



Hello We Are...



Paul & Jessica

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Our Hopes & Dreams

Our family is built on love, kindness, support, and plenty of laughter. None of us are ever truly alone, we can always count on one another for encouragement and comfort. As parents, our greatest hope is to share that same sense of belonging with our child, so they always know they are deeply loved and never have to face life's challenges on their own.

When we learned that having a biological child would not be possible, we never lost sight of our dream of becoming parents. Adoption felt like the natural next step, not a second choice, but the path that would allow us to create the family we've always envisioned. We believe that love, not biology, is what makes a family, and our hearts are open and ready to provide a child with a safe, nurturing home filled with unconditional love and support.

We look forward to building a family environment filled with laughter, growth, and togetherness, a place where honesty and openness are encouraged, where support is constant through life's ups and downs, and where every person feels they belong. We will nurture our child's unique strengths, help them build confidence, and encourage them to explore their passions. Our dream is to raise a kind, compassionate person who feels secure, valued, and ready to embrace every stage of life.

To you, we want to acknowledge the immense courage it takes to consider adoption. We cannot fully imagine the weight of this decision, but we know it comes from a place of deep love and selflessness. We have the utmost respect for you and the sacrifice you are making to give your child the future you hope for them.

If you choose us as adoptive parents, we would be honored to walk this journey with you. It is deeply important to us that your child grows up knowing you, your love, and your story. We will gladly share their milestones, silly moments, achievements, and all the little joys that make childhood magical.

We look forward to walking this path together—with love, gratitude, and respect.

With love,
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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAMILY - To us, family means surrounding ourselves with people who offer support, belonging, and unconditional love. We believe it truly does “take a village,” and our village is made up of relatives by adoption, marriage, blood, and friends who have become family over time. Your child will be welcomed into this circle of love and encouragement, always knowing they have a safe place to turn for guidance through life’s challenges. We will continue to nurture this sense of community through family meals, vacations, holidays, birthday parties, and weekends at our cabin, giving your child the opportunity to form their own lasting connections across generations.



INTEGRITY - We believe that integrity is the foundation of trust, respect, and strong relationships. To us, it means living with honesty, consistency, and the courage to do what is right, even when it’s difficult. For example, when Jessica once made a mistake on a team project at work, she chose not to shift the blame but instead took responsibility and corrected the error. We will teach our child to live with this same sense of integrity, showing honor in every interaction whether at home, at school, in sports, or later in their career. By doing so, we hope they will build healthy, lasting relationships and surround themselves with people who share these values.



EDUCATION - We believe that a life filled with learning and discovery is the key to living one’s best life. We will provide our child with a strong formal education and meaningful extracurricular activities to help them explore their talents and interests. Just as importantly, we will create an environment where questions are always welcomed, answered with patience, and celebrated as signs of curiosity and growth. By building on their strengths, we will encourage our child to pursue their passions, whether that’s science, art, athletics, or even something as imaginative as learning to skydive backwards while basket weaving. Whatever their dreams may be, we will support and guide them on the journey.

KINDNESS AND RESPECT - Each day we choose how we treat others, and we believe kindness and respect should always guide those choices. We do not define people by their education, income, job, family history, race, ethnicity, or gender, but by how they treat others. We will teach our child that putting others down or making fun of them is never acceptable, and that true strength lies in showing compassion, even when we disagree. By modeling kindness and respect toward one another and to everyone we meet, we will create an environment where our child learns to value every person and build meaningful, positive relationships.



PERSEVERANCE - We believe perseverance is the key to building resilience and character. We will teach our child to “stay the course,” not to give up when things get difficult, and to keep pushing forward until the goal is reached. Whether it’s a challenge at school, on a team, or in one of their personal passions, we will remind them that some of life’s greatest rewards come only after a few setbacks. Failure is not the end, but an opportunity to learn, grow, and try again with greater wisdom. By celebrating effort as much as achievement, we will help our child see that perseverance leads to confidence, independence, and the joy of accomplishing something hard-earned. In this way, they will discover that challenges are not roadblocks, but steppingstones toward their fullest potential.

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Our Home

We live in a tight-knit neighborhood full of children, where everyone looks out for one another. Kids ride bikes, play catch in front yards, and gather at the park across the street. It's a welcoming community with a strong sense of connection and plenty to offer children of all ages, whether it's exploring outdoors, joining in a game of sports, or enjoying indoor play. We also live close to amusement parks, ice cream shops, shopping, and beautiful biking and hiking trails, which makes family adventures easy and fun.

Our home itself is cozy and relaxed, filled with photos, books, and décor that reflect our personalities and our close bond with family. Evenings are often our favorite time of day. After a workout at the gym, we come together for dinner, then spend time watching TV, playing softball or kickball, going kayaking or for a motorcycle ride, or simply enjoying the company of loved ones.

We designed our home to be a place where friends and family always feel welcome and cared for. Guests are greeted with food, snacks, and plenty of laughter. On warm days, we gather outside on the deck or in our fenced backyard, shaded by two big trees. Paul often grills or smokes dinner while everyone relaxes around the firepit or shares good conversation. In cooler months, we move indoors for cozy evenings filled with hot chocolate, popcorn, and meaningful conversations.

We also feel fortunate to share in the legacy of two very special places, the family cabin and the family farm. The cabin has been in Jessica's family for four generations, lovingly passed down through each branch of the family tree, and one day it will belong to our child as well. Jessica grew up spending summers there fishing off the pier, camping, and having slumber parties with cousins—and today it remains the heart of family gatherings. On weekends and holidays like Memorial Day, the 4th of July, and Labor Day, relatives and friends come together without the need for an invitation. Days are filled with boating, fishing, kayaking, camping, and evenings by the fire, creating the same kinds of memories Jessica treasures from childhood.

The family farm is another special place woven into our story. The land was once farmed by Jessica's grandpa, and later her dad built a home on it. Today, Jessica's brother and his family live there, keeping traditions and memories alive. The farm is a gathering place throughout the year, summer days are spent swimming in their pool, while winters bring sledding down snowy hills. It's a place filled with family, fun, and connection, and we can't wait to share those traditions with our child.

We are so excited to share our homes and our lives with a child, and even more excited for the joy of having a child share their life with us. What we look forward to most are the simple, everyday moments reading books, enjoying meals together, playing hide-and-seek or catch in the yard, and ending the day with bedtime stories.

And because no childhood feels complete without a loyal companion, we promise there will always be a furry friend by their side as they grow.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Reading, kickboxing, kayaking, disc golf, boating, camping, playing video games, going to concerts and festivals, spending time with family

Adoptive Father: Woodworking, 3D printing, kayaking, kickboxing, fishing, baseball and softball, golf and disc golf, mechanics, playing video games, going to concerts and festivals, spending time with family

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Executive Administrative Assistant

Adoptive Father: Engineering Manager

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelors Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelors Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

Our story began in high school, though at first we hardly spoke. One day during an assembly, a mutual friend had us sit near each other, and Jessica found a clever way to slip her phone number into Paul's phone. A few days later, he texted ...and the rest is history.

We dated for two years in high school, went our separate ways during college, and later reconnected, rekindling what we knew was something special. Now, after knowing each other for more than 20 years and being married for over eight, we are grateful every day for the love, laughter, and partnership we share. One of our biggest strengths as a couple is that we truly enjoy whatever we do together. We balance each other in meaningful ways, Paul is fun-loving and rational, while Jessica leads with her heart and emotion. Together, we make well-rounded decisions and help one another see life from different perspectives.

In the warmer months, we can usually be found outdoors boating, kayaking, fishing, camping, playing disc golf, walking our dog, or sitting around a fire. Much of our summer is also spent at the family cabin, where Paul enjoys fishing off the dock and Jessica loves relaxing in the hammock with a good book or catching up with family. When winter rolls around, we trade hammocks for sledding behind the four-wheeler at the family farm, cozy bowling nights, and movies with plenty of popcorn (Jessica's favorite!).

Family gatherings are a big part of our lives. Even small get-togethers often include 15 or more people, filled with food, laughter, and stories. Larger gatherings bring so many relatives together that we rent out a local elementary school just to have enough space! Holidays and birthdays are always celebrated with traditions that make them extra special. Each summer at the cabin, Jessica's brother fires up a giant fryer for fish, shrimp, and French fries, turning meals into memorable feasts. Paul's family has its own warm traditions too, his dad always reads the Christmas Story from the Bible before gifts are opened, and in the summer they often head to local parks to grill and celebrate special occasions.

We can't wait to welcome a child into these traditions, sledding on snowy winter days, boating on the lake, enjoying fish fries at the cabin, and making frequent stops for treats after summer activities. At the same time, we look forward to creating new traditions as a family of three, like reading together before bedtime, sharing Elf on the Shelf adventures at Christmas, or having a special ice cream date after the first day of school or following a big achievement.

Vacations are another tradition we hope to continue, as they give us time to disconnect from the busyness of life and simply enjoy one another's company. We also look forward to small, intimate moments at home, opening gifts together as a family on Christmas morning before heading to extended family gatherings, or celebrating milestones with simple traditions that center us on what matters most: our love for each other.

At the heart of it all, our family is about connection, joy, and togetherness. We look forward to raising a child in this environment, giving them the gift of both big celebrations surrounded by loved ones and quiet traditions that strengthen our bond as a family.



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