

Hello we are...

Nathan & Meghan



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

We are two hearts that share the same hope - to have a family.

We both are fortunate to have large loving families. From the very beginning of our relationship, we both knew we wanted to have a family. We experienced infertility and miscarriages, however, we did not let it shatter our hopes for a family. Long before we got married and discovered our infertility challenges, we had discussed adoption. We are both humbled by the opportunity to parent a child not born to us, but selected by you, his or her mother.

If you select us to parent your child, we will provide your child a life filled with love, opportunity, and happiness. We hope to teach your child to be independent, confident, respectful, a good decision-maker, open-minded, appreciative, empathetic, resilient, and a good friend. We commit to provide your child a solid education and various experiences to build a strong foundation for a successful life.

We are committed to each other and our families. Our families are committed to loving your child as well. We have a large family - seven siblings and 16 nieces and nephews. We love that our cousins consider each other best friends. Meghan's family is loud and energetic, while Nathan's family is quieter and more reserved. When you are with Meghan's family there are usually five different conversations going at once. When you are with Nathan's family there is usually one conversation happening with all of us joining and listening in. We do not take ourselves too seriously. We can be goofy. Whether that is dance parties, wearing costumes, telling jokes, or joking around with each other. We are comfortable around one another and have no problem giving each other a hard time and asking for or receiving advice.

We hope you will have the support you need to feel confident and at peace with your decision. We hope you are surrounded by people who lift you up, so you can accomplish your own goals.

If you choose us to be the adoptive parents of your child, we hope that our continued relationship reassures you that the choice of adoption was the correct one for both you and your child.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to introduce ourselves, we truly appreciate your consideration.

Warmest Wishes,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Family - We believe family gives us traditions that enrich our lives and provides protection. We are loyal and supportive to our family; we want everyone to be healthy and successful. Both of our parents spend a great deal of time with their grandchildren and we look forward to this child developing special memories with their grandparents and cousins. Our family will protect, provide for, and work each day to positively influence his or her life. We will encourage this child to have relationships with their cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents by spending quality time together regularly and continue to share time with our families on vacation and at the lake.



Education - We believe we are our child's first teacher and will provide this child with varied experiences so they may pursue their own path. Formal and informal education has made us who we are today and we continue to seek opportunities to learn. We will use every opportunity as a teachable moment - reading to them, talking and singing to them, including them in family routines and answering all the "why" questions. We will encourage him or her to explore and discover by attending different camps and trying various activities such as sports, dance, etc. When the time comes, we will encourage, support and pay for our child in pursuing a college education.



Gratitude - We practice gratitude by donating our time and resources to others. Each holiday we use Nathan's Christmas bonus to buy Toys for Tots or contribute to an Angel Family. We often reflect on the "peaks and pits" throughout the year. This reflection is one way we are mindful for all we are grateful. Reading books like "Have You Filled a Bucket Today" will encourage kindness, appreciation and gratitude. We will include him or her in giving by asking them to donate gently used toys and clothes, shop with us for Toys for Tots, go with us when we donate our time at the Ronald McDonald House and when we package meals for those who are hungry.



Relationships - We value our relationship as husband and wife, with our family, and with our friends, many of which we've had for more than 20 years. To maintain these relationships we invest in spending time together, sharing interests and goals, and by having good communication. We will help this child value relationships by modeling trustworthiness, honesty, empathy, and being a good listener. We will include our child in gatherings with our friends and family. We will encourage him or her to make friends by giving them the opportunity to participate in different activities and help them be social by encouraging them to have friends over to our home.

Happiness - Enjoying life and having fun is a big part of being happy, but we also believe we must find happiness in ourselves and in the small moments of life. We have a sign in our bedroom that reads "Always find time for the things that make you feel happy to be alive." Those are words we try to live by. We will include this child in activities that we do individually, as a couple, and with our friends and family. We believe less TV and more time playing results in happier children and adults. We will be optimistic and talk positively to one another and our child. We will focus on effort rather than perfection. Hopefully by doing this, he or her will not fear failure and will be happier.

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Our home...

We live on a three-acre lot just outside of town. It's a great place to raise a child! We feel we have the best of both worlds- a large peaceful yard but also caring neighbors who are close. Our neighbors are willing to help one another at the drop of hat and we have a big yard with plenty of space for exploration and play.

It is a smaller community but offers a lot for children and families; music concerts, cultural and arts events, going to outdoor markets, and attending ball games. The city nearby also has a zoo and science center that we have enjoyed with our nieces and nephews. We have great schools and many recreational opportunities like soccer, basketball, base/softball, tennis and golf. The area is known for its beautiful landscape, covered bridges, pumpkin patches, festivals, quaint town square, and parks.

The streets of our neighborhood are quiet except for the sound of the children playing outside. In the summer, you can find them playing on their swing sets or trampolines, and riding their bikes. In the winter, the children play hockey in the driveways and build snow forts and snowmen in the yards. We have a summer pass to the community pool where we take our nieces and nephews swimming. We look forward to taking our child to splash in the water.

Our home is welcoming and comfortable. When our family and friends come to visit, they make themselves at home. Everyone knows they can grab something to drink and put their feet up.

We cook and eat dinner together each evening while making plans for the weekend. We enjoy listening to music when we are cooking, hanging out, cleaning, or working outside.

It will be nice to have the noise of a child in our own home. We look forward to the day when we have children's books on our shelves, toys in our family room, a baby gate at the stairs, and a high chair at our table. We often imagine this child laughing and playing on the playset in our backyard.

We are eager to change our routine to accommodate and adjust to meet the needs of a child. Once we become parents, Meghan will work part-time, or perhaps become a stay-at-home mom. She is eager to visit the library, play at the park, blow bubbles, and have our child "help" in our various gardens. It excites us to have little hands pulling up carrots when they are ready and a little mouth to eat fruit salad made from the blueberries, raspberries and strawberries we grow in the backyard. It will be fun to teach him or her how a seed can turn into a beautiful flower that we can then add to an arrangement in our home. We look forward to evenings sitting on the deck watching skydivers fall from the sky.

So far, our most treasured memory in our home is the day we moved in. Our parents, each of our siblings, and most of nieces and nephews came over and spent the day helping us move in. Everyone stayed for lunch and after the hard work was done we spent time outside on the patio and the kids played in the yard. We imagine the same support and celebration when we bring home a child. Everyone will want to be here welcoming home the newest member to our family.



- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Music, theater, movies, gardening, walking/hiking in nature, craft projects, cooking, swimming, outdoor music concerts, traveling, weekend road trips, boating, canoeing, playing games, decorating our home, shopping, entertaining friends and family, attending events in our community, and getting together with family/friends.

Adoptive Father:

Biking, gardening, fishing, camping, music, reading, learning, walking/hiking in nature, canoeing, movies, home improvement projects, cooking, technology, traveling, weekend road trips, getting together with family/friends, and woodworking.

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Community Health Consultant
Adoptive Father: Agriculture

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree
Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree



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Our family...

We met on eHarmony and instantly bonded over shared goals, beliefs, and interests such as music, travel, and the desire to have a family one day. We each lived independently, had secure careers, and full lives; however, we were both looking for that special someone to enhance our lives. We both believe in commitment, good communication, and “family first” decision-making. We are proud of our marriage and are excited to see where our life leads us.

Meghan’s strengths include being compassionate, caring, loving, affectionate, thoughtful, organized, open-minded, hardworking, task and detail oriented, dependable, generous, and reliable. Meghan is fun, outgoing, and energetic. Nathan’s strengths include being open-minded, patient, hardworking, loyal, logical, generous, intelligent, witty, and loving. Nathan is even-tempered and dedicated to family, friends, and being someone Meghan and his family can lean on.

As a couple, we complement one another well. Meghan tends to think about shorter term goals while Nathan thinks about the longer term goals. We support one another in pursuing our own hobbies and interests, yet we both enjoy and value time together. For fun we enjoy concerts, a competitive game of skeeball, dinner out, the YMCA, activities with our nieces and nephews, and more. We have a lake nearby and go fishing, rowing, and paddle boarding.

The lake is where we have fun with Meghan’s family- those weekends are spent outside swimming, boating, tubing, and grilling dinner outside. We both enjoy being outside and look forward to sharing the outdoors with our child. Every summer we attend several outdoor music concerts and take one or two vacations a year. Typically, we visit somewhere warm during our cold winter and then get away during the fall.

Making memories together is what makes our family so special. We recently went on a Disney cruise to celebrate Meghan parents’ 50th wedding anniversary. Meghan’s parents took all 18 members of the family and we all took part in the activities on board, including dressing up for Star Wars and pirate night. Each summer we take road trips to the lake and have a great 4th of July celebration with friends and family. We always watch the fireworks over the lake with a band playing patriotic music in the background.

Around the holidays, we make gingerbread houses, decorate our home, and drive around to look at lights. Instead of giving gifts to our nieces and nephews, we like to spend time and have experiences with them. We have taken the kids bowling, indoor glow golfing, and in recent years we created a Christmas Carnival. The Carnival has been a hit! We play lots of games and have a photo booth. You know you have created meaningful memories when your teenage nephew asks if we are going to have the Carnival each year.

All of our family will love and support this child the same way as they have the other children in the family. Our family members have open hearts and are ready to welcome a new family member. Every one of us are eager to meet and love the newest member of our family.



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