

Liz & Terry

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Dear Birth Mother:

Words cannot express the respect and admiration we feel for you because of the courageous and selfless decision you have made in choosing adoption. Hopefully, the realization that people like us, who have been preparing for a child to enter their lives for years and who are able and willing to provide your “Little Miracle “ with nurturing, stability and most importantly tons of love, will reassure you that you are making the right decision.

We are Terry and Liz.

About Terry: Terry is the youngest of 3 children and remains close to his dad. His mom passed away in 1999. Terry has the gentlest heart. Even though he runs his own business and often must be a “professional,” he always makes time for his family. He will do anything to make people comfortable and make them laugh. He has very flexible hours and loves spending time at home with Liz and his best canine friend-Boogsy. Terry is one of those people who would drop everything to help some one in need without expecting anything in return. Liz believes that Terry’s greatest quality is that he remains true to himself; he doesn’t act to impress any one, but his genuine nature makes him very likeable. He was never raised in a particular religion but definitely believes in the “Big Guy,” as he calls Him. Terry fondly remembers fishing with his dad and siblings when he was very young. He was very proud when he caught “the big one.”



About Liz: Liz is also the youngest of 3 children. She was born in Poland and was 7 years old when her family moved to the U.S. Liz is a very easy-going, nurturing person. Her caring personality led her to her dream profession- Nursing. Believe it or not, both of Liz’s older sisters are nurses as well! As an RN, Liz works part-time and also has a very flexible schedule, hoping that she will be a stay-at-home mom soon. She loves what she does, dealing with pediatric to geriatric patients and everything in between. Her strong Catholic background (16 years of Catholic schools,) gives more meaning and satisfaction to her work by helping others. Liz has always loved kids. She pursued this passion by teaching CCD (religious education) and SPRED (special religious education for the mentally challenged,) throughout her high school and college years. The things

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that Terry admires about Liz are: Her patience (and patients, too – his joke,) her dedication, ability to deal with various people and love for life.

How we met: We both spent most weekends and summers as neighbors without meeting for years. Terry had a getaway cottage across the street from the house that Liz's parents owned. After Liz's dad passed away, Terry often visited Liz's mom to ensure that she didn't need any groceries as she does not drive. Terry always knew that Liz's mom raised 3 daughters who were all nurses, and during one of Terry's usual visits, the time was right for him to meet the youngest of the 3. Once we met, we became inseparable and were engaged 3 months later. Our wedding was a small, stress-free ceremony, attended by our family and closest friends. Terry's weekend getaway turned into our



permanent “home on the lake,” as we both wanted to get out of the hustle and bustle of big city life in order to establish a quiet, relaxed and safe environment; perfect for raising a family.

Even now, we could not think of a better place to raise a child. There are many children of various ages in our neighborhood as well as many socialization programs for children through Liz's work. Many of the nurses who work with Liz form play groups for

their kids covering practically all age groups and incorporating fun with education. Liz was most recently invited to the “Healthy Snacks for Healthy Kids” gathering where 3 to 5 year olds made their own culinary creations. You can only imagine what those creative minds could do with a celery stalk! It is also very common for our neighbors' granddaughters, ages 2 and 5, to come over to our house for some “crazy cheese” (the marbled Colby-Jack mix,) and to see our “shy fish,” as they quickly scatter to hide when the girls tap on the fish tank. Terry has also earned the title of “Captain Terry” as he often takes our friends and their children on pontoon rides. Your child would have the benefits of wonderful schools with safe and quiet surroundings. He or she would be able to join the neighborhood children in visiting outside, riding their bikes and playing in the sand.

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As the above stories depict, we both wanted to be parents from the very beginning. During our 3+ years of marriage and after many infertility treatments, the experts finally told us that we would never have a biological child. We both decided that adoption was the answer, as a child is the only thing that is missing from our lives. Our parents, siblings and nieces are very supportive of our decision. Liz's mom is a proud grandma of 4 granddaughters and can't wait for grandchild #5 to come along, as the youngest granddaughter is a teenager. Needless to say, Terry and Liz already have a list of

volunteers for baby-sitting duties! Liz's 2 older sisters are competing with ways to shower the "Little One" with love and attention; not to mention the newest toys and clothing. Terry's siblings and nieces live out of state but look forward to visiting the newest family member. Terry's sister, who has no children of her own, can't wait to be an aunt again.



What we can offer your child: There are many opportunities we can offer your child. In addition to a loving, safe and stable environment, we are both active people who look forward to sharing our interests with your baby. When we are not working, we enjoy time with friends, boating, fishing, snowmobiling and cooking. Our senior dog Boogsy would also love a new family member to play Frisbee. We would love to introduce your baby to all of the activities so that he/she can develop their own interests. Most importantly, we can offer your child unconditional love and support as he/she forms their own personality. We would truly enjoy sharing our tropical vacations as well as observing the birds and nature from our very own deck with a little person who would learn from all experiences. Education is important to us. We would make every effort to provide your child with motivation to pursue it in a fun way.

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Our promise to you: Even though we never met, we believe that you have a lot in common with us. Just like us, you want what's best for your baby's future. Just the fact that you are reading our letter shows how we are all searching for something; you for a special home for your "Little Miracle" and us for a "Little Person" to complete our family. We can't promise you that we will be the perfect parents because we are new at



this extraordinary journey of parenthood. We can promise you that we will always do our best to give your child the love, support and guidance that he/she needs throughout the growing process. We want you to be assured that when your child is old enough to comprehend, we will tell him/her about the very brave mommy who carried them close to her heart and loved him/her so much that she found a special family just for him/her. Depending on our mutual level of comfort, we

are willing to keep you as involved as you would like to be in your child's development. We would love to share your baby's pictures, drawings, and letters with you, so that you can share in the physical and intellectual growth of your child. We realize that the best way to begin this adventure is to meet with you in person so that we may answer any questions that you may have for us. We are very excited about the possibility of meeting you and wish you all the best during this difficult time.

Fondly,
Terry and Liz