will be exciting for them and for us. We will provide them with learning experiences and stimulate their minds. They will be taught to have a sense of pride in everything they do, whether it is studying for a test, reading a book, or doing extracurricular activities in school.

We have very supportive families who are just as excited as us about adopting a child. They will play a major role in giving us advice when we run into tough parenting questions.



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## A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Family dogs

### HOBBIES:

#### **Adoptive Mother:**

Shopping, reading, Facebook, photography, scrapbooking

#### **Adoptive Father:**

Playing guitar, video games, watching sports, fishing, cooking

#### **Family:**

Watching TV/movies, going to the drive in to watch movies, cooking together, traveling, day trips, going to amusement/water parks.

### PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Vision Center Manager

**Adoptive Father:** IT Systems Administrator

### EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Some College

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelors Degree

## Our home...

We live in a quiet subdivision. Our home has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a large backyard. We enjoy having cookouts and playing with the dogs in the yard. On a typical evening in our neighborhood, you will find children riding bikes and playing in their yards while the adults sit on their front porches enjoying the beautiful sunset.

We have a park close to our house that has a wonderful playground, baseball fields, tennis courts, there's even a model airplane runway. We are also near a lake which means we're minutes from fishing, swimming, and nature trails. Our neighborhood is very family friendly and we enjoy living here.

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## Our family...

The word “family” can mean so many things. To us, a family is a group of people whom you feel very close to and love spending time with, who listen to you and never judge, who offer advice when needed, who respect you for who you are and what you are capable of and who trust you and support your decisions. We would love to have two children in our family. We both have sisters and brothers and we feel it’s important for our children to have the same. Jessica and I enjoy doing every day things together. We make grocery shopping an adventure! Sometimes, we probably drive other people crazy while we are out and about, but it is all for fun!

We are both very close to our families even though they live a few hours away. Jessica is the oldest of three children - she has a younger brother and sister. Stephen is the younger of two children. Jessica’s family lives in central Florida and we visit them several times per year.

We enjoy visiting the theme parks and going to the beach. Stephen’s family lives close by which allows us to see them often. Every year, we alternate between spending Thanksgiving or Christmas with one of our families.

On Christmas day when Jessica was little, it was tradition in her house that all the kids must stay in their rooms until the parents and grandparents got their coffee and set up cameras. Her Grandpa used to sit in the bedroom and joke with the kids making the excitement grow even more! The waiting felt like hours but was probably only for a few minutes when finally they were called out to see what Santa had brought! This tradition continued until she was married and she hopes to pass this to her children.

When we told our families of our decision to adopt, they were very supportive! They are all very excited to have a new member in our loving family.



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