

Joe and Michele

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Dear Birthmother,

Thank you for reading our letter. Our names are Joe and Michele. Although we cannot begin to know all the feelings you are going through, we understand how difficult it is to feel uncertainty and even some fear in the future. Sometimes it is hard to understand why things happen the way they do. This is something we all have in common. Sometimes things happen that test our beliefs and faith. We have faith that adopting a baby is the answer to our question of how our family will

be formed. I hope that the answers to your questions will come in a way that comforts you. Maybe we can find those answers together.

As soon as we got married, and even before, we talked about, and looked forward to, having children and becoming parents. As newlyweds, we thought about having a large family, but we encountered infertility problems. After a few years of seeking treatment, we were told we could not conceive a child. We knew immediately that we wanted to adopt and knew that God was taking us down a new path to start our family. We are so excited to create our family through adoption.

We have a positive, open attitude towards adoption and are willing to be as much a part of your pregnancy as you would like. Our child will always know his or her adoption story, the precious gift of life, and the family you gave to him or her.

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We have been married for five years and have lived in the suburbs of Chicago all of our lives. We met at a Christmas party in 2002 and knew right away that we were meant to be together. We have been through so much together and have a deep love and a strong commitment to one another. We have so much love to share with a child and know adoption is the right option for us.

We feel we have so much to offer a child. Michele is a teacher and we both value the importance of education. Michele graduated with a degree in Business Administration and then earned a Master's Degree in Education. Joe graduated with a business degree in Finance and received his Master's Degree in Business Administration. We want to share our love of learning with our child.



We live in a small community 10 miles from Chicago in a neighborhood full of children, including our nieces and nephew who live right across the street from us! Our house is a four-bedroom, three-bath home on a quiet street. Our neighborhood has many trees and is beautiful in all seasons. Afternoons are filled with people walking, kids riding bicycles, and families out visiting each other catching up on weekly neighborhood news. We share our home with a wonderful little kitty, Tiger. When we come home, we will often find Tiger cuddled up napping in the sun or watching the deer in our backyard.

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There are so many wonderful experiences we look forward to sharing with our child. We cannot wait to see his or her expression when he or she experiences Disney World for the first time or his or her first baseball game (White Sox game - if Joe has his way or a Cubs game if Michele wins)! We both agree how important it is to enrich a child's life through a variety of experiences.

We both grew up in Christian families and belong to the Roman Catholic faith. We regularly attend church services with our extended family and are proud members of our church. Our church is child-friendly, and we look forward to having our little one join the children's choir and Sunday school. One of our favorite parts of the church service is to see the kids standing up and proudly singing in front of everyone. We love seeing the big smiles on their faces and the way they wave at their Moms and Dads in the congregation. We both agree that this is a wonderful experience for children to have, to be part of such a caring and loving church. We look forward to sharing our love for each other and our faith and love for God with a child.

Joe enjoys working as a sales director at a large aerospace company where he sells airplane engines to major airlines. Michele is a second grade school teacher where she loves teaching children and seeing them learn and thrive. She has taught school for fifteen years and has worked in kindergarten, second grade, and fourth grade. With Michele being a schoolteacher, she has a lot of time off and wonderful benefits. When we are blessed with a baby, Michele plans to stay home until our child is in school, and then may teach part-time.

Golf and boating are Joe's favorite hobbies. We both enjoy going to the gym regularly. Michele enjoys playing tennis, traveling, cooking, and reading. We also enjoy bike riding together; especially on the trails by our house.

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Thank you for considering adoption. We hope and pray that whatever decision you make will be the right one for you and your baby. After reading about us, we hope you feel better acquainted with us, which will assist you in making your decision. We look forward to meeting with you and answering any questions you may have.

Most Sincerely,

Joe and Michele



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