



Hello We Are...



Jennifer & Nate

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## Our Hopes & Dreams

We love being parents and dream of the day we grow our family by having another child. We love the idea of creating a home full of love and laughter where we build memories together.

We will provide a stable Christian home filled with unconditional love. We believe love is freely given, not earned. Love is acceptance and forgiveness. Love keeps those we love safe. When both of us were young, during a storm we would always run into our parent's room and sleep on their floor in sleeping bags. We will provide that same sense of love and security to our child. We will always be there for them, no matter what.

We love life and find joy in the moment. We are excited for the joy and laughter a child brings. We are excited to cuddle as we read stories and watch movies. We are excited to share picnic lunches and explore parks. We can't wait to share adventures, even make-believe ones involving building forts and turning the house into a castle or fortress. We are excited to splash in the neighborhood pool and comb our favorite beach for shells.

We are a very close family. We are blessed with parents, brothers, and sisters who all love us and are excited to celebrate the child who joins our family. We are a family who protects, defends, and supports each other. We share our birthdays, holidays and even some vacations. No one ever feels alone, we are a family who enjoys being together. Our child will always know they are loved, protected, nurtured, and cherished.

Yet we know for us to become parents, a mother must make one of the bravest and selfless decisions she probably will ever make. We want you to know we understand your decision is out of love, grace, and strength that you make an adoption plan. For you, the ultimate sacrifice. For your child, a gift of a better future. For the family, the gift of parenthood. It's humbling to consider receiving a child from such love

If you select us as the parents for your child, we will honor, respect, and treasure you. Your child will always know the difficult and brave decision you made and how they came to our family. Your child will know we love and respect you. Your child will know how much you love them.

Respectfully,

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**FAITH** - Our Christian faith has molded us into who we are and taught us to love others - without judgement or prejudice. Our faith leads us through rough waters and gives us the answers when we seek direction. We will lead our child in faith by loving and serving others, having family devotion time, and participating in our church. Our church has an awesome children's program and our child will participate in camps, service projects, and Sunday school. Recently the church parking lot was full of inflatables and children celebrating back-to-school as part of the children's program.



**FAMILY** - While we are individuals, we are part of something larger and stronger, our family. We stick together in good times and in times of struggles, our love never fades and is never questioned. Both of us grew up in strong and loving families. Our parents have each been married for more than 40 years and have set valuable examples for our own marriage. Our child will grow up knowing the importance of family and the pride that comes with knowing you belong. Our children will be surrounded with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who are their support and friends. As a group we attend professional baseball games, play miniature golf, have cook-outs, enjoy family movie night, and vacation together.



**CONFIDENCE** - We believe it is important to be confident in who you are. We will teach our children to be confident by helping him or her discover their dreams and express their desires. We will encourage our child to have a voice of their own and to express themselves in any situation. However, we will also teach our children the importance of being humble and open-minded to other's actions and opinions when they may differ from their own. We will teach this by listening to them when they have ideas and by hearing them out when they do not agree with us. We will teach them to work out differences with their words and that all they do should be done in a compassionate way.



**TRUST** - We will teach our children the importance of trust and integrity. We will teach our children that trust is something you earn, and it is something that you can lose. We are parents that stay true to our word. When we tell our child we will be there, or that we will do something, we always follow through. We are also parents that are honest with our children. We share every part of our child's birth story with daughter and will do the same with our next child. We believe this is very important for our children to know their adoption is cherished and celebrated. It is their story that makes them beautiful and unique, and it is their story that brings them to us.

**KINDNESS** - We believe the way you want to be treated is the way you should treat others. Being kind means standing up for what you believe in while showing others respect. We teach our child what it means to be kind through our own actions. Sacrificing time and serving those around us is an example of how we will teach our child kindness.

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# Our Home

We live on a cul-da-sac in a friendly neighborhood where there is a strong sense of community, and everyone looks out for one another. The kids play freely in each other's yards, ride bikes, and play hide-n-seek in the circle. One neighbor has a fire pit in their front yard where we eat s'mores and grill hot dogs. We recently put up a big swing set in our backyard. Our daughter loves playing on that with the neighbor kids as well as with her cousins. Another neighbor has an outdoor movie theater, and all the neighbors from the circle like to meet at the neighborhood pool for pizza night and a quick swim after school and work. We love our neighborhood! It is a great place to raise a family and for our children to make lots of good friends.

We truly enjoy our home and welcome others with a warm hug or friendly handshake. No one can be in our home longer than five minutes without being offered something to eat or drink. When we have friends and family over it is always a fun time. In the fall, we love to have a warm fire and play games on the deck lit by Tiki torches. Charades, gin rummy, spades, and The Settlers of Catan are some of our favorite games. If we are inside, we like to pop popcorn the old fashion way on the stove and watch action or comedy movies in our home movie theater.

Our favorite time of day are the evenings. Jennifer loves to cook and Nathan and our daughter, Annabelle, enjoy eating what she makes. Jennifer enjoys cooking whatever sounds good to her, never following a single recipe. Our daughter's favorite is French toast or waffles, breakfast for dinner is always a hit in our home. We like to go for a walk or play tennis together while dinner is in the oven. We also have a garden in the backyard where we pick fresh tomatoes, cucumber and peppers. Our daughter loves to pick out vegetables for dinner and we look forward to another child doing the same.

We are strong believers that everyday life is enjoyable if we have the right attitude and we are excited to experience life with our children. Anything we do now, whether it's going to the mailbox, grocery store, or going to a family member's house, will be an exciting adventure that has the potential to make lasting memories. We look forward to playing with Legos, play wall ball in our basement, and make hand paintings. Whatever it is, we look forward to providing the right things, such as advice, play and support, to give our children the opportunity to succeed in everyday life.

The nursery is ready! It's painted with soft yellows, greys, and blues and filled with special and meaningful items. Two of Nathan's favorite stuffed animals while growing up are displayed proudly on the shelves, we hope they will become our child's favorites as well. The rocking chair is a gift from Jennifer's late grandma, Mimi. We are excited to rock our child and share stories about how loved they are. Annabelle enjoys going into the nursery and talking about a brother or a sister she will have someday.

The best part of a home is the family that occupies it. We have built a marriage in this home and have watched our daughter grow into a happy toddler. We are looking forward to building more memories as a family. We are excited to open our home and our hearts to another child.

## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Vacationing, hiking, and spending time at the beach. Movie nights either at home or in the theater, shopping and doing arts and crafts.

**Adoptive Father:** Playing tennis, watching movies and tv shows, working around the house, hiking, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Nurse Practitioner  
**Adoptive Father:** Mechanical Engineer

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Doctorate  
**Adoptive Father:** Bachelors Degree

## PLUS:

- Both non-smokers

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# Our Family

We met through a mutual friend 15 years ago. One of Jennifer's friends told her "I bet you marry that guy someday!" She brushed it off, but everyone around us saw the chemistry we shared. What started off as a solid friendship grew into an everlasting love. We truly are each other's best friend and always have been.

We have a solid marriage built on faith, love, and trust. We are stronger together and bring out the best in each other. Nathan is more deliberate, but easy going. He is very wise and has the unique ability to quickly assess a situation. He sees opportunities for personal growth in everything and is always looking for ways to help someone. Jennifer is a go getter who gets tasks accomplished no matter the time constraints. Jennifer sees the best in people and is always looking for ways to brighten someone's day.

We have one daughter, Annabelle, who we adopted as a newborn in 2018. We have a large family with lots of cousins. Annabelle has 11 cousins and gets to see them regularly. We are excited to expand our family and make more lifetime memories.

We are a family that spends our available time together, whether it be going to the grocery store or working around the house. We experience life together. This applies to our extended families as well. Birthdays and holidays are spent as one large family, that is, both Jennifer and Nate's families together. Birthdays are very special, usually a two-day celebration full of surprises. One year for Nathan's birthday Jennifer rented a 3-level inflatable obstacle course. It was a huge celebration with our parents, siblings, in-laws, nieces and nephews playing for hours. For Annabelle's most recent birthday, we had a carnival with games, prizes, and even a toy elephant that the kids got to feed peanuts to. We spend two days as a family enjoying the Thanksgiving holiday, complete with appetizers, fried turkey, and games with a butterball foil trophy to the winning team. Every year we vote on the theme for the next year, so there are always new memories made. We love celebrating life!

We also know life gets hectic and it's nice to push "pause" and simply enjoy life. That's why we value vacations. We take stay vacations at home or at a local hotel, and every year we go to Rocky Mountain National Park. We rent cabins in Estes Park and each family takes turns planning and cooking meals. The children all participate by decorating their own dessert. We hike Alberta Falls where the kids skip rocks and play in the shallow streams. We go to town for pizza and enjoy huge cones from our favorite ice cream shop. This year, we are taking a 10-day vacation as a family to Colorado. Every year we also travel to South Dakota to go to the State Fair with Nathan's siblings and all stay at his sister's house. We love all meeting up and taking the week to just be together away from the hustle and bustle of life. We look forward to the time when we can bring another child on our family adventures.



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