



Hello We Are...



Jill & Travis

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Our Hopes & Dreams

From the moment we said, "I do," we have dreamed of becoming parents. Our hearts are overflowing with love, and we are so eager to share that love with a child. After experiencing a miscarriage and challenges with infertility, we knew we still really wanted to have children. Adoption has always held a special place in our hearts, and we feel incredibly blessed to be on this journey. We are ready to open our hearts and our home to a child and are deeply grateful for the opportunity to grow our family in such a meaningful way.

Our greatest hope is to raise a child who is kind, strong, responsible, and faithful. We want them to always feel unconditionally loved, supported, and encouraged to explore who they are and who they want to become. It's important to us to provide them with every opportunity to grow, try new things, and discover their unique talents and passions.

Travis is especially excited to share some of his favorite childhood memories, like camping, fishing, and hunting. Together, we can't wait to create new adventures, including traveling and experiencing new things together. We hope to give our child the gift of exploring new places and making lasting memories as a family. Music will also play an important role in their life, and we look forward to encouraging them to take lessons, join band or choir, or pursue any other passions that bring them joy.

As a family, we place a strong emphasis on quality time together. Whether we're sharing meals around the table, participating in fun activities, attending church, or simply checking in with one another, staying connected is at the heart of who we are. We are committed to creating a safe and joyful home where our child will always know they are cherished and supported.

We believe that adoption is one of the most selfless and loving decisions a mother can make. Your strength and courage inspire us, and we want you to know how much we admire and respect you for the love you are showing your child. We cannot begin to imagine how difficult this decision is for you, but if you choose us, we promise to honor your choice by providing your child with a safe, nurturing, and supportive home where they will thrive. They will always know how deeply loved they are, by both you and us.

We want you to feel supported every step of the way—not just by us, but by those who care about you most. Thank you for considering us to be part of your child's story.

Warmest Wishes,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

OUR FAITH - We are deeply rooted in our beliefs and strive to live faithfully every day. We attend church together every Sunday, and also actively contribute to the church community. Jill sings at church at least once a month, while Travis volunteers as an usher. We pray together and we are committed to raising our child in a loving and supportive church community. We will encourage our child to embrace their faith, grow spiritually, and live with love, kindness, and compassion towards others.

KINDNESS AND EMPATHY - We strive to make others feel accepted, cared for, and valued. Helping those in need is an important part of our lives, whether through financial donations or by offering our time and support to those who need it most. This commitment extends to how we communicate with each other, fostering respect and understanding within our family. As parents, we will teach our child the importance of seeing the world through others' eyes and encourage them to help those in need. As a family, we will participate in acts of kindness, such as volunteering, so our child can experience the joy of serving others and understand the value of compassion in action.

HONESTY - Honesty is a virtue that embodies truthfulness and integrity, and it is a value that we hold in high regard. We strive to live our lives with honesty in both big and small moments—whether by pointing out an error when we are undercharged or by telling the truth even when it is hard. We will encourage and praise our child for sharing the truth even when others may not like the answer. As parents, we are committed to teaching our child the importance of honesty and integrity. We will guide them to understand right from wrong and encourage them to always try to make the right choices. We will teach them why honesty helps build trust and strong relationships.

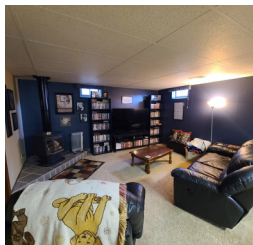
RESPONSIBILITY - To us, being responsible means being reliable, dependable, and accountable for our actions. We take our responsibilities seriously—whether it's in our jobs, caring for our home, or taking care of each other. We strive to be people that those around us can depend on, and this is a value we want to pass on to our child. We will give our child small, age-appropriate responsibilities to help them feel pride in taking care of their things. This will help them to learn what it means to be reliable. Over time, as they grow, we'll gradually introduce more responsibilities to teach them the importance of dependability. Our goal is to help our child develop the skills and values needed to grow into a responsible caring adult.

GRATITUDE - Gratitude is something we strive to express every day. We are deeply thankful for the many blessings in our lives, including secure jobs, good health, a warm and loving home, and the support of our families. We make it a point to show gratitude to each other, often thanking one another for the big and small ways we contribute to our family. We will help our child recognize and appreciate the many positive things in their life. By focusing on what we have to be thankful for, we hope to instill a sense of joy and contentment in our child's life.



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Our Home

We absolutely love our home! Over the past four years, it has become a place filled with wonderful memories, and we can't wait to create even more with a child.

Our home is perfectly located near many child-friendly activities. The local Community Center offers something for everyone, with three indoor and outdoor pools, basketball courts, a rock wall, tennis courts, and golf simulators. Outside, you'll find a playground, soccer fields, baseball and softball diamonds, and an Ice Center for skating and hockey. Nearby, there's also a public library, a movie theater, a bowling alley, a dinosaur museum, and even more playgrounds to explore. We're fortunate to live close to an elementary school and the other schools our child will someday attend, making it easy and convenient to participate in their education and extracurricular activities.

The children in our neighborhood often play together, whether at the Community Center or in one another's yards. Our own large, fenced-in backyard is perfect for playing, with plenty of open space and big, beautiful trees—including an apple tree that gives us fresh apples to pick each year. We've also added two raised garden beds where we grow peppers, green onions, carrots, cucumbers, and green beans in the summer. We look forward to our child helping us plant things and learn how vegetables grow. There's nothing better than enjoying fresh veggies straight from the garden! Our cozy patio, complete with furniture and a grill, makes it easy to spend quality time outdoors when the weather is nice.

Inside our home, we've created a warm and welcoming atmosphere. It's neat and thoughtfully decorated but also filled with life, making it a cozy and comfortable place to relax. Bookshelves brimming with books and photos of our family make it feel uniquely ours. We are excited to have lots of pictures of our child in our home and nights snuggling while reading bedtime stories with our child. We love gathering in the evenings for dinner, conversation, and activities like playing board and card games. When our niece and nephews visit, games like Rummy, Kings in the Corner, and Checkers are always a hit.

One of our favorite parts of the day is the evening when we spend quality time together. Whether we're cooking, eating, or cleaning up, this is a time to connect, share about our day, and enjoy one another's company. Our favorite meals include soups, roast, lasagna, chicken and rice, shredded pork, pasta, and homemade pizza, often paired with vegetables from our garden. We can't wait to have our child help stir or mix up ingredients in the kitchen with us. We will make our child's favorite meals and want to hear all of their stories while we eat together. Even when life gets busy, we cherish this time together and make it a priority.

We know that our lifestyle will change when we welcome a child into our home, and we're so excited for this new chapter. A child will be at the center of our lives, and we look forward to experiencing every milestone with them—their first steps, first words, first day of school, and so much more. We can't wait to create joyful childhood memories together, filling our home with love, laughter, and the moments we'll treasure forever.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Reading, cooking, baking, camping, digital scrapbooking, traveling, singing at church, spending time with family and friends, watching the Minnesota Vikings football team games, playing Pinochle, gardening

Adoptive Father: Camping, fishing, hunting, making sausage and jerky, bowling, watching college football, volunteering at church, playing Pinochle, listening to audiobooks

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Elementary Music Teacher

Adoptive Father: Well Optimization Specialist

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

PLUS:

- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

We met online more than six years ago and felt an immediate and undeniable connection. Early on, it became clear that we shared the same values and dreams for the future, which laid the foundation for a strong and loving relationship.

Jill fell in love with Travis's kindness, incredible work ethic, and generous heart. He works hard at everything he does and always puts his best effort into whatever needs to be done. Travis, in turn, fell in love with Jill's radiant smile and her nurturing, caring nature—qualities he knew would make her an amazing mother. He admires her strong work ethic, her talent as a singer and musician, and the love and dedication she pours into everything she does.

One of our greatest strengths as a couple is our ability to communicate openly and honestly. Whether we're talking about the events of our day or navigating more serious topics, we always make time to connect. Even when we disagree, we're committed to talking through things until we find common ground, which has helped us grow stronger together.

We love spending time together in many different ways. During football season, you can find us cheering on the Vikings on weekends. We enjoy going out for dinner, catching a movie, or traveling together. In the summer, we often take our camper to explore different campgrounds throughout the state, soaking in the beauty of nature and making lasting memories. We also enjoy visiting friends and family, attending live performances like concerts or comedy shows, or simply staying home to work on house projects, watch movies, or relax with each other.

Family plays a central role in our lives, and we both cherish the time we spend with our extended families. Travis's family has a cherished tradition called "Schmeckfest," a huge Labor Day weekend gathering that's been going strong for 25 years. His grandmother, her siblings, and all their children and grandchildren come together for camping, playing cornhole, swimming, fishing, trivia games, and sharing stories. Jill's family also has a large family reunion where her dad's side of the family gathers with cousins, aunts, uncles, and more. While the kids splash and play in the pool, the adults visit, play games, and join in on the fun.

Holidays like Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter, as well as birthdays, graduations, and weddings, are all opportunities for us to celebrate with loved ones. Christmas morning is especially meaningful to us. We wake up, open stockings, and work together to make a big breakfast of French toast, homemade hash browns, scrambled eggs, and sausage—a tradition we look forward to continuing with our child. Other special moments include family meals, watching football, making sausage together, or simply enjoying each other's company.

We are so excited to create more beautiful memories as a family. Both of our families are thrilled about the possibility of welcoming another child into the fold and look forward to including them in these cherished traditions and experiences.



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