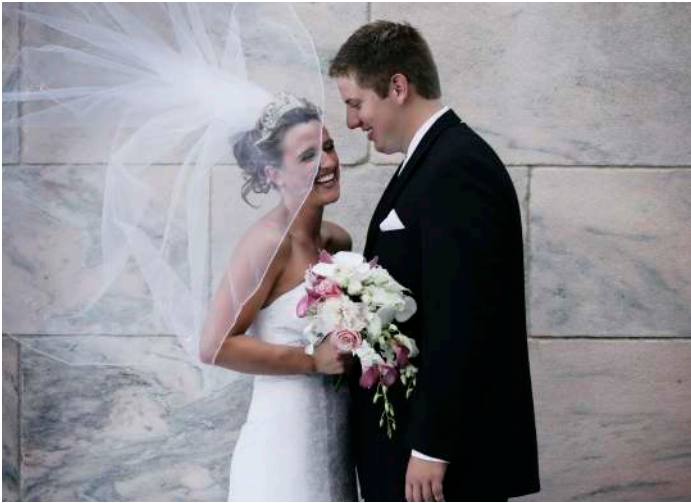


Hello we are...

Nate & Jennifer



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

We have always dreamed of being parents. Even before we knew we could not conceive a child, we had a desire to adopt. We have always loved the idea of bringing a child into our hearts and home, making him or her a part of our family.

We will provide a stable Christian home filled with unconditional love. We believe love is freely given, not earned. Love is acceptance and forgiveness. Love keeps those we love safe. When both of us were young, during a storm we would always run into our parent's room and sleep on their floor in sleeping bags. We will provide that same sense of love and security to our child. We will always be there for them, no matter what.

We love life and find joy in the moment. We are excited for the joy and laughter a child brings. We are excited to cuddle as we read stories and watch movies. We are excited to share picnic lunches and explore parks. We can't wait to share adventures, even make-believe ones involving building forts and turning the house into a castle or fortress. We are excited to splash in the neighborhood pool and comb our favorite beach for shells.

We are a very close family. We are blessed with parents, brothers, and sisters who all love us and are excited to celebrate the child who joins our family. We are a family who protects, defends, and supports each other. We share our birthdays, holidays and even some vacations. No one ever feels alone, we are a family who enjoys being together. Our child will always know they are loved, protected, nurtured, and cherished.

Yet we know for us to become parents, a mother must make one of the bravest and selfless decisions she probably will ever make. We want you to know we understand the significance of this decision. We know it's out of love, grace, and strength that you make an adoption plan. For you, the ultimate sacrifice. For your child, a gift of a better future. For the family, the gift of parenthood. It's humbling to consider receiving a child from such love. It forces us to question our own character, how can we be worthy of, or repay, such an awesome gift and responsibility?

If you select us as the parents for your child, we will honor, respect, and treasure you. Your child will always know the difficult and brave decision you made and how they came to our family. Your child will know we love and respect you. Your child will know how much you love them.

Respectfully,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Faith - Our Christian faith has molded us into who we are and taught us to love others - without judgement or prejudice. Our faith leads us through rough waters and gives us the answers when we seek direction. We will lead our child in faith by loving and serving others, having family devotion time, and participating in our church. Nate coaches boy's basketball and Jennifer volunteers as a nurse at vacation bible school. Our church has an awesome children's program and our child will participate in camps, service projects, and Sunday school. Recently the church parking lot was full of inflatables and children celebrating back-to-school as part of the children's program.



Family - While we are individuals, we are part of something larger and stronger, our family. We stick together in good times and in times of struggles, our love never fades and is never questioned. Both of us grew up in strong and loving families. Our parents have been married for more than 35 years and have set valuable examples for our own marriage. Our child will grow up knowing the importance of family and the pride that comes with knowing you belong. Our child will be surrounded with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who are their support and friends. As a group we attend professional baseball games, play miniature golf, have cook-outs, enjoy family movie night, and vacation together.



Confidence - We believe it is important to be confident in who you are. We teach our child to be confident by helping him or her discover their dreams and express their desires. We will encourage our child to have a voice of their own and to express themselves in any situation. However, we will also teach our child the importance of being humble and open-minded to other's actions and opinions when they may differ from their own. We will teach this by listening to them when they have ideas and by hearing them out when they do not agree with us. We will teach them to work out differences with their words and that all they do should be done in a compassionate way.



Trust - We will teach our child the importance of trust and integrity. We will teach our child that trust is something you earn and it is something that you can lose. We will be parents that stay true to our word. When we tell our child we will be there, or that we will do something, we will always follow through. We will also be parents that are honest with our children. We will share every part of their birth story with them and will always be open and honest about who their birth family is. We believe this is very important and will help our child know their adoption story is cherished and celebrated. It is their story that makes them beautiful and unique, and it is their story that brings them to us.

Kindness - We believe the way you want to be treated is the way you should treat others. Being kind means standing up for what you believe in while showing others respect. We will teach our child what it means to be kind through our own actions. Sacrificing time and serving those around us is an example of how we will teach our child kindness.

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Our home...

We live on a cul-da-sac in a friendly neighborhood where there is a strong sense of community and everyone looks out for one another. The kids play freely in each other's yards, ride bikes, and play hide-n-seek in the circle. One neighbor has a fire pit in their front yard where we eat s'mores and grill hot dogs. Our immediate neighbor has a big playground where all the kids enjoy climbing, sliding, and building forts. Another neighbor has an outdoor movie theater, and all the neighbors from the circle like to meet at the neighborhood pool for pizza night and a quick swim after school and work. We love our neighborhood! It will be a great place to raise a family and for our child to make lots of good friends.

We truly enjoy our home and welcome others with a warm hug or friendly handshake. No one can be in our home longer than five minutes without being offered something to eat and something to drink. When we have friends and family over it is always a fun time. In the fall, we love to have a warm fire and play games on the deck lit by Tiki torches. Charades, gin rummy, spades, and The Settlers of Catan are some of our favorite games. If we are inside, we like to pop popcorn the old fashion way on the stove and watch action or comedy movies in our home movie theater. We can't wait to watch the latest Disney and children's animated movies with our child!

Our favorite time of day at home are the evenings. Jennifer really loves to cook and Nathan enjoys eating what she makes. Jennifer enjoys cooking whatever sounds good to her, never following a single recipe, Nathan's favorite is cilantro lime chicken. We like to go for a walk or play tennis together while dinner is in the oven. Jennifer has a garden that has tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, and herbs in it. In the Fall, Jennifer looks forward to picking pumpkins and then carving them to use as decorations. We can't wait for our child to "help" in the garden!

We are strong believers that everyday life is enjoyable if you have the right attitude and we are excited to experience life with our child. Anything we do now, whether it's going to the mailbox, grocery store, or going to a family member's house, will be an exciting adventure that has the potential to make lasting memories. We can't wait to play with Legos in the family room, play wall ball in our basement, and make hand paintings. Whatever it is, we look forward to providing the right things, such as advice, play and support, to give our child the opportunity to succeed in everyday life.

The nursery is ready! It's painted with soft yellows, greys, and blues and filled with special and meaningful items. Two of Nathan's favorite stuffed animals while growing up are displayed proudly on the shelves, we hope they will become our child's favorites as well. The rocking chair is a gift from Jennifer's late grandma, Mimi. We are excited to rock our child and share stories about how loved they are and how excited Mimi was for them to join our family.

The best part of a home is the family that occupies it. We have built a marriage in this home and we are looking forward to building more memories as a family. We are excited to open our home and our hearts to a child.

- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Gardening and being outside, playing tennis, girls day out that includes pedicures, shopping and lunch, traveling, hiking, spending time with family, crocheting, and making blankets and scarves.

Adoptive Father:

Playing tennis, watching movies and tv shows, working around the house, hiking, traveling, at local parks and lakes and in Colorado, and spending time with family and friends.

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: RN

Adoptive Father: Mechanical Engineer

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree



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Our family...

We met through mutual friend more than 10 years ago. One of Jennifer's friends told her "I bet you marry that guy someday!" She brushed it off, but everyone around us saw the chemistry we shared. What started off as a solid friendship grew into an everlasting love. Neither of us have ever looked back or wanted anyone else other than each other. We truly are each other best friend and always have been. We know we are blessed for having found the one we will share the rest of our lives with. Now we are excited to share our love with a child.

We have a solid marriage built on faith, love, and trust. We are stronger together and bring out the best in each other. Nathan is more deliberate, but easy going. He is very wise and has the unique ability to quickly assess a situation. He sees opportunities for personal growth in everything and is always looking for ways to help someone. Jennifer is a go getter who gets tasks accomplished no matter the time constraints. Jennifer sees the best in people and is always looking for ways to brighten someone's day.

We are a couple that spends our available time together, whether it be going to the grocery store or working around the house. We experience life together. This applies to our families as well.

Birthdays and holidays are spent as one large family, that is, both Jennifer and Nate's families together. Birthdays are very special, usually a two-day celebration full of surprises. One year for Nathan's birthday Jennifer rented a 3-level inflatable obstacle course and surprised Nathan. It was a huge celebration with our parents, siblings, in-laws, nieces and nephews playing for hours.

Last year we started hosting our family Thanksgiving celebration the weekend after Thanksgiving. We always pick a theme, this year we are having a mascaared ball. We spend two days as a family enjoying the Thanksgiving holiday, complete with appetizers, fried turkey, and games with a butterball foil trophy to the wining team. Every year we vote on the theme for the next year, so there are always new memories made. Another holiday we look forward to sharing is St. Nicolaus Day, a holiday Jennifer celebrated throughout her childhood. On December 5th, we place our shoes in the window and the next morning we wake to special presents and candies in our shoes. It is a tradition Jennifer's mom celebrated with her family growing up and comes from our German heritage. We look forward to celebrating holidays and birthdays with our child, creating a lifetime of memories.

We also know life gets hectic and it's nice to push "pause" and simply enjoy life. That's why we value vacations. We take stay vacations at home or at a local hotel, and every year we go to Rocky Mountain National Park. We rent cabins in Estes Park and each family takes turns planning and cooking meals. The children all participate by decorating their own dessert. We hike Alberta Falls where the kids skip rocks and play in the shallow streams. We go to town for pizza and enjoy huge cones from our favorite ice cream shop.

We are excited to include our child in all these family traditions, create memorable vacations together, and have family movie nights at home with popcorn and pizza. We dream of life with a child.



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