

Hello we are...

Leigh & John



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

We hope to create a safe and secure home where your child will be happy, knowing that they are unconditionally loved by us as well as family and friends. We will create a strong supportive family where your child can thrive, where their dreams can flourish, and where they can develop the confidence and skills necessary to explore their interests. We will provide a child a thorough education including college, if that is what they choose. We hope to create a life filled with more joys than sorrows. We dream of a home filled full of laughter and adventure.

We have been together for more than seven years and after learning about our infertility issues, we knew with absolute certainty that adoption was the way we wanted to grow our family. We both feel that a child doesn't have to be born to us to become an immediate part of our family and to be deeply loved by us. We are committed to giving your child the best opportunities to grow into a special person and a successful adult.

We look forward to so many things. We can't wait to read to your child at night and rock them to sleep. As your child grows and develops, we can't wait to play in the garden, run around our yard, and swing on our neighbors' tree swing. We look forward to pool parties and barbecues together at grandpa's house, which is just a few blocks away. Also, we will be adventurous and discover the local parks together.

We wish you peace with your decision and know that you're making this decision out of the immense love you have for your child. We hope to get to know you and provide the support for you to feel confident in your decision. John and I are committed to this life-long journey together, with your child and with you.

We are incredibly grateful and honored that you may consider us to parent your child.

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Faith - Education: We think education can come in many forms and we still look for opportunities to learn new things. John is taking lessons to become a pilot, and we like to travel because we love learning about other people and places. This helps us grow as individuals. We are both college graduates and will offer this opportunity to your child; however, college is not the only road to success. If your child would rather pursue a trade or an art, we will encourage that as well. We want education and learning to be a great joy for your child. We want them to see it as a way to pursue their interests and to better themselves and the world around them.



Honesty - Honesty is a key to all relationships. It's what establishes trust and leads to confidence, allowing for a happy and strong family. John and I value honesty in our relationship and have worked hard to create open communication with each other. When your child comes to us with questions, we will answer openly and honestly in an age appropriate manner.

Balanced Life - Life should be equal parts responsibility and fun. Having responsibilities and fulfilling them help us establish accountability and personal value, while becoming independent problem solvers. John and I go to work every day, split up household tasks, and help others when needed. However, as important as responsibilities are, life is also meant to be enjoyed. It's just as important that we find fun, appreciate the world around us, and take a break to reenergize and renew ourselves. John and I sometimes take a day to hike in the mountains or canoe on a lake in order to reconnect with each other and our surroundings. We want your child to learn the skills necessary to succeed, but we also want them to have fun and enjoy life without too much stress.



Family and Friends - We cherish our families and friends. Their support and guidance has made us into the people we are and will contribute to the parents we will become. We are lucky to live near family and friends and to be a part of their lives on a regular basis. We regularly take vacations together, hang out and eat meals together, and spend holidays together. Our family is very excited for a child to be in our lives as well as theirs. We can't wait for your child to meet, learn and be supported by all these wonderful people!

Love - Unconditional love is the backbone of our relationship and is communicated and shown in our actions and words. We openly and generously communicate "I love you" throughout each and every day. We show our love through actions by doing something for each other that we know would help or bring a smile. We encourage each other to pursue our passions and hobbies. There is never a time where we don't reassure the other person that they are important and valued. We will share unconditional love with your child as well! We will be there for them at every opportunity, showing our support, and cheering them on. They will never question our love and commitment for them.



Stability - It's important to us to be nurturing parents and to create an environment that will help shape a positive and secure perspective of both themselves and the world around them. We hope that this will be the springboard that sets in motion a life of happiness and overall well-being. We will do this through routine, compassionate and honest communication, developing a strong bond with your child, creating a safe home, and working as a family team.

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Our home...

Our community is a wonderful place to raise children. There are many wonderful parks, each with their own personality. There is a large duck pond, where we take our nieces to feed the ducks, a small child's train where you can "ride the rails", playgrounds, public pools, baseball and tee ball fields, and walking and biking trails. We can't wait to explore these areas with a child!

Our immediate neighborhood is a very close group of families and all of us help each other out when needed. It's not unusual to see us talking over a fence. Some of our neighbors have play houses and playsets in their yards that are regularly occupied by the neighborhood children. The neighbor across the street has a swing in a big walnut tree that is a favorite of many of the kids, as well as some of the adults. We regularly take walks around the neighborhood where we frequently cross paths with others and sometimes stop to talk. Our neighborhood is a great place to live and raise a family.

Our house is furnished in a way that makes everyone feel comfortable and relaxed. We're not fussy people so we don't own anything that can't get dirty and then be wiped down. We have a few pieces of furniture that make it easy to curl up and read a good book. We keep art supplies in our dining room cupboard so when our nieces come by, they can be creative. Leigh was raised in our current home until she was about 10 years old. She has wonderful memories of growing up here and she knows your child will feel the same.

Both of us are handy, so we spend time when we can, working on home projects to update and improve our home. We like the idea of taking care of it and making it our own. One winter we renovated our bathroom and just recently, we finished updating and painting all the shutters and the front door. Our family loves to just stop by to see what changes we have made. Leigh's dad is a wonderful gardener so he sometimes helps in the backyard. We can't wait to see if your child likes working with their hands as well!

The best time of day is when we are all together, enjoying each other's company and spending quality time together. Whether that's cooking dinner, talking about what we want to watch on TV or working on a house project, we are bonding with each other and forming lasting memories. If family or friends come over we are usually gathered around the coffee table in the living room talking over each other and eating pizza out of the box. Since we enjoy being outdoors, we may be on the patio grilling hamburgers and stuffed mushrooms. We both look forward to incorporating your child into our day and spending quality time with them.

We want your child's room to be a calm space but with colorful pictures on the walls. We will have lots of books with a big comfy rocking chair for reading and rocking to sleep. There will be soft rugs on the floor for playing, exploring, and crawling. There will be a space for lots of family photos so we can talk about all the members of their family, including you, to help them stay connected and have a sense of belonging. Leigh looks forward to passing down her red "blanky" that was given to her as a child.

We look forward to creating many happy childhood memories here at home.



- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:
Gardening, reading a great book, home improvement projects, hiking and being outdoors, canoeing, biking, and travel.

Adoptive Father:
Aviation, currently working on getting his pilot's license. Archery, photography, hiking, canoeing, biking, and travel.

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Lab Manager
Adoptive Father: Mechanical Design Technician

Education Level:

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

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Our family...

John and I met online through a dating website. Our personal histories allowed us to connect in a way that neither of us could have expected. Although we both knew that we would eventually get married to each other, John and I were together for seven years before we finally tied the knot. We both believe that a commitment comes from a desire to make it happen; not just a marriage certificate.

We have always placed a great value on communication and working hard to make our relationship successful. John is very personable, intelligent, dedicated, honest, compassionate and thoughtful. Leigh is very friendly, dependable, flexible, adaptable, compassionate, and organized. Together we make a great balanced team. We can both rely on the other when our own abilities fall short. Our relationship sometimes consists of us encouraging each other to learn new things in order to grow personally or to get out of our comfort zones.

John and I like to stay active and enjoy the outdoors. In the warm months, we do projects around the house, go hiking or canoeing in the mountains near our home, visit the local parks with our nieces, or hang out with family by the pool at Leigh's father's house. In the winter, we love to watch the snow fall while curled up reading a good book. We also enjoy having a good meal at a local diner and discovering a new restaurant or new type of food.



We spend a lot of time with our family and they are excited for us to become parents. They know how long we have desired this and are very supportive of our decision to adopt. They all love children and will welcome them with open arms, sometimes quite literally. They are very encouraging and think we will make wonderful, caring, and loving parents. All of them are ready and waiting to fulfill their roles to become active grandparents, aunts and uncles.

We are lucky that Leigh's family lives close by. We regularly take vacations together, hang out, eat meals and spend holidays together. John's sister and her family live in Florida and we look forward to visiting them as a family. Leigh's father, who lives a few blocks away, has a pool that is a frequently used to host pool parties and cookouts in the summer months.

We look forward to the change that a child will bring to our lives and can't wait to begin this wonderful journey! We are excited to start making a lifetime of memories and to begin writing a new chapter in our family's story, you and your child included!



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