

Dear expectant parent,

Thank you for taking time to explore adoption and learn more about us. We admire your strength as you work to make the best decision for yourself and for your child.

We are so excited to become first-time parents and share our love with a child! We have known each other since 7<sup>th</sup> grade and have been married for 13 years, so we have had lots of time to build a firm foundation of love in our family.

We have always wanted to be parents and would consider it a privilege and honor to embark on this journey with you. While infertility has been part of our story, it has truly strengthened our relationship – it helped us think carefully about how our family will grow. In our wedding vows, we promised to “accept children lovingly from God” and we are looking forward to welcoming children to our family through adoption, as others in Jen’s extended family have done before us.

It is important to us that a child joining our family through adoption knows the story of their adoption, the shared love of their birth family, and about their birth family's culture — these will be open and honest topics of conversation in our home throughout the child's life. We are committed to an open adoption that honors you, your child, and our family, and we would love to hear more about your vision for this relationship moving forward.

We feel like we have an extraordinarily blessed life and are eager to share these blessings with a child. Both of us are educators and look forward to being able to teach, learn, and grow together with our future children. We promise to parent with unconditional love, nurturing care, and lots of laughter!

If you are open to it, we look forward to meeting you and hearing about your hopes and dreams for your child. No matter what, you are in our thoughts and prayers as you decide the best plan for you and your child.

Peace,  
Gary & Jen