



Hello We Are...



Mary & Eddie

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Our Hopes & Dreams

We respect, admire, and appreciate you so much. We understand you're considering this option out of an abundance of love for your child and recognize it takes an immense amount of strength and courage to make an adoption plan.

We have a lot of love to give and can't wait to share our lives with a little one. I, Mary, learned about adoption as a child and, the older I got, the more I knew that it was how I wanted to someday grow my family. Eddie's family had provided foster care for children when he was young, so when I shared my desire to adopt, he welcomed the idea. The more we talked about it, the more we knew that adoption was the path we wanted to take to grow our family.

Children are little humans with such a beautiful, unspoiled, and funny perspective on life. Our hope is to offer your kiddo a childhood that they can look back on with warm and happy memories full of tickle fights, silly dances, story time snuggles, and fun adventures. We want to provide your child an environment and experiences that will encourage them to grow into the confident person they are meant to be. We will always support and encourage their interests and be present for them.

We will provide a stable home built on unconditional love and commitment. We have been together for eight years and can be our unguarded selves with one another, from being shamelessly goofy to unapologetically vulnerable. We listen to and respect each other's boundaries and needs, and we're willing to put in the work to have a happy and healthy relationship. We will teach your child the same. We won't be able to give a child everything, but we promise he or she will never question how loved they are.

Our wish is for you to see the hopes and dreams you have for your child coming true, while maintaining a loving and meaningful relationship, if that is what you want. We hope that you find comfort and peace as you navigate through this journey.

Wishing you all the best,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

EMPATHY AND COMPASSION - Our greatest hope is to raise a child to be an empathetic and compassionate person. We think it's so important to understand how another being may be feeling, and we try to step in to offer a hand, a hug, or a kind word. We do our best to educate ourselves about other people's lives, experiences, and cultures so that we can better understand and appreciate those around us. Our goal is to instill a deep sense of appreciation and love for all living beings through a variety of ways, from books to museum visits to trips to different countries.



KINDNESS AND INCLUSIVITY - Kindness is essential. We know that an act as small as a smile or compliment can brighten and make a real difference in another person's life. We make it a point to, at the very least, offer a smile and treat those we interact with kindness, respect, and enthusiasm. We want everyone to feel happy and accepted in our presence. We will raise your child to see the beauty in our differences, treat everyone the same, and show consideration for those they encounter.

A SENSE OF HUMOR - We are strong believers that laughter is the best medicine. It might not be the cure, but boy does it help! When times get hard, or boring, finding a reason to laugh can brighten the mood. And when we can't find a reason to laugh, it helps to know how to create a reason. We love witty — or cheesy! — puns and jokes, and we have no problem being goofy and ridiculous together. We have every intention of being our silliest selves as much as possible with your child — from silly songs to ridiculous dances — we'll aim to make each other smile and laugh, even if it means getting an eye roll along the way.



INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY - We grew up with parents who entrusted us with responsibilities from a young age, from tasks as simple as picking up our toys to helping with home renovations. We remember the excitement we felt as children to help and the pride we felt. We still feel that way when a job is well done, whether it's finally making a successful pie dough from scratch or cleaning up a garden. We want to provide your child with an environment where they can grow to be the very best person they are meant to be. We will encourage them to try new things, give them choices, and respect their decisions. We want them to be confident in their abilities because they can trust their own instincts and skills.



CURIOSITY AND CREATIVITY - We believe that wisdom lies in recognizing that we don't know everything. By maintaining a sense of curiosity and being willing to get a little creative, we expose ourselves to wonderful new experiences and opportunities. We are continuously reading about new and upcoming discoveries, making and trying new foods, and exploring different places. Eddie loves to tinker by taking things apart and putting them back together to discover how things are created through different techniques. We will encourage your child to try and experience new things, while teaching them not to be afraid of failure as it will foster an environment of curiosity and creativity.

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Our Home

We live in a quiet neighborhood with big backyards and a community pool. We have easy access to a greenway, a river, many amazing parks, a great zoo, a children's museum, and many farms. The area is super family friendly! Kids play in their yards, ride their bikes on the street, and run around in the neighborhood playgrounds.

We have an open-door policy and always welcome guests with an engaging smile, hug, a comfortable place to sit, and lots of food to enjoy. Everyone is accepted, tools are borrowed, projects are completed with friends, and an ear is always ready to listen. Our home is a reflection of us as individuals and a couple; loving, intentional, and active. Food is always at the center of our gatherings; we love to try new things and make as much from scratch as we can. We then spend time talking, sharing stories, and/or playing games! When the weather is nice, we host barbeques, backyard parties, and movie nights outside!

We love to spend time outdoors. Our appreciation for a breath of fresh air and the warm sun on our skin has grown significantly. We have a back yard that gets a lot of visitors in the summertime, and we all enjoy taking a moment to hear the birds sing and watch the squirrels do their thing. We hope that your child also enjoys this little oasis, whether it's playing catch, watching the "wildlife" (birds, squirrels, and the occasional deer) or simply swinging on the hammock we put out in the summertime.

Kids learn best when they're given the opportunity to be kids — by playing, using their imagination, and exploring. Our hope is to foster a love of learning by encouraging and nurturing their natural curiosities and interests — and playing along, of course! We are big kids at heart, after all. Our hope is for them to just be a kid, but also invite them to participate in daily activities like cooking and cleaning up their space, since we know it will help them develop a healthy sense of confidence and independence.

The child's room has a bed, low bookshelf to hold some of their belongings, and a Nugget play couch waiting to be played and snuggled on! The rest? We are waiting until the three of us can decorate it together so that the space embodies and reflects their little personality!

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Reading fiction and cozy mysteries, listening to podcasts, baking, walking, biking, hiking.

Adoptive Father: Cooking, metal detecting, photography, walking, biking, hiking.

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Customer Experience

Adoptive Father: Applications Engineer

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

PLUS:

- Both non-smokers



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Our Family

We met on Match.com and had a first date a couple weeks later. It lasted seven hours and we have spent almost every day together since. We learned that we had a lot in common, from our values to how we enjoyed spending our free time but, what made us really fall for each other was the fact that we made each other laugh all the time, and we still do! We dated five years before we got married.

We truly complement each other. Mary is an introvert and came from a family that enjoys a leisurely day, whereas Eddie loves to be productive and social. Mary is driven by her heart and emotions, whereas Eddie is more logical. We do a good job of encouraging growth and balancing each other when the need arises.

For both of us, moving to North Carolina has had a big impact on our lives. Eddie moved as a teenager with his family, and it was here that he found an area that was perfect for his interests and passions, leading to lifelong friendships. Mary moved on her own as an adult and learned that she was braver and stronger than she gave herself credit for.

We have really wonderful friends that we love to spend time with, typically eating and playing games! We also really enjoy spending time outdoors, biking, hiking, and kayaking. We find these activities are grounding and uplifting experiences that re-energize us.

We look forward to sharing our life with a child. French toast breakfast on Saturdays, outdoor movie nights in the fall, trips to the beach every summer, visiting the Blue Ridge Parkway every fall, and bake-fests during the holiday season to name a few!

We spend the holidays with our family every year. We enjoy our family's traditional holiday meals and activities, whether it's visiting various town squares to see decorations or baking dozens of cookies and decorating them. Holidays are spent catching up, joking around, and enjoying each other's company. This will be the first grandchild for both sets of our parents so they're really excited and our sisters can't wait to become fun aunts!



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