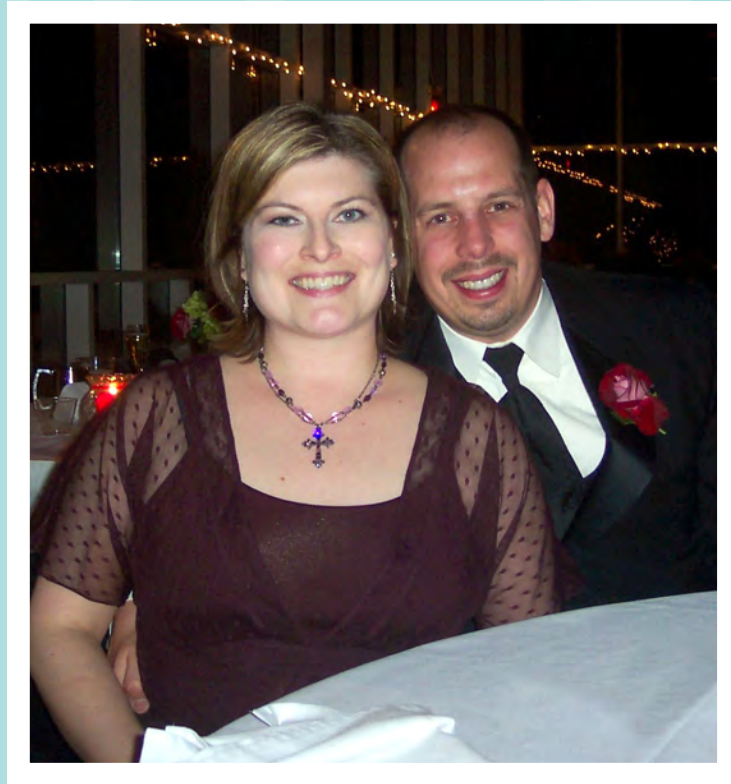


**Hello we are...
Melissa and James**





Our Hopes and Dreams...

Sitting down to write this letter is one of the most difficult things we've ever had to do. How do we start? What do we say? How do we express the love we feel for a child we've never met? Although we will never fully understand what you are going through, we admire you for your strength and love for your child.

Our decision to adopt a child has been an exciting and emotional process. While we have been truly blessed with our daughter, Sophia, we know that our family is not complete. Due to the difficulty Melissa had with the birth of Sophia, we couldn't risk another pregnancy. We soon realized that God answered our prayers through adoption.

We promise that in our family your child will find unconditional love, support, laughter, guidance, endless hugs and kisses, and a strong sense of family and belonging. Not to mention a sweet, funny, independent big sister and an extended family that can't wait for their arrival!

We hope the information we share will provide you peace of mind and assure you that if you chose us to parent your child we will provide a stable and loving home.

Sincerely,

Melissa and James


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Our values and beliefs as parents...

First and foremost, our child will be brought into a house of unconditional love. We are both very giving and compassionate people, and we want nothing more than to provide a happy, safe, and healthy environment for our children to grow and develop. We are a team and feel that one of the best things we can do for our kids is to show them what a loving, respectful marriage and partnership is all about. We know that it is our responsibility to set a good example, and hope that in doing so, they will pursue relationships based on love and respect as well.

Education is very important to both of us. We fully believe the saying “knowledge is power,” and we want our children to feel like they have the knowledge they need to pursue their goals. We feel that higher education leads to opportunity, and we will provide our children the educational experiences to seek the life they wish.

Our children will be kind, compassionate and respectful. We will show them by example the importance of being considerate and respectful to others, and that having manners and being polite will go a long way. We will teach them the importance of a positive attitude and to be confident in their abilities. We will teach them that it’s okay to take chances and that sometimes you may fail, but that doesn’t mean that you should give up.

And finally we promise to have fun! We are and will continue to be silly, to laugh, to ensure our children have a lifetime of happy memories. We are both fully engaged in Sophie’s life and we promise to do the same for any other children we are blessed to parent.



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A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Family dog and cat

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother:

Reading, exercising, watching movies

Adoptive Father:

Video games, watching movies, playing sports

Family: Spending time with friends and family, visiting museums, the zoo, and the library, going swimming, attending shows and events.

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Stay at Home Mom

Adoptive Father: Senior Financial Analyst

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelors Degree

Adoptive Father: Masters Degree

Our home...

We live on a quiet street and have a large backyard with a swing and sandbox. There are lots of kids in our neighborhood who are always riding bikes and playing games. We live close to many great attractions for children; a wonderful library, many beautiful parks, a zoo, an aquarium, an amusement park, multiple water parks, a children's museum and an activity center that was designed especially for younger kids. We can't wait to experience these attractions through our children's eyes; to hear the excitement in their voices as they see animals or ride the merry-go-round for the first time.

We are very appreciative that Melissa is a stay at home mom. She loves being able to share her time with our children, watching them learn and grow, and prepare fun and educational activities for them to do during the week. Saturdays are very special at our house; we call them our "big breakfast days." We all hang out on the couch snuggled together to watch cartoons. When we are ready to eat, Melissa makes pancakes, waffles and bacon which fill the house with the warm smell of a hot breakfast. It's the start of a beautiful day, no one is in a hurry to go anywhere; we are content just being together. Today there are three of us. We look forward to adding another child who will squeal with excitement as Mickey Mouse appears on the screen and runs to the breakfast table as we all sit down to enjoy each other's company.

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Our family...

For us family is the most important thing in the world. Whenever we are going through a stressful time, we just remind ourselves that our family comes first, and, if we keep that in mind, everything else will work itself out.



We are a traditional family that celebrates traditional holidays. On Christmas morning we gather in front of our Christmas tree with our digital and video camera to capture all the special moments. We open presents, cook breakfast, sing Christmas songs and play with all the toys Santa brought. Later in the day we go to church, visit our extended families and enjoy more celebration with our family.

We are both very close with our families. Both of our parents live close by, thus we see them quite often. They are always thrilled when their grandchildren come to visit; they have cribs at their houses, along with loads of toys for them to play with. They can't wait to welcome another child into our family.



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