

Hello we are...

*Rob & Angie*



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## Our Hopes and Dreams...

We have always dreamed of having a family. Coming from very close-knit families ourselves, we've been determined to build a life filled with the pitter-patter of little feet. We dream that we will have multiple children so that they may know the joy (and sometimes pain) of a sibling relationship.

After years of infertility treatments and the heartbreak of two miscarriages, we were blessed to adopt our daughter, Caroline. Her birth mother knew our struggle and immediately thought of us when she discovered that she was pregnant. We have a wonderful on-going relationship with Caroline's birth mother and her children. We are so grateful for all the love and wonder that adoption has brought into our lives and are eager to adopt again to share that love and wonder with another child.

We will offer our children a model of a loving marriage based on equality and partnership. We will provide our children with a comfortable home where they are loved for the individuals that they are. We will create an environment where they have everything they need, although they may not have everything they want. We will create a home filled with love, affection, and comfort.

However, the best thing about our family is the way we complement each other. We truly balance each other and bring out the best in each other. Our family loves to act silly. We sing silly songs. We take silly pictures. We enjoy laughing and making others laugh. We've been told we have awesome senses of humor, and we find that quite a compliment.

We look forward to nurturing and helping our children grow into the amazing people they want to be and are meant to be. We most look forward to sharing new experiences with our children, seeing the world through their eyes. As adults we take the beauty of the world for granted too often, children help us see and appreciate that beauty.

If you select us to parent your child, you can be assured that your child will know how much you love him/her. Your child will always know that we see him/her as a gift and a blessing. Your child will know the joy of having a big sister to love and care for him/her. Your child will be raised to never doubt the love that brought him/her into this world or the love that surrounds him/her each and every day. We will spend each day working to be the very best parents we can be. We hope that we can bring you peace of mind not just now, but also in the future.

Blessing,

*Angie & Rob*

  
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## Our values and beliefs as parents...



We value family. We believe that family is the most important thing in the world. We know that love, not biology, builds families. We have made choices in our lives to ensure that the time spent away from our family is only done for the benefit of our family. And, we see our extended family regularly, including; weekly dinners and “swim Sundays” at grandpa’s house. The family spends summer Sundays around the pool playing in the water and soaking up the sun.



We value job satisfaction. We agreed very early on that being happy in your job is incredibly important. Both of us have made career decisions that have forced us to choose happiness over money. We know that any unhappiness at work often leads to unhappiness at home. We have chosen to have a happy home rather than a bigger bank account.

We value education. Education begins and thrives at home. Children are like sponges. They are always learning. We are happy to be our children’s first and best teachers. It is up to us to create safe places for them to discover and explore. Rob sometimes laughs at Angie when she turns simple tasks into lessons. Whether it’s colors and shapes or manners and caring, we take the responsibility of educating our children very seriously. While we live in a public school district well-known for excellence, as a teacher Angie knows how to advocate for our children. If our children need additional help or display special talents or gifts, there are many private schools and programs in our area that can help give our children what they need.



We value caring for others. Both of us are in service professions that require us to take care of other people. Rob is trusted with people’s important financial information, and he takes caring for his clients very seriously. Angie, as a teacher, is entrusted with other people’s children all day. We know that caring for others and developing trust is very important. We teach empathy and compassion for others by donating toys prior to a child’s birthday. We look through the toys they have and collect toys they’ve outgrown to give to other kids. We want our children to always share their blessings.



We value communication. We know how important it is to talk about how you’re feeling and what you might be fearing. We focus a lot on “using our words” in our house. Whether we are encouraging each other to voice frustrations or working through a tough decision, we believe that open and honest communication is one of the keys to a happy family.

We value faith. While our Christian faith is important to us, we believe that faith also includes faith in others and faith in ourselves. We believe in the goodness of all people and know how important it is to believe in ourselves, even if others may doubt us.

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# Our home...



We live on a cul-de-sac in a neighborhood filled with young families. One of the wonderful things about our neighborhood is how close it is to both the city and the country. A short drive to the east will take you to rolling hills of gorgeous horse farms, and a short drive to the west will land you in the middle of downtown Lexington with its farmer's market, children's museum, and many cultural centers. We have lots of parks and pools to explore. The pools have slides and spouts perfect for all ages of kids. Living in a college town, there is never a shortage of things to do and see and learn.

We love our house. But mostly we love it because of the people who fill our house. We love opening our home to our family and friends. We've been told over and over again how "comfortable" our home feels. We have a very open-concept home. Our living, dining, and kitchen spaces are all open to each other. I think the absence of walls really makes our house feel open and friendly and really matches the kind of life we try to lead. Open and connected with our loved ones.

When we have company, it seems everyone gathers around the kitchen island. Although there are just two tall stools there on which to sit, everyone still crowds into the kitchen. Most of the time is spent catching up and chatting. We love board games and card games, but the conversation usually takes over. If it's nice outside (we have all kinds of weather in Kentucky), we hang out on the patio while the kids play on the swing set or in the water table. There's no happier time for us than when our house is full of voices and laughter.

The joke is that the whole downstairs is greige--a mix of grey and beige. The living room has an over-sized comfy couch and a chair and ottoman built for snuggling with a good book. The TV hangs over the fireplace, but it is often not even turned on until after 8:30. We have large built-in cabinets made to store toys and games. However, more often than not, there are toys, particularly stuffed animals, cluttering the area rug on the hardwood floors.

We love lazy Saturday mornings. Weekend mornings are filled with pancakes, fruit, and sausage eaten while still in pajamas. We hang out in the living room and play or maybe watch some Curious George on the big TV. Angie and Rob take turns sleeping in, but more often than not, the one sleeping in hears the fun in the other room and just has to join in. It's just so nice to have some time with nowhere we have to go and nothing we have to do.

Bringing another child into our home will be such a big, awesome change. After staying in our room for several months, the new baby will move into the nursery. Caroline will continue at preschool while Angie will take a twelve week maternity leave to care for and bond with the new baby one on one. We look forward to letting the children get to know each other through quiet bonding time with one of us close by.

- Both non-smokers

## Hobbies:

### Adoptive Mother:

Travel, spending time with friends and family, shopping, University of Kentucky sports, technology, photography, electronic scrapbooking, writing

### Adoptive Father:

University of Kentucky sports, horse racing, technology, science fiction, sciences, biology, psychology, strategic video games, golfing, hiking/walking in nature, movies, small DIY projects

## Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Teacher

Adoptive Father: Tax Professional

## Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Master's Degree

Adoptive Father: Some College



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# Our family...

We met on Match.com. It's crazy, but true. After meeting online, we set up a date to see *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. After some consideration, we decided that we should maybe have a date before the first date since we were going to a movie. We wanted a chance to talk. So we set up a dinner a few days before. The date before the date was a disaster! Rob was late. The conversation dragged. And, at one point, Rob even started to doze off (he had been working late nights volunteering at a haunted house). Angie couldn't believe it! Lucky for both of us, this was just the date before the date. We went to the movie as planned and had a wonderful time. Angie jokes that it's good we had that second date already set because there's no way she would've agreed to a second date AFTER that first date.



We dated for two years before Rob popped the question. Rob's wedding band is engraved with the words "Worth the Wait" because Angie kept waiting for him to propose, but he didn't. She thought he'd propose on New Year's Eve. He didn't. She thought he'd propose on a cruise to the Bahamas. He didn't. She thought he'd propose at a Labor Day fireworks display. He didn't. Rob finally proposed on an ordinary Sunday night. After making dinner, we went for a drive to watch the sunset. Just before sunset, with tears in his eyes, Rob turned to Angie with a sweet, cracking voice and asked her to be his wife. It was magical. All that time Angie thought she needed a proposal somewhere special, but that night she realized just how special Rob makes the ordinary.

We have one daughter, Caroline, who we adopted as a newborn in 2013. She is a "busy" two year old who loves to play with her toy kitchen, her stuffed animals and baby dolls. Caroline is very excited about having a baby in "our house." She looks forward to helping with feedings and diaper changes. She's been practicing on her Snoopy and Curious George stuffed animals for months now. She is a bit nervous, though. She's made it clear that the baby needs his/her own pacifier because she won't share.

Rob's family all loves to golf. So Grandpa Bob has started outlining a nine-hole golf course in the yard. When the family is all together, they play around the yard while the little kids play caddy. The last time we played, Granny Ann didn't know a bucket was being used as a "hole" and picked it up. They all searched all over looking for the 8th hole that Granny Ann had taken into the house.

Birthdays are a big deal in our family. We have started the tradition of filling the child's room with balloons on his/her birthday morning. Another tradition we have is to create yearbooks for the kids. For each year of their lives, the children will have a book about what they did, liked, dislike, etc. that year. We hope they will be very special to the children as they grow.

We are all excited to have another child in the family to love. We most look forward to sharing new experiences with our children. Discovering new things and seeing the world through the eyes of a child is just magical. The grandmothers are beside themselves at the thought of another baby to snuggle. The other grandchildren are looking forward to having another playmate. We all look forward to another little person to get to know and love.



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