

Hello we are...

Lacie and Todd



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

We have known since before we were married that adoption was the journey God had planned for us to grow our family. We couldn't be more excited! We are each other's best friend and thoroughly enjoy each and every day. We are a little bit quirky, a tad nerdy, very thankful, and forever in love.

While currently a graphic designer, when the time comes Lacie will switch careers to be a stay at home mom. She looks forward to days spent with our child, playing games and singing silly songs with them, making art projects for the fridge, going on backyard "adventures," and trips to the library for story time. Todd can't wait to come home after a day of work to spend family time with Lacie and the little one. He looks forward to hearing all about their day, helping with the evening dinner, and playing a rousing game of "Peek-a-Boo" before bath time and rocking our child to sleep. As our child grows and activities begin, Todd is excited to sneak out of work early to watch a ball game or a school play.

Our hopes and dreams for our child are that we will give them the love, support, and guidance they need to grow into a life of happiness. We don't know if they will dream of becoming a lawyer, a nurse, or an entrepreneur. Whether they will have a love for math, or sports, the arts, or the outdoors. But we do know that regardless of what they have a passion for, or what their goals may be, we are willing and able to help their dreams come true.

We greatly appreciate you taking the time to learn about us. While we don't know the specific events that led you to this decision, we are so thankful that there are parents in this world whose love is so strong that they consider adoption. We know you must be experiencing many complex emotions as you embark on adoption for your child. We think your selfless act is so inspiring, so courageous, and so beautiful.

If you choose us to be the adoptive parents of your child, please know that you won't be alone. We share in the feelings of hope and we would be with you throughout the entire journey and for years to come. We promise to do everything in our power to help reassure you that your choice was the correct path.

Thank you for considering us, and God bless you in your journey.

Blessings,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Family: Because family is so important to us, we are fortunate to have all of our immediate family living in the same state. A couple hours drive in any direction and we can visit even the most distant family members. Family time together means both immediate or extended family. It might mean a quiet night watching a movie together eating popcorn, or a spirited birthday party with games and laughter. It might take place at Lacie's parents' farm, or be closer to home, with us hosting a summer barbeque. We cherish it all.



Giving to Others: From an early age our parents taught us the importance of generosity and helping others. Today, we strongly believe in the Golden Rule - treat others how you would like to be treated. This means everything from a simple smile or compliment to acts such as helping a neighbor in need or volunteering in the community. Every day is an opportunity to give to others and we make sure those opportunities are not lost. Todd shares his knowledge and experience by teaching financial skills to elementary students, while Lacie works with the local "Meals on Wheels" organization. We believe that true happiness comes from giving to others and we look forward to sharing this value with our child.



Education: While we will certainly provide the opportunity for our child to go to college, we know a good education goes well beyond the classroom. Reading is so important for development; it opens up a whole world of imagination, knowledge, and possibilities. Some of our fondest memories are being read to as children; we will read to our child nightly as well. We will provide other opportunities for learning such as trips to zoos and museums, attendance at camps, and any other activities that help develop a child's interests and further their passions. We also know the value of learning through play and imagination and letting a kid just be a kid.



Thankfulness: We are so thankful for our many blessings: friends and family, a warm and cozy home, good jobs, health, and happiness. We are thankful that God brought us together and have learned to trust that there is a reason for how life's events unfold, even if at the time we do not fully understand. We say thank you every day in our prayers and we can't imagine how thankful we will be for the new child in our life.

Enjoy Life: We love life and enjoy everything life has to offer. Sometimes it's the silly things that mean the most, like playing practical jokes on one another or making up dances in the kitchen. It's important to not sweat the small stuff and to be up for adventures no matter what life throws our way. A sporting event for our favorite team - we are there to cheer them on. A movie in the park - we are the ones with a red blanket in tow. A road trip to a harvest festival - we are on our way. Regardless of what we do, we enjoy what life has to offer and we can't wait to show our child how to live each and every day.

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Our home...

During our first walk thru we knew this was the house for us. It was easy to picture ourselves hosting holiday meals in the large dining room, drinking hot cider by the fireplace, and watching children play in the backyard. But it wasn't until we added our personal touches that the house became a home.

Lacie loves decorating and do-it-yourself projects. Our walls now feature her original artwork and projects, such as old water skis turned into shelves which hold photos and mementos of our experiences. Todd and his father built a patio and custom benches for backyard barbecues and making s'mores around the firepit. We take pride in our home; it is fresh and creative, while cozy and welcoming. Even though travel is a passion of ours, there is no place better than home.

The nursery is located right next to our bedroom, so we will always be close to provide comfort, safety, and late-night feedings. We have made the room whimsical, cheery, and it will be decorated with personalized artwork made by Lacie. We are excited to fill the shelves with books from Todd's childhood, and toys from welcoming friends and family. We are very much looking forward to time spent playing, reading, and laughing, and anxiously await the sound of playtime giggles and evening lullabies echoing through our home.

Our community is vibrant and growing. It is large enough so activities abound, but small enough that people greet each other walking down the street. Families bike along the river, attend festivals in the parks, watch parades downtown, and gather at local eateries.

You can tell that it is springtime when the flowering trees start to bud and bunnies chase each other in our yard. Lacie makes a trip to the local greenhouse and smiles the entire time as she picks out flowers to plant. Summertime means neighborhood kids out riding bikes and drawing chalk pictures on the sidewalks. It means Todd grilling burgers and eating our dinner out on the deck. We go for evening walks together and love being able to watch a thunderstorm roll in. In autumn, leaves crunch underfoot as we walk to our local coffee shop for hot cocoa and we eat apples off of our own apple tree. We love the tranquility of winter, curling up by the fire and reading books, but also the energy that comes from sledding down a steep hill or from a fun snowball fight.

We love our seasonal activities and look forward to experiencing them with a child; watching animals play in our garden, teaching our child how to ride a bike and draw funny faces with chalk, jumping into piles of leaves, and reading story after story during a wintery night. Our neighborhood and home are full of happiness and laughter, coziness and love, and we can't wait to share it!



A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Graphic design, photography, geocaching, cooking, decorating, attending events in the community, and traveling

Adoptive Father:

Reading, volunteering, grilling, sports, attending events in the community, and traveling

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Graphic Designer - Will be stay at home Mom

Adoptive Father: Internal Auditor

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Masters Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelors Degree



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Our family...

While we attended the same college and moved to the same community we had never met - until we met on Match.com. Both of us were busy professionals who just had different social circles. We went on Match to meet some new people, and ended up meeting "The One." We grew our friendship and love and two years later, we were married. We are still happily, and a bit playfully, in love!



Lacie is a creative soul. An artist really, trained as a graphic designer who is interested in making just about anything. She crafts with her family, loves decorating, is a hobby photographer, enjoys art fairs, and takes classes in the community whenever she gets the chance. Todd is an old soul, trained in banking and financial economics, who is interested in just about anything. Some of his favorite activities are reading, learning about history and following sports. But he also enjoys trying different experiences, like dog sledding, playing in a dodgeball league or entering a cooking competition. It's fun to see how we have rubbed off on each other. Todd's creative side came out in an original song he wrote for Lacie and its lyrics are now framed on our wall. Lacie joined a book club, learned a thing or two about hockey, and now knows more than she ever cared to about investing!

Our families have been a constant source of strength and support, and we look forward to providing the same for our child. We have wonderful examples in our lives of what it means to belong to a family. Both sets of our parents are still happily married and have been for over 35 years. Their relationships with each other, as well as their relationship with their children, serve as an incredible example of how to love unconditionally, stay tightly connected, and have fun and celebrate together.

Our parents are very involved in the lives of their grandchildren. They babysit, attend school functions, and play with the kids when everyone is together for a Sunday dinner. Todd's mother is one of ten children and almost all of those siblings and their families remain in our town. With grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins nearby, holidays (especially Christmas Eve and 4th of July) often include gatherings of 60 or more. Even Super Bowl parties are mini-reunions. We look forward to getting together as a group; the air is filled with laughter as children play games and there is never a shortage of snacks or stories to be told.

We love taking a trip to Lacie's parents' farm. It's a nice change of pace to spend time out in the open air riding horses, playing with kittens, going on walks down by the pond, and photographing wildlife. Lacie's family is very close and loves to spend time together. Each year the family throws a fun Halloween party with themed costumes, and no Easter gathering would be complete without a scavenger hunt. The entire family takes part as Lacie's father sits and laughs as the group tries to figure out his clues. The farm is a peaceful and playful weekend getaway that we regularly enjoy.

Both of our families are very much looking forward to our addition. We have all discussed this adventure and to say they are "excited" would be an understatement! Todd's grandma was so happy when she found out we were adopting that she cried. Both of our dads look forward to helping our child get into "mischief" and our moms look forward to spoiling them. The cousins will be excited to have a new playmate as well. Please know that your child would be welcomed with joy and open arms into our immediate and extended families.



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