

Hello we are...

Cole & Marcia



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

It is with love and admiration we write this letter to you. We understand there may be uncertainty and fear, but most of all there is a tremendous love in our heart. We have the utmost respect for you and don't take your decision for granted. This may not be the path we planned or envisioned at the start, however, we are sure there is love bringing our worlds together.

We met more than eight years ago and have been married for six years. We are partners for life. Being Kalli's parents has been a blessing and the light of our world. Our dream is to grow that light by sharing our love and dreams with another child. We will provide our children unconditional love, a stable home, and financial stability. We will teach respect and practice forgiveness.

We are a small tight family and depend on each other for support. Our family time is spent laughing and genuinely enjoying each other's company. We do our best to expose our daughter to as many opportunities as possible and spend weekends taking in a baseball or football game, exploring parks, zoos, visiting friends and family, or just cozying up together to play with our dog, Tank. We even built a company together, not many families can say that their mom and dad own and work for the same company.

If you select us as the adoptive parents for your child, we hope you will have peace of mind knowing that you placed your child with a family that will love and support them through life's highs and lows and will have honest conversations about how our family was created.

We are so very ready to welcome another child into our family and Kalli cannot wait to become a big sister! We are excited to complete our family through adoption and look forward to the next chapter in our lives.

Sincerely,
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Our values and beliefs as parents...

Family - Our parents and siblings are our number one support system. We seek their advice, lean on them when needed, and laugh with them in good times. We enjoy celebrating holidays and special occasions with family - usually with a meal, gifts, and homemade cards all while sharing lots of laughs and stories from our childhoods. We love living close to Cole's parents and the flexibility to stop by for a visit or enjoy dinner together for no reason at all. We enjoy traveling to see Marcia's side of the family during special occasions. We tend to stay for the entire weekend to enjoy aunts, uncles and cousins, spending time with the animals on the farm and attending our nephew's college baseball games.

Honesty - Honesty is the foundation in which our relationship is built. In our everyday lives and in our business, we are honest with our employees and clients and want them to know they can trust us. We believe in consequences when honesty is not shown. We will teach our children that honesty is the best course of action, even if being honest seems like the harder path.

Hard Work - We believe hard work and determination can bring great satisfaction and a sense of self-worth. We have worked hard for what we have accomplished, including building our dream house and buying and running our own business. We believe that giving children rewards for no reason teaches them the world owes them. Instead, we will teach our children to work hard by rewarding them for doing their best at home with age appropriate chores, at school with their studies, and in their extracurricular activities.

Giving Back - We believe it is important to be considerate to others. We encourage our employees, and provide opportunity for them, to give back to the community. We adopted a family in need last winter, Marcia has volunteered with Meals of the Heartland, and we donate our gently used items to those in need. We enjoy volunteering at church and in the community as a family.

Love - Both of our families support us, even when we have failed. Our parents can't help showing their pride in us by telling stories about us to anyone who will listen. Cole's parents have always treated Marcia like their daughter and celebrated in her joy and comforted her in sorrow. Cole has bonded to Marcia's brothers as if he is one of the brothers. They enjoy joking around and being involved in each other kid's activities. Our parents were involved in our games, concerts, and other activities when we were growing up and we strive to show that same presence in our children's lives.

Kindness and Compassion - The world we live in is a unique place and is made up of people from different backgrounds, beliefs and experiences. We believe that instead of seeing differences in each other, we should strive to celebrate what makes us unique. We also believe in "I'm sorry" and second chances. As humans we will make mistakes, however, we believe that what we learn from our mistake is the real lesson. Our faith has taught us that we are all created in the eyes of God, and should accept and love others.



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- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

College and high school football fan, decorating the house and gardening, reading books, walking the dog, spending time with friends and family, and watching my daughter grow up.

Adoptive Father:

Coaching high school football, playing softball, watching movies, spending time with friends and family, and watching my daughter grow up.

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Chief Administration Officer - Commercial Printing/Marketing

Adoptive Father: President - Commercial Printing/Marketing

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Associate's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

Our home...

We live in a great family-friendly area in a new development just a couple minutes outside a larger metropolitan city. In the summer an ice cream truck goes through the neighborhood selling treats for the kids and around the winter holiday season Santa drives through the neighborhood on top of a fire truck. Close by we can enjoy the city festivals, fairs, minor league basketball, baseball and hockey teams, as well as concerts and open markets around the city.

A year ago we built our dream house on a two acre lot. We envisioned open concept ranch with plenty of space to welcome family and friends, and that is exactly the home we created.

We enjoy spending time cooking in the kitchen and since it is open to the family room we are all able to feel together and use that time to catch up on each other's day. We enjoy comfy furniture that is inviting to relax at the end of the day, including a large sectional where we all catch up on our favorite shows in the evening.

We have a sectional on our deck too. In the summer we enjoy time with family and friends grilling out, talking around the fire, roasting marshmallows, and enjoying the sounds of nature. Our back yard backs up to a large open meadow with pond that is home to the horse ranch up the road. We can watch their six horses graze along the fence line in the spring and summer and watch the Canadian geese migrate in the fall and winter months. Last spring we saw a bald eagle in a tree behind our property. Marcia enjoyed pushing Kalli on the swing and going down the slide with her when she was younger and looks forward to doing the same with our next child.

Our house is the perfect place to entertain. We enjoy sports and our home is a favorite location to watch all types. We often host football parties and everyone is comfortable in the theater room watching it on the movie screen. Cole's parents live a couple of miles away and often come over for grilling and enjoying the evenings outside. We recently introduced Jenga as a competitive game and have talked about getting the life size version.

Marcia grew up baking and cooking, now most recipes are from memory. Kalli loves to help in the kitchen and recently got her own set of mixing bowls and measuring spoons, and has mastered making muffins. Our favorite meal is homemade lasagna. We enjoy cooking together as a family and sitting down together to enjoy the fruits of our labor. We enjoy our time after dinner when homework is over and our work day is behind us. We either watch our favorite show on TV or relax on the back deck talking about the highs and lows of our day. This is the time we wind down before everyone is tucked in for the night.

This is what we look forward to most. Experiencing bedtime stories and family activities. We look forward to diaper changes, feedings, and simply admiring a new life and the possibilities he/she holds. Kalli looks forward to everyone coming to see her sibling and reading bedtime stories to her brother or sister at night.



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Our family...

We met on Match.com more than eight years ago. We hit it off immediately, emailing at first then eventually talking on the phone. We had our first date one evening meeting for sushi. Marcia was coming from a work event and was running behind. Cole made friends with our waiter and they had a bet on if I was going to show up. Marcia has never lived down that she was ten minutes late for our first date.

We dated for two years before we got married. Cole proposed while tucking our daughter, Kalli, in bed. Instead of reading a book, Cole told the story about how we fell in love and how we both love Kalli. At the end of the story Cole asked Kalli if we should get married, with Kalli's blessing, Cole asked Marcia to marry him.

We absolutely love each other to the core and spend a lot of time as a family unit. Every morning and night starts and ends with a hug, kiss, and I love you. The best way to describe us is caring, fun and generous. We work hard during the week and enjoy our time in the evenings and weekends spending time as a family and making memories doing things we enjoy. We love to travel, but also to experience new things within our own home town. We enjoy being well rounded people who love the arts of our community as much as the sports and more action filled activities. Cole enjoys giving his time to coaching high school football and also helping on Kalli's softball team in his spare time. Marcia enjoys making a house a home by decorating and landscaping and enjoys watching Kalli participate in her extra circular activities.



Because we own our own business we have the flexibility to be able to balance our home and work life as we see fit. Marcia has the ability to be at home during those formative years and once in school will be there to see him/her off to school in the mornings and home when they get off the bus. Kalli is excited to be a big sister and is very good with her young cousins. This child will go places with us and be involved in everything we do. We are very family focused and do things and go places as a family; like movies, festivals, open markets, restaurants, parks, pools, hockey games, football games, minor league baseball games.

We are very close to our family and share the usual family traditions around the holidays, but really just work on enjoying each day together. Of all the special days throughout the year, we put the most focus on each other's birthdays. Christmas is also a special time filled with traditions. Elf on the Shelf visits and we have a special baking day with cousins and their children on the second weekend of December. We always wake up at home on Christmas morning, open each other's presents and see what Santa delivered in our stockings, and then enjoy breakfast together.

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Our families can hardly wait for us to take this next step and bring home a new addition to the family. As always, they will support us as we try to make our dreams come true! They are waiting with open arms and loving hearts to fully welcome a new baby into our family.



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