



Hello We Are...



Jessica & Paul



Our Hopes & Dreams

Our family is loving, supportive, kind, and we always have fun. None of us are truly ever alone and we can always count on one another for help and support. As parents, we hope to share this sense of belonging with our child. We learned through genetic testing that it would not be possible for us to have a biological child, therefore our desire to parent brought us to adoption.

We look forward to creating a loving family environment that fosters learning and growth, where everyone enjoys spending time together. Where each member of the family feels they belong and has a network of support to help with life's ups and downs. We will create an environment where everyone feels comfortable to be open and honest. We will provide opportunities for the child to find their strengths and help them build upon those strengths to discover their 'happy place' and feel fulfilled. We will raise a kind person who is prepared for life's different stages.

For you, the mother reading this, we understand this is a very difficult decision. We don't know what brought you to this point, but we are sure it's not a decision you took lightly. We respect you and the sacrifice you are making to provide your child the life you want for them.

If you select us as the adoptive parents, we hope to build an open and ongoing relationship, that your child will grow up knowing you, and that we will have the opportunity to share with you all of your child's little moments. We look forward to sharing their extracurricular activities, funny moments, life events, and even "kids say the darndest things" moments. We look forward to taking this journey together.

Sincerely,

Jessica & Paul

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

INTEGRITY - We believe it is important to have strong ethical principles, leading to honesty, trust and consistency. Integrity is doing the "right" thing even when it's hard. For example, Jessica worked on a team project at work and made an error in her work. She could have let the team take the blame, instead she took responsibility of her error and fixed it. We will teach our child to demonstrate integrity and honor in every interaction they may have at home, at school, in sports, and eventually at work. We hope this will lead to them having healthy relationships and surround themselves with like-minded people.

EDUCATION - We believe a life filled with learning and discovery will lead a child to live their best life possible. We will provide the child with a formal education and extracurricular activities that will provide a solid foundation and help your child discover their interests. We will encourage your child to always feel comfortable and empowered to ask questions about the world around us. We look forward to patiently answering all the "why" questions, fostering their curiosity and sense of wonder. Building on their strengths, we will encourage and support the child to explore their interests and follow their dreams. If he/she wants to learn how to skydive backwards while basket weaving, we will find a place nearby for them to take lessons.

FAMILY SUPPORT - To us, family are those that we surround ourselves with for support, belonging, and unconditional love. We believe that it does "take a village," and our village are our family and friends. They may be relatives by adoption, marriage, blood, or simply longtime friends. We will surround your child with a network of people who will support them throughout life, ensuring they have a sense of belonging and inclusion that can only come from strong connections. We will create an environment where your child will feel comfortable coming to us, or anyone else in their village, with issues and know that we will help lead them through any challenge. We will continue to participate in large "family" meals, vacations, holidays, birthday parties, and weekends at our cabin so the child builds their own connections with generations of "family."

KINDNESS AND RESPECT - Every day, we make decisions about how we will treat people, and we will always be kind and respectful to the people with whom we come in contact. We do not believe that someone's education, income, job, family history, race, ethnicity, or gender defines them. What does define people is how they treat others. Most of us have experienced a person who thought they were better than others and entertained those around him/her by making fun of people. We will teach your child these types of actions are not acceptable, and to be kind even when we may disagree. We will show respect to our child, with each other, as well as all those we interact with.

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HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Reading, kickboxing, kayaking, disc golf, boating, camping, spending time with family.

Adoptive Father: Woodworking, 3D printing, kayaking, kickboxing, fishing, baseball and softball, golf and disc golf, mechanics.

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Executive Administrative Assistant

Adoptive Father: Engineering Manager

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

Our Home

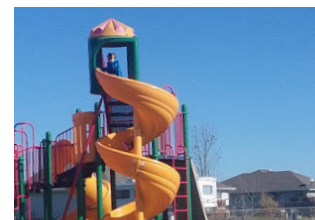
We live in a small town with a classic mid-western feel. It is a safe community where the neighbors look out for one another. There are children of all ages riding bikes, playing in the park across the street, and playing catch in the front of the houses. We are in walking distance to a great school that offers extracurricular activities for growth, exploration, and development. Although we have all the advantages of a smaller town, we are also close to larger cities that offer amusement parks, shopping, restaurants, ice cream shops, parks, camping, hiking and walking trails, and more.

Our home is cozy and relaxed with photos, books, and decor that show our personalities, as well as our bond with our extended families. Our favorite time at home is the evening. We eat dinner together most nights after working out at the gym. During our free time we watch tv, play softball or kickball, go kayaking or on motorcycle rides, go to the movies, or just spend time with family and friends. Our favorite thing about our home is the outside area. We relax by the firepit, read a book while sitting on the couch on the deck.

When company visits, we always have food and snacks to offer! If the weather is nice, we love to sit outside on the deck. We have comfy patio furniture and a fenced in backyard with two big trees for shade. Paul usually grills or smokes dinner while we enjoy a fire in the fire pit. If it is cooler, we will gather in our living room and watch a movie while we share a meal.

In addition to our home, we have a family cabin on a nearby river. The land has been in our family for four generations, and with each generation, land is passed down to the next generation, now Jessica and her brother own a piece of the property. Jessica grew up spending her summers and celebrating life there, having slumber parties with cousins and fishing off the pier. This is now the focal point of where our friends and family all get together. Someone is there every weekend, the entire group usually shows up, with no invitation necessary, Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day weekend. There is a family cabin and a farm with lots of wide-open spaces to play and enjoy the outdoors. We love sitting around the fire chatting, boating, fishing, kayaking, and camping.

We look forward to sharing our lives with a child and having a child share his or her life with us. Play time will be one of us introducing our child to our hobbies and eventually taking part of their hobbies. If we can play outside, we will play catch, fish, or read together on the deck. For quiet time, I anticipate lots of lap time with books and many family movie nights to come! We look forward to the small moments- reading before bedtime, meals together, playing in the yard. And, because no child should ever grow up without a dog, we can assure you that there will always be a furry, loving best friend around.



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Our Family

We met in high school. Although we had a class together, neither of us talked to the other. One day during an assembly, our mutual friend had us sit near each other and Jessica found a way to enter her phone number into Paul's phone. A few days later he texted her. We dated in high school for about two years and then went our separate ways during college and for several years after we graduated. Eventually we reconnected and re-kindled our relationship. We've known each other for 21 years, dated 8 years and have been married for more than 5 years.

In the warmer months, we enjoy spending lots of time outside boating, kayaking, fishing, camping, playing disc golf, walking the dog, and sitting around a fire. We also spend time at our family cabin with friends and family. Paul loves to fish off the dock and Jessica enjoys spending time with family or reading in the hammock. During colder months, we enjoy bowling, or going to the movies (Jessica will see any movie if she gets popcorn!). If there is enough snow, we've been known to sled behind the four-wheeler on the family farm!

Our biggest strength as a couple is our ability to enjoy anything we do together, and to balance each other emotionally. Paul is fun-loving and rational, making decisions with his head. Jessica is more emotional and makes decisions based upon her heart. The two of us work together to make well-rounded decisions while helping each other to see things from different angles.

We spend a lot of time with our families, even the more mundane events turn into lively gatherings, usually with a big meal and lots of laughs. The smaller gatherings include no less than 15 people. When the extended family get together, there are so many family and friends we have to rent out a local elementary school to have enough room. We spend holidays, special occasions, and vacations together. Each summer, we spend a lot of time at the family cabin. Everyone brings food and we still end up cooking. Jessica's brother likes to fire up a giant fryer and fry fish, French fries, shrimp, and other delicious items. We are a big group in each other's business in a good way.

We look forward to including our child in all these fun gatherings. We want our child to have similar memories to what we had growing up. We also look forward to starting some of our own family traditions. During Christmas, Paul's dad always reads the Christmas Story from the Bible before we open gifts. We hope to continue to take vacations as a family as it allows us to disconnect from the daily tasks and spend time enjoying each other's company. Together as a couple, we like to meet friends and family for ice-cream after summer activities. We also hope to have new holiday traditions, such as opening gifts as a small family before going to the extended family for a big holiday meal.

All of our family and friends are excited to welcome another one to the group! Please rest assured that we will do everything within our power to provide the love, support, opportunities, and guidance for a child.



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