



## *Hi! We are Jon and Susan!*

While Susan and Jon have talked about adopting for years, it wasn't until they experienced infertility that they took the steps to make their dream of adopting a reality. Jon and Susan feel they have accepted their infertility. They have been married for twelve years and tried for over two years to conceive a child without success. As a couple they made the decision to not undergo extensive medical testing for infertility because of their strong desire to adopt. They have been trying to adopt a child for approximately three years.

Jon was born in Denver, CO. He has one sister. Although born in Denver he grew up in Washington state. Jon is a born leader and enjoys mountain biking, traveling, politics, and volunteering. Jon remembers his childhood as carefree, fun and family oriented. He recalls a very active childhood with his parents being involved in his life. He attended Northwestern College, graduating with a Bachelors degree in History Education, and later with a Masters in Educational Administration. Jon enjoys teaching and plans to continue doing so for many years as it provides him the flexibility to spend time with his family.

Susan was born in Iowa. Susan was the youngest of three children, however recently lost a sister to a three month battle with leukemia. This was a significant loss for Susan as they were very close. Susan enjoys reading, biking and traveling. Susan's childhood was very pleasant and remembers learning from her sister's mistakes. Susan graduated from University of Nebraska in Criminal Justice. Susan enjoys her job although looks forward to being a stay-at-home mom.

Jon and Susan met when he was 19 and she was 18. They met through mutual friends and remember how easy it was to talk to each other and how their time together was effortless. After three years filled with fun and excitement, they got married and have been married for over twelve years now. They attribute their successful marriage to working together in good times and bad, as well as open and honest communications. They look forward to broadening their relationship into partners as parents.

They are eager to learn more about how to help their child with their feelings of adoption and are committed to this process through open and honest communications. Susan and Jon are also avid readers and intend to continue to educate themselves on these issues throughout the development of their child. They are committed to making their child's heritage a major part of their upbringing. They feel it is their job as parents to teach their child right from wrong and lead by example.

Susan and Jon are open when it comes to expectations regarding their child's personal interests, behaviors, and academic success. They are open to let their child choose what interests he/she enjoys and support them in their choices. Susan looks forward to working part-time in order to spend more time with her child.

