



Magi & Sam







Our Hopes & Dreams

We have so much love to offer a child. Our hope is to raise good, decent human beings that are filled with love and are kind to others. We both came from modest upbringings and hope to give our children more than we had growing up. Yet, at the same time we do not want to spoil them with too many "things" and instead spend as much time with them as possible. Our dream is to one day have a small house on the beach or bay where we can spend time together as a family. We know that work isn't everything and value family time above all.

We want to offer another child love and a safe place to grow. Magi has had it in her heart to adopt since she was in her 20s. We struggled with infertility for more than two years before we were blessed with our son. We feel that struggling to conceive years ago has helped shape us into who we are today. Because of that struggle, we have always appreciated having a child a little extra and view it as a reminder of how much we wanted children.

If you select us to be the parents of your child, we promise to be a source of comfort and joy to your child and to you. We will offer an environment where they can develop and thrive, and have the freedom to make mistakes and easily be forgiven. For you, we wish you a life full of goodness and happiness. Life can be challenging at times, and we want you to be encouraged and hopeful. We look forward to a relationship with you that is honest and open so that you feel comfortable sharing your own hopes and dreams with us.

Thank you for reading our profile and learning more about us. We hope to meet you one day soon!

Warmest Wishes,













Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

GOODNESS TO ALL - We believe that all people have good in them, and feel it is vital to show goodness and care to all those we come across. Everyone makes mistakes but we do not believe that someone should be defined by the mistakes they make. We will teach your child that it's important to be good and kind to all others. We always encourage our son to love and be kind to others, even if other kids aren't nice to him, by sharing with his peers and checking on his friends in school if someone is crying or hurt, etc. We will instill in your child the importance of being kind by acting that way ourselves, as we cannot ask them to do something that we don't do ourselves.

LOVE OF GOD - We believe it is hard to truly love others if we don't first love God. Understanding and knowing the source of all goodness makes it possible to recognize that same goodness in the world, whether that goodness is found in people or in nature. When we are filled with love, that love overflows to others. It allows us to forgive others' mistakes, find the good in others, and comfort others in times of distress. We would like to instill in all our children the love of their Creator by reading and teaching them about God and how He loves all His children no matter what.

TRUTH - We believe being honest with ourselves and with others is vital, and we try to always live in an honest way. When Sam is 10 minutes late for work, he will stay 10 minutes later at the end of the day because it is the right thing to do. We will teach your child the importance of being honest in any situation, in the same way we encourage our son to tell the truth without worrying if he will get in trouble. Honesty is always preferred over hiding the truth. We can always tell when our son is trying to hide something, maybe he took a toy from daycare. We don't want him to feel shame or guilt, however we do want him to return the toy to where it belongs.

RESPECT - Showing respect is so simple yet it is becoming more rare in today's world. We respect our child and will encourage your child to respect others at all times, even if others are different or have ideas that are different from theirs. This starts with simple things like being polite and saying "please" and "thank you". As parents, we will never talk down to your child and will always explain things to them, even if they can't understand at the time.

HARD WORK - We work very hard to provide for our family. We want our children to know that good things take work, however, we want to balance that with them just being kids and having fun. We will teach our children that they can't just get what they want in life without working for it. At a young age, we will teach them if they clean up after themselves, they can be trusted to make whatever mess they want. As our children get older, we would teach them the value of hard work by rewarding them for doing simple chores around the house. We know that good things don't come easy and hard work is necessary for growth.











HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Graphic design, biking, traveling, hiking, reading, art, home decorating, spending time with my family and friends.

Adoptive Father: Playing guitar, woodworking, photography, traveling, camping and hiking, home projects, theology, playing basketball, spending time with family and friends.

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Optometrist Adoptive Father: Radiologist

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Doctoral Degree Adoptive Father: Doctoral Degree

PLUS:

Both non-smokers

Our Home

Our neighborhood is very safe and has many children. Nearly every house has at least two children, and they often play with each other after gathering in the 'circle', an enclosed area on our street that is only open to traffic from the people who live there. We also have a basketball hoop in the front of our house where the neighborhood children gather to play basketball. We have several parks within a couple miles of our house, all with playgrounds. There is a town pool as well as other attractions nearby such as Dorney Park, Crayola Experience, Sesame Place, and several museums.

Our home is calm and inviting. We try to keep our home clutter-free for others to feel relaxed and not overwhelmed. Our home is filled with activities to keep children engaged; we consciously buy toys that engage a child's imagination, encourage them to be hands-on, and to use their creativity. We also are a musical family; we have several guitars, a ukulele and an acoustic piano, and want to teach our children how to read music and play piano from a young age. Our favorite room in the house is probably the loft upstairs that we refer to as "cozy". It has a large sectional couch where we hang out, along with board games and puzzles for us to play together, but no electronics. We have spent many hours there with friends and family playing games, laughing, and talking and look forward to another child joining our family fun.

We have an extra seat at our table where we eat most of our meals and often envision another child there. They will fit right into our family and will be welcomed right away with open arms. We can't wait to read books together and spend time together as a family. We are confident your child will feel welcomed and loved right away and will have a big brother to play with him. Our son loves other kids and is very excited to be a big brother.

Our favorite time at home is on weekends during the day when we can spend the whole day together, and on weekdays during the evening when we're all back home. It is important for us to eat dinner together each night. We often take turns making different types of food for dinner and enjoy many different kinds of cuisines including Italian, Mediterranean, and Mexican. On weekdays after dinner, we often spend time together on the couch just relaxing, watching TV, or playing a card or board game. We hope to always continue this so we can make sure we slow down to reconnect with each other daily, even when our children get older and become busier with activities.

Our most treasured memories of our home are the simple days where we are just present, without technology, and are spending time with each other. We can't wait to add another child to this quality time together. We look forward to sharing our interests and hobbies with our child, as well as learning what interests the child has, especially as they grow. We are excited to do simple things together like playing with Legos or magnet tiles, and the bigger things like traveling together.



Our Family

We met at our hometown church while teaching in Sunday School together and started dating after a weekend retreat trip. We have been together for more than 13 years. Sam is extremely patient, rational, and always slows down for quality time with our family. Magi is a good listener, empathetic, and considerate of others. We believe our most important strength is that we are understanding and forgiving towards one another.

As parents, we find that we have very complimentary attributes. Magi is meticulous and reliable, while Sam is not as detailed oriented. When it comes to problemsolving, Sam is focused on the big picture, while Magi has all the numerous smaller items in mind. Together we find that one partner's weaknesses are covered by the other's strengths, and when we are working together in love, everything clicks.

We have one son, Benjamin, who is five years old. He is a bit shy at first but warms up to others within a few min-

utes and then is super chatty and friendly. He loves soccer, playing at the park, and playing with other kids.



We like to go biking together as a family using a kids' trailer that straps into the back of our bikes. We also enjoy watching movies, playing card and board games, and discovering new places together. We will continue taking family vacations together, just us and with other close family friends, mostly short weekend trips to the beach. This time away together is important in helping us bond and building memories together.

Holidays are important to us, Christmas and Easter in particular. For the past several years we've spent these specific holidays and church services with our close friends. Currently we spend even more time together during these holidays because they've turned into weekend family sleep-overs.

We see our extended family often. Sam has two brothers, Magi has one sister, and all of our parents are still living. When we get together, we laugh, share stories, and play games. We often get together with our extended family on holidays and have a big feast together as a family. We occasionally also take family vacations together.

We talk about and daydream about meeting our new child constantly. We want to share our holiday family traditions with our child, including opening presents on Christmas Eve and attending holiday church services together. We also hope to create new traditions together. Our parents are excited to have another grandchild, as well as our siblings to have another niece or nephew. We have a big extended family including cousins, who will welcome our next child with warmth and love.







