



Hello We Are...



Alecia & Jerod

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Our Hopes & Dreams

We understand that hearing others say, “We know what you’re going through,” can feel hollow—especially when many people may not truly grasp the depth of this experience. For us, however, it’s different. Thirteen years ago, I (Alecia) was unexpectedly pregnant and made the difficult yet loving decision to pursue adoption for my son. I knew then, as I know now, that I wanted him to have a life filled with opportunities, support, and love, a life I felt unable to fully provide at the time.

After much soul-searching, I chose open adoption. I prayed for guidance and leaned on my family throughout the process. Eventually, I found the perfect family for my son, whose values and warmth felt like an extension of my own family. Today, I’m fortunate to have a close relationship with my son and his adoptive parents. We stay connected through letters, photos, calls, and visits one to two times a year. I hope to have a similarly open and respectful relationship with you as we embark on this journey together.

Fast forward thirteen years and here we are, having come a full circle. Since our marriage, Jerod and I have always dreamed of growing our family. After two years of struggling with infertility treatments, we chose adoption to grow our family. My personal experience with adoption, though challenging, opened my heart to all the possibilities it offers. Now, more than anything, we are ready to become loving parents.

We believe the greatest gift we can give is our love. Having been raised in supportive, affectionate families, we want nothing more than to share this same warmth with a child. Over the years we have held the title of daughter, son, uncle, aunt, and friend, however, we want nothing more than to be loving parents.

Being on the side of looking for the perfect family to raise your child is a challenging decision. We want you to know that we feel your choice is thoughtful, loving, and courageous. We admire that you are making the best decision for you and your child. If you select us as the parents for your child, we promise to give your child a home filled with joy, security, and unwavering love. They will always be our highest priority, and we will cherish the chance to keep you involved through updates, photos, and visits. We wholeheartedly believe, as the saying goes, that “it takes a village to raise a child.”

Respectfully,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAMILY - Family is at the heart of our lives, and we feel incredibly blessed to live close to those we love most. We're grateful for the time we spend together—whether it's attending church, enjoying family dinners, celebrating special events, or gathering for holidays and birthdays. Growing up, we were surrounded by family, creating cherished memories that have shaped who we are. We want to give our child that same loving environment, where family is a constant source of support, laughter, and togetherness. Our family has always been our greatest support system, and we know they will surround your child with the same unwavering love and encouragement.

FAITH - Our faith is a cornerstone of our lives, and we feel that God guided us to each other. Growing up, we both attended church with our families, and Alecia attended a Christian school through high school. We have Christian values, and we look forward to raising our child in the Christian faith, sharing with them the same values that are so dear to us. We attend church every weekend and on holidays, finding joy and strength in our faith community. Alecia also works as an Administrative Assistant in a Christian school and is honored to be a godparent to her brother's children. Faith will be woven into your child's daily life, from praying together as a family to finding guidance and support through the church community.

EDUCATION - Our parents instilled in us the importance of a good education, and we plan to provide the same foundation for your child. We believe a strong education opens doors and helps a child realize their potential, both in school and in life. We'll encourage our child to be involved in school activities and events, fostering a love for learning and growth. Our educational journeys, from high school through college, have allowed us to excel in our careers, and we're excited to share this path of discovery and growth with our child. Education begins at home, and we look forward to reading our favorite childhood books together, fostering curiosity, and supporting our child's dreams every step of the way.

HONESTY - We believe that honesty, openness, and trust create a foundation for strong, healthy relationships. We know that admitting mistakes and asking for help are important parts of growing, and we want your child to see these values reflected in us. We will set examples of honesty and openness, showing our child that they can always come to us, in both good times and difficult moments. Our goal is for them to know that they are loved, supported, and safe to be their true selves.

LOVE AND KINDNESS - We were raised by the golden rule: treat others as you want to be treated. This simple yet powerful lesson in kindness is something we'll pass on to your child, teaching them that even small acts of compassion and respect can make a lasting difference. We believe deeply in showing love and kindness to others, and we want our child to grow up knowing the value of empathy and care. Our extended family will surround our child with warmth, love, and kindness, creating a supportive environment where they can feel safe and cherished. Together, we'll nurture a foundation of love that our child can carry with them throughout life.

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HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Spending time with family and friends, taking our dogs for walks, golfing, reading, listening to music, travel and go on vacations, family gatherings, working on puzzles with my mom, and attending nephews and nieces school and sport activities, babysitting them, and going to parks

Adoptive Father: Spending time with friends and family, going golfing, taking our dogs for walks, going on vacation, traveling with our family, being outside, and spending time on the deck or in the garage

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Administrative Assistant

Adoptive Father: Finance Manager

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: High School Diploma/GED

PLUS:

- Family dogs
- Both non-smokers

Our Home

Our home is in a quiet, family-friendly neighborhood—a wonderful place to raise children. The kids here grow up together, enjoying activities like sidewalk chalk art, basketball, bubble-blowing, and building snowmen in the winter. Nearby, we're lucky to have parks, walking trails, school playgrounds, and plenty of entertainment options, including movie theaters, an aquatic center, arcades, miniature golf, and go-karts.

Jerod bought our house before we got married, but together we transformed it into a home filled with love, laughter, and beautiful memories in every room. We treasure the times we spend here, both indoors and out.

We love hosting and spending time outdoors whenever the weather is nice. Our yard is a favorite gathering spot for family and friends, where we grill, listen to music, and play games with the dogs. In summer, our deck is a welcoming space to relax and chat. We usually grill the main course while everyone brings a favorite side dish to share. The kids enjoy splashing in our inflatable pool, and we always have sidewalk chalk, toys, stickers, and coloring books on hand for when they stop by.

Inside, our home is filled with natural light, cozy furniture, and framed family photos. Our favorite time together is in the evenings, sharing dinner and talking about our day, playing with the dogs, taking them on walks, and watching our favorite TV shows. Dinner is a cherished family tradition, a time to connect, unwind, and talk about our lives. Growing up, our families did the same, using dinnertime to stay involved in each other's lives. It was their way of gently keeping us close and encouraging open conversations.

Sunday dinners with family are a time-honored tradition we continue to cherish. Our parents and grandparents were known for their specialty dishes—homemade chicken noodle soup, grilled cheeseburgers, chili, cinnamon rolls, and grilled pork. Now, Sunday dinners include tacos, soups, salads, Italian dishes, and my dad's famous cheeseburgers. We look forward to creating these same warm, welcoming memories with our child as they grow up.

Our child will be the heart of our home, and we'll be there for them day and night. We can't wait to read bedtime stories, go for stroller rides around the neighborhood, visit grandparents, and have cozy playtimes on the floor with toys and stuffed animals. We look forward to the sound of their laughter, the patter of little footsteps down the hall, and witnessing every milestone along the way. It's a dream we're ready to embrace fully, savoring each and every moment.



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Our Family

We met over four years ago on Bumble, an online dating service, during the Covid pandemic. Many of our early dates were spent getting to know each other on long walks through local parks. Right after our first date, we both felt that we'd found someone truly special.

Alecia is a caring, loving, and dedicated person who gives her all to everything she does. She's an amazing wife, and watching her with her nieces and nephews made me fall even more in love, knowing she would be a wonderful mother. Jerod has an incredible attitude, an uplifting sense of humor, and an energizing personality that lights up everyone's day. He's both responsible and kind-hearted, fully committed to his job while always keeping his priorities in check. Together, we share the same goals and values, and we prioritize our time together. We believe in open communication, patience, respect, and honesty. Our parenting styles align, and we both appreciate the importance of being surrounded by a loving, supportive family.

In our free time, we enjoy golfing, playing miniature golf, hiking the trails around nearby parks, walking our dogs, and going on vacations as a couple. Sunday night family dinners are one of our favorite weekly traditions, and we love cheering on our nieces and nephews at their activities.

Our family gatherings are full of joy, and we celebrate birthdays, holidays, and even family vacations together, creating memories that last a lifetime. We've been lucky enough to travel with family to beautiful places like Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, Colorado, Ireland, and Hawaii. We also enjoy going to Twins baseball games, Iowa State football games, watching the Super Bowl, and exploring the Minnesota and Iowa State Fairs together. Our annual family reunions bring together more than 20 cousins, and holidays are always filled with warmth and laughter.

Some of our fondest memories come from the holiday season, a time we cherish deeply. Every Thanksgiving night, we gather to watch a movie together and then drive around town, admiring the Christmas lights. Christmas Eve is a time for church, laughter, and family feasts. One of Alecia's favorite traditions is her dad dressing up as Santa Claus to pass out gifts to all the kids—a cherished role he still plays every Christmas Eve.

We look forward to continuing these meaningful traditions with our child. We're excited to celebrate "Gotcha Day" with activities like visits to the zoo, weekend getaways, and special outings. Our family connections are incredibly precious to us, and we know how fortunate we are to have such supportive families. Our parents are thrilled about welcoming another grandchild, and our siblings can't wait to be called aunt and uncle. Their dedication and love have brought us to where we are today, and we can't wait to share this love with our future child.



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