

Hello we are...

Jonathan & Suzanne



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

We've been married for more than ten years and have always dreamed of being parents and providing a loving, warm, exciting life full of laughs and adventure for a child.

Our infertility issues have only made our relationship stronger, and we realized our path was always there in front of us in our friends and family members that were adopted or have adopted children. We know a child doesn't have to be born to us for us to love that child with every ounce of our being.

We look forward to everything! Bonding, waking up at 3am to change/feed and rock them back to sleep. Playing in the backyard, laughing, helping with their homework, teaching them how to shoot a free-throw or toss a baseball. Riding bicycles, dance recitals, ball games, traveling, visiting apple orchards and pumpkin patches.

We hope to teach a child how to be confident and happy. We're excited to be positive role models, and we look forward to encouraging them to try new things and explore their world. We will teach them the value of doing things for others and they will learn the value of giving back to their community. We can't wait to share our love of travel, the outdoors, and family gatherings celebrating holidays and birthdays.

We will provide unconditional love, support, affection, guidance, patience, and respect. We will offer a child financial stability, a structured and safe environment, routines, educational opportunities and a loving family. We will encourage them to be a kid, have fun, enjoy down time to relax, and time to socialize and participate in team activities. We are excited to discover their own personality, wants, and needs.

We know that for us to adopt, a mother, perhaps you, must make an adoption plan. We are humbled by your strength and selfless love for your child. If you select us as the adoptive parents, your child will be loved unconditionally and we hope you will maintain a relationship with your child, if that is what you wish.

We look forward to getting to know you and learning your hopes and dreams.

Warmest Wishes,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Courage and Tenacity - We believe that courage and perseverance is having the bravery to pursue something we want and having the tenacity to stick with it when the going gets tough.

When Suzanne started her own business, there were so many unknowns and unanswered questions. However, she knew she wanted the benefits of being her own boss and the flexibility it would give her to raise a child. She understood that she may face obstacles and hurdles, but that from these she would have personal growth. You know the old adage, "what doesn't kill you will make you stronger." We believe this is something that is developed overtime and from a very early age. We will encourage our child to stick with it when they are trying something new or setting a goal. It might be learning how to walk, riding a tricycle or a bike, or trying out for a team sport, or getting a move just right in dance class. We will be there to help them lift their spirits and keep moving forward.



Positivity - One of the only things in life that we can control is our own reaction. One of the ways we can react is by finding the positive in even the most challenging situations. No matter what life throws our way, staying positive has strengthened our relationship and has helped us develop a sense of flexibility - since much in life is outside our control. Looking for the best in situations is a great way to help children in life. We will reinforce a positive attitude often - if our child comes in second place, being disappointed by a friends' actions, not being able to play outside because it's raining, etc.



Honesty - Being truthful and sincere builds strength of character. Honesty is critical to building trust in relationships and is an expression of caring that results in our own betterment and growth. Through honesty, we have enhanced our relationship, and have created a closer and more meaningful connection. We will teach our child to be truthful by showing them that honesty is always best, even when it's hard. We will reward our child when they are honest and trustworthy and talk to them about alternatives when they may not be completely honest ensuring that making up stories and make-believe are not transitioned into telling falsehoods.

Education - We believe that learning is constant and there are opportunities around us every day to learn and grown. We look forward to helping our child learn and explore through fun such as seeing animals at the zoo, finding shapes all around us, coloring, building with blocks and playing games. We both attended college and as our child gets older, we will support him or her in whatever path they take, trade or college.



Enjoying Life - Life is meant to be lived and to be fun. There are many responsibilities in life and it is easy to get caught up in what must be done. It is important to us that we have fun and put joy in every day. Sometimes this means taking trips to explore new places and different cultures. A rainy day is a perfect opportunity to jump in puddles. It's cold and snowy, that's okay, we will build a snowman, go sledding or have a snowball fight. We go on bike rides, enjoy a day at the lake, go fishing, escape into a good book and dance while making dinner. We look forward to enjoying life with our child and teaching him or her that fun surrounds us.

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Our home...



- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Spending time at home and with family and friends, reading, watching Netflix, exercising, cooking, gardening, needle point, working out, riding bikes, dancing and volunteering

Adoptive Father:

Big sports guy. Bowling league, biking, working out, playing golf, playing and watching sports especially basketball and hockey. Anything outside. Bungee jumping, yard work, running/jogging. Spending time with friends and family and volunteering

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Business Owner

Adoptive Father: Implementation Consultant

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Some College

We live in an established neighborhood built in the '70's with tall trees and full bushes. We love that the outside of our house is always bright and cheerful. The fire bushes turn red and orange in the fall and in the spring there are three flowering pear trees with white blooms.

It's a quiet neighborhood, a great place to raise children. Children play together in each other's yards. Our small town has everything we need including two parks within walking distance that have playground equipment, tennis courts, and basketball courts. Just minutes away is everything a larger downtown area has to offer including a science center, a zoo, an art center, the botanical gardens, and museums .

One of our favorite aspects of our house is our huge yard, especially the back yard. The ground is flat which is perfect for outdoor games and running around. We spend warm days outside gathered around the grill, playing games such as volleyball, Frisbee and ladder golf, while the kids play on a Slip and Slide. We envision our child playing in the yard with friends from the neighborhood and family.

Inside, our home is warm and cozy. Pictures of our travels to New Zealand, Panama, Italy, Yellow Stone and France hang on the walls throughout the house. One of the greatest features of the inside of our home is the open layout that allows you to see from the kitchen to the large family room. The open concept helps people feel connected. Our kitchen is the heart of the home! Most family and friends can be found in or around the kitchen eating or enjoying playing cards and games like Catch Phrase and Jenga at the table. There is often music heard from the piano in the sitting room and cheering from friends in the family room while watching a big game.

We eat dinner together during the week and then usually queue up our favorite show from Netflix. We look forward to our evening activities changing when we bring home a child. He or she will be our number one priority. Suzanne, a morning person, is eager to spend this quiet time with him or her. John, a night owl, will take care of the child through the late-night hours. Suzanne works from home, so she will take care of the child during the day. When needed, John's parents will watch their grandchild.

We will create memories together by visiting apple orchards, cutting down a live Christmas tree, surviving corn mazes, visiting the Farmers Market, going on bike rides, swimming at water parks and visiting the state fair. However, the most cherished memories are very simple and easy to create by just spending quality time together and being present for him or her.



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Our family...

We met 16 years ago and dated more than five years before getting married. Suzanne had just finished a work function and John was out with a group of friends. John asked Suzanne to dance, got her number and called her later that evening to plan their first date. John proposed to Suzanne by placing the engagement ring on a piece of cheese cake after dinner one special night. Our favorite memory while dating was our first trip to Europe. It was John's first trip out of the country. We visited Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France.

That's John! He is outgoing and intelligent, while being loving and a very patient person and supportive husband. Suzanne is smart, analytical, hardworking and organized. Together we complement each other's personality types and rely on our open communications for a harmonious relationship and truly accept each other for our strengths.

We enjoy watching movies, bicycling, traveling, spending time with family and friends, watching hockey games, watching baseball games, going to the movies, going out to eat, and volunteering with our non-profit.

Suzanne is extremely close with her cousins which she grew up with while living in Wisconsin. At least once a year, Suzanne and John meet her family at their cabin in Northern Wisconsin - no electricity or running water. Built during the Great Depression by Suzanne's great-grandfather, a cheese monger from Germany, the cabin and property have been a part of her family all her life passed down from generation to generation. There are so many things for kids to do: make mud pies in the treehouse, swim in the spring fed lake, go on a hike, go fishing, play the old player piano and enjoy s'mores around the campfire.

John's parents, siblings and nieces and nephews all live within minutes of each other. We are very close with his parents and siblings. We celebrate holidays together, as well as birthdays, monthly breakfast with family and sibling outings where we go to a sporting event or dinner.

We look forward to continuing these activities and traditions when we become parents. We also look forward to starting new traditions as a family. We can't wait to open Christmas presents on Christmas morning as a family, eat out at the restaurant our child selects, special one-on-one time with the child, walking them to school or to the bus stop in the morning and visiting an apple orchard and pumpkin patch in the Fall.

Everyone in our family is excited, supportive and helpful in preparing us and our home for our child's arrival.



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