

Hello we are...

*Jeremy & Jenny*



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## Our Hopes and Dreams...

We dream of having a close bond with our child. We dream of our child becoming an independent, self-reliant and well-adjusted adult. We will encourage and teach our child to be honest and trustworthy and be a person known for his or her integrity. We want our child to understand the importance of being generous, compassionate, and treating others as they would like to be treated. We will encourage our child to excel academically and will provide access to educational opportunities. We want our child to understand that dreams and goals can be reached with dedication and hard work.

We have an extremely close relationship and feel like we've known each other forever. Officially we met in 6th grade and have been a couple since 11th grade. We grew up together and changed together as we grew. We have an extremely open and honest relationship.

We always knew that one day we would adopt. We originally thought we would have a biological child first and then adopt at least one other child. But after trying to conceive we knew it was time to change our thinking. Instead of pursuing fertility treatments we knew adoption was absolutely the route we were meant to take. We are thrilled that adoption is our path to becoming parents!

We love to imagine what it will be like when we can have a child. Holding them. Watching them grow and learn. Loving and raising them together. We look forward to family game nights, movie nights, family hikes, making music together, and of course, family dinners. We will provide our child unconditional love, security, a clear sense of right and wrong, strong reasoning and logic skills, and eventually independence for when they are grown up.

We know that for us to become parents a mother must make an adoption plan for her child. We want her to feel comfortable and at peace with her decision. We want her to know that we already have respect and honor for her and will love her child unconditionally.

Respectfully,

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# Our values and beliefs as parents...



**Family** - Family is our support system and we are theirs. We love each other unconditionally and can always count on one another, especially in times of need. We spend time with our families regularly, even vacationing together. Some of our favorite memories are laughing around the dinner table. Jenny's family is so good at telling stories they make us laugh until it hurts. Our child will enjoy visits with their grandparents who can't wait to take them to the park and movies, buy them toys, and make their favorite foods. Our child will play with and have sleepovers with cousins who will become their best buddies as we will vacation together at the beach, in the mountains, and at our favorite theme parks.



**Communication** - Honest communication builds authentic and trusting relationships. We believe it's important to share our thoughts and feelings, allowing us to understand each other's point of view, helping to build a stronger bond. We will look for every opportunity to communicate with our child from a young age so that as they get older they know we will always be there for them. We will communicate this through our actions and our words. We will always respond to their cry and be there to mimic their silly faces and smiles. We will play on the floor with them and discover all their likes and dislikes. As they get older we will share every celebration and every mistake. We will seek to understand their questions and fears, as well as help them explore their imagination and their dreams. Our child will have no doubt that we will always be there for them.



**Education** - Education provides a good foundation for the future. It opens doors to possible careers, interests, and enriching experiences. We both worked hard in school and successfully completed college degrees. Jenny is now a teacher and understands the role school plays in children's lives educationally and socially. We want the same for our child. From a young age we will read and play games to help them discover the alphabet, colors, and numbers. We will play educational games, creating art through finger painting, drawing, and playdough. Our child will experience and learn about nature at the park (local wilderness station with nature exhibits). When our child gets older, we hope they will continue their education through college or university. If so, we have already started their college fund to help pay for their continued education.



**Compassion and Respect** - Having compassion for another evokes peace and understanding between individuals. Compassion builds stronger, genuine, and loving relationships. We make sure to treat others as we would want to be treated. We donate to local charities such as Save Pets Now and United Way. We donate to the canned food drive, Jenny volunteers her time as a director of a children's choir, and we participate in the Adopt an Angel program at Christmas time. We will teach our child to be kind and sensitive to others. Our child will understand that we share our gifts with those less fortunate and we make sure we're the friend to the child who may not have many friends. We will volunteer as a family at the local food shelter, donate as a family to food drives and clothing and toy collections, and give to those less fortunate at Christmas.

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# Our home...



We live in a quiet friendly neighborhood in a top rated school district. We are very close to several parks and recreation centers that include hiking trails and a large greenway of paved trails. There are also learning centers, local theaters, and a great farmers' market open all spring, summer, and part of autumn. The town square holds family events such as international culture days, jazz festivals, annual Christmas tree lightings, and live concerts.

We have lived in our home for 7 years and have been very happy here. The main living space feels open and airy with natural colored walls and vaulted ceilings. The hardwood floors bring the warmth of wood inside. Pictures of our wedding and family fill the space making it homey. Our dog Ethel likes to watch over the living room from the balcony.

When family and friends visit we usually have a meal together and play games such as Catan, Ticket to Ride, Scrabble, Uno, or various card games. Depending on the weather, Jeremy may grill and we will sit outside on our patio eating, drinking, and talking. Our favorite time together is late evening when we are done with dinner, dishes are clean, and we have several hours to spend together. We may play a game, talk, or watch a series that we both like.

We can't wait to add a child to our life. The theme of the baby's room is "You Are My Sunshine" because it was Jeremy's favorite song when he was a child. The walls are light grey, the mobile is of clouds, and various wall decorations highlight the theme. The room is filled with Jenny's favorite childhood books and even has a child-sized rocking chair that Jenny used when she was little. Jenny will crochet and knit blankets and make the curtains for a personal touch.

Jenny will quit her teaching job and be a stay-at-home mother. She has always dreamed of being home to spend quality time with her child. They will sing together, play with blocks and stuffed animals, bake cookies, dance around the house, play games, and listen to all different types of music. Our child will learn responsibility and how to keep the house tidy by helping Jenny do simple chores like picking up their toys.

Jenny and our child will have outings to the park, museums, plays, the zoo, and music performances. At the zoo they will talk about their favorite animals and the sounds they make. At the art museum they will talk about which exhibits they like and the artists who created them. At music performances they will talk about the instruments they heard and saw, the type of music, and who created the music. By sharing these experiences, our child will learn about fine arts.

Jeremy will spend quality time with our child as well, making weekends and evenings "Daddy time." He will want to hear about their day and spend time holding and playing with them. When they are old enough our child will help him cook in the kitchen. They will play outside, throwing the ball and playing fetch with Ethel. When they are old enough they will build electronics projects together to create things like toys, robots, or games. They will build with Legos and put together puzzles. Jeremy looks forward to teaching our child how to play logical games such as chess, checkers, and backgammon.

- Both non-smokers

## Hobbies:

### Adoptive Mother:

Singing, listening to music, playing the piano, knitting, crocheting, sewing, reading, hiking

### Adoptive Father:

Home brewing beer, cooking, listening to music, coffee and espresso brewing, hiking, playing guitar, ukulele and drums

## Professions:

**Adoptive Mother:** Music Teacher

**Adoptive Father:** Senior Engineer

## Education Level:

**Adoptive Mother:** Bachelor's Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelor's Degree



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# Our family...

We have been together for 15 years and happily married for 8 years.

It seems like we've known each other forever, in a way we have. We met in 6th grade when we were in the same homeroom and had social studies class together. In high school we were in band together and became closer friends. In 11th grade Jeremy asked Jenny out for dinner and a movie, she misunderstood and asked who else was going. She was very so excited when she figured out it would be just the two of them!

We grew up together and changed together. Our values and beliefs align perfectly. We dated for seven years before we got married. We both knew that we wanted to finish college first. Jeremy proposed the summer after Jenny got back from a singing tour in England. He cooked her chicken marsala at her parents' house and proposed to her the night she returned. We have been happily together ever since.

Jenny is funny, outgoing, compassionate, kind, smart, and creative. Jeremy is responsible, smart, kind, detail oriented, self-motivated, and organized. Together we share open and honest communication and unconditional love. Our favorite thing to do is talk to each other. When we go out we like to find a place that isn't loud so that we can talk. We know how to make each other laugh and enjoy each other's company.



Both sides of both of our families are big. Jenny has a total of 20 aunts and uncles and even more cousins. Jeremy has 15 aunts and uncles and several cousins. We both enjoy being around extended family and are both extremely close to our parents and siblings. Members of Jenny's extended family are really good at telling hilarious stories, as long as they aren't laughing too hard to finish the story.

Jenny's family has a lot of "inside jokes" that they refer to on an almost daily basis. It's almost like a different language. This is a result of their extremely close relationship and daily communication, as well as their love for humor and recalling good times. When we started dating, Jeremy said he was going to have to make a "Jenny's Family Translation Dictionary" in order to keep up with our conversations. He picked up on everything very quickly.

We see and talk to our family regularly, even going on annual vacations together. We celebrate the holidays with all sides of our family; Hanukkah with Jeremy's side of the family, Thanksgiving at Jenny's parents' house, Christmas Eve lunch at our house, and a big Christmas Brunch at Jenny's parents' house. There are usually at least 25 people who join in on the fun!

We cannot wait to see all of our child's firsts. First steps, first words, first laugh and first smile. Jenny is really looking forward to singing to our child. We can't wait to take them on vacations to Disney World, the beach and mountains, and theme parks. We look forward to sharing the magic of holidays and watching our child develop loving and fun relationships with their grandparents and cousins.



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