



Hello We Are...



Allie & Jim

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Our Hopes & Dreams

Our hopes and dreams are to provide a child with a wonderful childhood and help them grow into a confident, kind, and driven individual. We want them to grow up always knowing just how much their adoptive and birth families love them and to always feel supported.

Allie has always loved playing, educating, and being around children of all ages. Anyone can tell she loves children with the fun activities that she thinks of and the bright smile that she has on her face when she is around them. Jim is inspired by the creative ways children look at life and how they are not afraid to try new things to learn more about their small world. Jim is more of the goofball between the two of us and will enjoy playing with our child. We both want to create a safe, fun, and stimulating environment and want to make sure that they know they will always be loved no matter what.

There are so many things that we hope to offer your child! This includes cherished childhood memories, such as: family game nights, camping trips in state parks, annual summer trips to Allie's family cabin, creating traditions of tree decorating and cookie baking at Christmas, and fun sleepovers at their cousins' house. We also want to offer your child intangible things like a great education with learning support at home, opportunities, and support in exploring and discovering different interests, hobbies and passions, whether it be sports, arts, activism, engineering, or community development.

We want you to know that we think adoption is one of the most brave, difficult and selfless things a person could ever do, and we think you are an incredibly strong person for choosing adoption. We hope your adoption dreams are playing out exactly how you imagined they would and that you are exactly as close with and involved in your child's life as you want to be. We want your communication with our family to feel honest and comfortable as our family becomes intertwined with yours. We hope that you can reach for your dreams and find happiness and success in all the areas of your life that are important to you.

Warmest blessings,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAITH - Our faith has made our relationship stronger and brought us closer together as a couple. We use our faith in God and teachings from the bible to center us and guide us in our life decisions when we feel lost. We show our faith by attending bible study groups and weekly church services, and through daily meal time and individual prayers. We will share our faith with our children by always giving thanks for our food at family meals, going to church together as a family each Sunday, and saying a prayer at bedtime for our family and their birth family.



ACTIVE LIFESTYLE - We enjoy being among nature by going on walks through the neighborhood or parks, paddle boarding on the nearby lakes, or biking throughout the community. We tend to make life choices that ensure that we stay physically active whether it is choosing to walk to an event instead of driving, choosing careers that involve plenty of movement, and making sure we make time in our daily lives for fitness and exercise. We will ensure our child sees the value in being active whether it is by going to the park to play on the equipment, playing sports with friends and family, or seeing unique nature while going on family walks.



SELF-IMPROVEMENT - We value the lifelong journey of self-improvement, seeking ways to learn and grow in different aspects of our lives. Whether it is relationships, education, health, or careers, we believe striving to better ourselves in any or all of these categories will help us live a happier and more fulfilling life. We will share this value with our child by leading by example. If we make a mistake, we will communicate to our child what the mistake was and how we intend to fix our mistake. We will also use teachable moments when our child makes a mistake and have a conversation with them on what they were trying to do, how they could improve their actions to lessen the likelihood of making the same mistake again.



FAMILY - Family plays a very critical role in our lives. As our family grows, we see the amount of time we spend with our families only increasing. Allie was raised spending lots of time on the weekends playing with cousins and had her paternal grandparents as her main form of childcare growing up. We anticipate creating a similar upbringing for our child: Allie's parents are both retired and looking forward to taking on the role of "Grandma/Grandpa Daycare," and we plan to spend plenty of time with both of our siblings as all of our families continue to grow alongside each other, creating a close cousin connection.

HONESTY - It is with honesty we establish a healthy relationship with one another and others we are close to. Sometimes the truth is difficult to reveal in conflicts, but we seek to understand each other's viewpoint and ask for forgiveness when we make a mistake. We would rather be honest compared to hiding the issue with lies and only making matters worse in the end. Having honesty in our intentions and conversations ensure that we are on the same page with our life plans, relationship, needs, and daily tasks.

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Our Home

After six years of living away from our hometown and families, we returned home to be closer to family as we start to grow our own. We each were raised near our grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins and believe that this upbringing helped make us who are today. We want this same experience for our children, to raise our children around our extended family to give them a happy and abundant life surrounded by people who love them.

When we set out on our adventure to find a location to build our home, we looked at 26 lots in total. Both of us knew immediately after visiting our property on a beautiful summer day, with light sparkling off of the lake and kids laughing at the beach, that this was the spot we wanted to build our life and raise our family. The relaxed lake life! We always feel a sense of peace and tranquility being at the lake and cannot wait to share that with our child!

Our new home feels warm and cozy. With warm neutrals of cream, tan, and beige with some pops of color - most notably the burgundy oven that Allie loves in the kitchen! We are excited to invite friends and family to share in our lake life for boating and swimming in the summer and ice skating and snowshoeing in the winter!

We will incorporate a child into our lives by creating a loving, caring, and safe environment. Our child will have a bedroom to themselves but will know that our bedroom is close by. We will help get them ready for the day each morning when they are young and help them to establish and carryout an independent routine as they grow older. At night, we will help them learn good habits of getting homework completed and packing up their backpack or lunchbox for the next day, while still leaving plenty of time for playing, or going for a walk as a family. We will have bedtime stories every day to foster reading skills and the enjoyment of learning from books. We will enjoy playing with our child in the evenings and on weekends. Evenings and weekends will be spent taking them to various clubs and activities, as well as going on fun outings to parks, zoos, nature centers, etc. together as a family. We will watch as their imaginations take us to wherever they want to go and play along with their creative ideas.

Our goal is to create a bedroom for our child that is beautiful and timeless. For a girl's room, we will use a warm palate of cream, blush, and rust, with a beautiful floral mural using all of those colors on an accent wall. For a boy's room, we will go for a slightly outdoorsy motif with a jade green geometric accent wall and black and white buffalo plaid bedding. We love the idea of our child having a bulletin board in their room filled with special photos of both their birth and adoptive families.

The thing we look forward to the most about having a child in our home are the unlimited hugs and kisses that we will give him or her. We want the child to know that they are in a loving and safe home and that we are always there for them. We say "I love you" to each other many times throughout the day and will be saying those same words to our child just as often!

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Baking & cooking, arts & crafts, pottery, embroidery, ceramics, paddle boarding, camping, biking, hiking.

Adoptive Father: Working on and driving cars or motorcycles, hiking, biking, paddle boarding, camping.

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Teacher

Adoptive Father: Law Enforcement

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Master's Degree

PLUS:

- Both non-smokers



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Our Family

Who knew that a young girl and boy who lived in the same neighborhood and probably rode their bicycles past each other's houses would one day "find" each other later in life and eventually become married?! We have been together for more than nine years and our love continues to grow. We are excited to see each other every day, keeping life fresh together by experiencing new adventures around where we live and travel. We are overjoyed to be in the next chapter of our life, adopting a child with whom we can share our love for the rest of our lives.

We both are driven people who strive to meet our life goals and show compassion for people and life. We enjoy our time together by staying active, such as paddle boarding on lakes, bike riding, snowshoeing on frozen lakes, and hiking. We enjoy travelling together to new places and revisiting areas that really left an impression on us. We also have fun checking out local events such as farmer's markets, and the various summer and fall fairs and festivals. Several times in the summer we visit Allie's family cabin where we have campfires, attempt to fish with gummy worms, go tubing down the river, and visit the small town for some delicious taffy, fudge and ice cream. If we aren't off on our own adventures, we enjoy having board game nights with family or friends.

We both have large extended families with about 20 cousins which we grew up spending time together with on holidays, weekends or during summer vacation. Traditions are something that we hold near and dear to our hearts. For years, we have been dreaming of the day we will finally get to share these special, memorable moments with a child! One tradition we are most looking forward to sharing with a child is going to Allie's family cabin, which Allie has been going to every summer for her whole life. Allie's grandparents have owned this lakefront cabin since Allie's mom was a little girl, and everyone in Allie's extended family has special memories of this place. Other trips we plan to take as a family include camping in our pop-up at our favorite state parks, yearly trips to the waterparks with family and close friends, and vacations to Hawaii, where we honeymooned and absolutely loved.

Christmas is the main time of year we celebrate all together with our family. We cannot wait to see the joy on our child's face while we bake Christmas cookies; make a gingerbread house; decorate the live Christmas tree that we will all go to pick out together; count down the days on our Advent calendar; hang our stockings; and watch our favorite Christmas movies including Elf and all 3 versions of the Grinch! All of these traditions are what make Christmas our favorite time of the year and we cannot wait to share this happiness with a child. We are delighted to continue other seasonal traditions as a family such as picking apples and making pie in September, getting pumpkins from the patch and carving them with friends and family in October, trick or treating in fun family theme costumes at Halloween, and Easter egg hunts, dyeing eggs and finding Easter baskets hidden by the Easter bunny in the Spring.

We know beyond a doubt that our family and friends will be there for us and for our child from the time they join our family throughout their entire bright future.



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