



Hello We Are...



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Our Hopes & Dreams

We are a fun-loving and peaceful couple who try to live a balanced life. We strive for joy and believe in giving of ourselves for the benefit of others. One of our life motto's is "If we have two and you have none, we should each have one." This is who we are and how we live our life.

We don't dream of a rich life for ourselves, but we do dream of a beautiful life, full of big and small adventures, exploring the world, and loving the people in it. We love traveling and experiencing new cultures and places the world has to offer. However, our biggest hope is that we help others feel safe and loved, and that we make the world a better place. We are already parents in our hearts and look forward to providing unconditional love to a child so that they may become the person they are meant to be. We will help the child realize and pursue their own hopes and dreams.

We look forward to time filled with books and reading, cuddles and stories, and imagining their future. We see adventures to different places like the Zoo, the bookstore, the Children's Museum, and family vacations at the beach. We will dance in the kitchen, sing silly songs, and play fun games together. We want to share all of this with a child and will love seeing the look on the child's face when they learn something new.

For us, it doesn't matter that our child isn't born to us. We believe in the power of a chosen family. Even beyond adoption, families are made through choice. When we love someone, we develop a bond with them. We show up for the people we love and are loyal and caring.

For you, whether you select us as the parents for your child or not, we want to extend our love to you. We believe that love gives us the power to do hard things. If you select us as the parents for your child, we promise to be a place where they will feel loved and safe. We will wake up each day grateful for the trust you placed in us. We will make sure your child knows they were loved from the beginning, and that adoption is an extension of your heart.

With deep gratitude,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

LIVING A PURPOSE-FILLED LIFE - We believe that it is important to feel fulfilled in life. Our purpose is to make it easier for others to have access to the things they need to be successful and live their best lives. For example, we have chosen careers in interpreting because bridging the cultural gap between our Deaf and hearing clients allows each of those people to feel more connected and empowered in their own lives. We will share this value with your child by exposing them to as many opportunities as possible! Exploring sports, music, academics, art, etc. until they find what they are passionate about and then supporting them as they experience the boost in self-esteem that comes with knowing they are improving at something they love. We look forward to helping your child explore and discover what fulfills them.

EMOTIONAL SAFETY - Feeling safe means knowing we can make mistakes, share our opinions, say the words that feel vulnerable or scary, and share ourselves honestly without judgment or rejection. We want your child to tell us anything and everything. We want your child to know that there are no wrong feelings. We apologize when needed, forgive quickly, and don't hold grudges. We will talk through disagreements and won't yell or call each other names. We won't go to bed angry, and each person will be allowed to share their thoughts and be respected, even if others don't agree. We will create a compassionate environment for your child to share openly, and we will model methods for expressing difficult emotions honestly and lovingly. We will process through hard things together as a family, perhaps in a family meeting, a conversation in the car, or quiet time before bed.

PLAY - Life requires balance. There is more to life than going to school or work and doing our chores. We must have fun! It's important to be care-free, laugh, sing, dance, and explore. Bottom line: It's important for a child to act like a kid! We know that playfulness helps reduce stress, increases loving bonds, and allows for learning. Children and adults learn through play and having fun. We will create lots of opportunities for your child to explore their sense of wonder, as well as bring play into our everyday lives. Our house is already filled with toys and games, and we will sit on the floor with our child playing, taking turns, playing with their favorite characters, and encourage imaginative play. We will have play dates, go to the local parks, build things together, and seek out things that bring our child joy.

LIFE-LONG LEARNING - We value being a life-long learner and will foster an environment of creativity and curiosity. Formal education in a school environment is important in developing foundational skills, and some people excel in school. However, for some people school can be challenging and we believe that developing the habit of learning is what matters. Learning can happen in the classroom, at the zoo, in an art studio, at the piano, on a team, or on a walk through the park. We will encourage active and curious participation in the formal and casual learning environments, as well as extracurricular activities. In addition, if your child feels challenged or overwhelmed by the expectations at school, we will seek out support for them in whatever way works best for them.

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Our Home

The community where we live, and our home is a perfect reflection of our life and what is important to us; balance between activity, laughter, joy, rest, and connection.

We live in a development that sits on two acres. All the houses are built around, and face, the park, thus everyone has a park in their front yard. It's the most amazing place for children to grow up, they play together, go to school together, do activities together, and there is a strong feeling of belonging here. Families meet at the park or the pool to play, swim, or barbecue. Children are constantly in and out of one another's houses, scrambling up and down trees in the park, sharing toys, drawing on the sidewalk with chalk, having a bubble machine dance party, or playing in the sprinklers. We love that we can hear children at play from inside our home!

Inside our home, we have lots of natural light and sprinkles of color through our decorations. We have a collection of Mediterranean pillows on the floor, and side tables made in India. We have many different cozy sitting areas with books for reading. The combination of cozy and eclectic makes it feel charming. Our favorite reading spot is a white swivel chair that is big enough for 3 people to sit on together. We have a postcard wall that reminds us of our trips together and digital frames throughout the house that rotate pictures of family and friends.

We love hosting friends and family. When people visit, we greet them with a hug. We play soft music, have scented candles, and our furniture is comfortable and welcoming. We offer homemade cookies and have a coffee/tea bar where they can find their favorite beverage.

We spend our time playing cards or games like Uno or Jenga, baking cookies, muffins or pastries, playing group video games (Mario Kart is one of our favorites), putting together a puzzle, and having cookouts. Even if it is unstructured time, we find ourselves telling stories and jokes, and relishing connections with those we love.

Downstairs we have a playroom we have turned into a child's special getaway space that we call 'The Castle'. There is a place to watch Netflix, an Alexa device to play music, a disco ball and colorful twinkle lights for a dance party, and a toy chest full of fun. On the wall is a long magnetic chalkboard full of fun magnets and a place to draw, as well as hooks for dress up costumes. Our favorite piece of wall art hangs in this room, "Be a true hero. Be Brave. Help others. Do what's right. Be true to yourself. Be a friend."

Your child's room is decorated in cheerful neutral colors. There is a white wooden bunk bed with a pullout trundle bed for them to have sleepovers with their cousins or friends. There is a built-in desk under the top bunk bed that has a swivel chair and 2 shelves for them to add their favorite plushies and toys. Across from the bed is a white bookcase filled with children's books. In the corner is a reading nook with a 2-person rocking chair. When your child arrives, we will help them decorate the room with items that reflect their personal style and characters they love.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Mentoring, reading, spending time with the kids in my life, traveling, digital scrapbooking, shopping, photography, doing art, taking walks in the park, playing with my puppy, games with family and friends, going to the movies

Adoptive Father: Traveling, reading adventure stories, learning new languages, hiking, camping, swimming, playing games with friends, going to the movies, having a beach day, visiting with family, trying new restaurants, family tv night, horseback riding

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Corporate Interpreter

Adoptive Father: Interpreter / Professor

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Some College

Adoptive Father: Masters Degree

PLUS:

- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

We first met in high school at a statewide church youth convention, where we both volunteered as sign language interpreters for the Deaf. Though we didn't start dating until college, Cupid's arrow had struck its mark! Soon after we started dating, we both knew we had found the person we wanted to spend the rest of our lives with. We dated more than three years before we got married and have been happily married for more than 17 years.

We balance each other. Cain is outgoing and adventurous; Chrissy is calming and nurturing. Cain loves to cook; Chrissy enjoys cleaning and organizing. Cain helps Chrissy feel more courageous; Chrissy helps Cain pause and enjoy life's little joys. We do this through laughing together and communicating with patience and clarity. We are on the same page about the things that matter most in life, and when we have a difference of opinion, we have the tools to listen and respect each person.

We make it a priority to have time together. We plan frequent dates, like trying new foods, spend creative time doing art, go for walks and picnics, and enjoy outings to new places like the botanical gardens. We care less about what we are doing, and more about doing it together.

We welcome and celebrate diversity, chosen family, and the power of generous love to bring people together. There are several cultures represented in our family and we celebrate them all: Cajun, Mexican, Nigerian, Taiwanese, and Filipino. We're all foodies and like culturally diverse restaurants and activities. More than things, we love to give the gift of experiences shared with others.

The holiday season is full of opportunities for us to celebrate together. We have Easter egg hunts, set off fireworks on the Fourth of July, watch the parade on Thanksgiving Day, and drive around to see the holiday lights while listening to the music in our car. We eat too much food and like to play games with our family. Your child will have friends, cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents that will welcome them with loving arms and be folded into the celebrations with joy!

We look forward to bringing our child to Disney plays, beach vacations, water parks with lazy rivers, and visiting the animals at the petting zoo. We will celebrate your child with birthday parties and holiday celebrations. We will take family trips to your child's favorite places. We will cook, hang out, play games and laugh with their friends, cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents. Your child will make brownies, pretend play, go for golf cart rides, ride bikes, blow bubbles, and roast marshmallows with family and friends.

They are all eager to shower a little one with love and attention. Our child will be loved, protected, and welcomed with open arms.



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