

Tricia & John

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Dear Birthparent,

We see the road to adoption as a journey we are beginning together with you, even though we don't know you yet. We can't know the heartache you must be feeling as you consider giving your baby up for adoption. You have great courage in even considering this decision. Please know that if you make the decision to place your child for adoption, and if you choose us as the couple to raise your child, your child will know what an amazing and brave woman you are.



Our journey together as a couple began when we met briefly at a White Sox game in 2003. Tricia was at a game with co-workers and John was with a few friends. As luck would have it, the daughter of John's friend was a co-worker of Tricia. We met for lunch a few weeks after that, and soon were seeing each other every weekend. We became engaged in July 2004 while having lunch in the gardens at the Art Institute of Chicago, topping off a perfect summer weekend in the city. We were married on April 9, 2005 on a beautiful spring day. The journey to becoming parents began immediately, and within a few months, we discovered that due to physical problems with both of us, the chances of us having a biological child were very small. This was a painful realization, but after talking it over, we decided that what this meant was that we had to change the direction of our journey and turn to adoption. We witnessed the joy of building a family through adoption in both of our extended families, and know it would be the answer to our prayers.

Tricia's Story

Tricia was born and raised in the south suburbs of Chicago. She has two brothers, both of whom are married with five children between them. Tricia is good friends with both of her sisters-in-law, which has meant a lot to her, since she did not have any sisters growing up. They have been a big support to her and she can count on them for anything.

Her father passed away in 1988. She is good friends with her mother, who lives near us. Her mother is a wonderful, caring woman, who is very excited about the idea of welcoming another grandchild to the family. Tricia is very close to her family and is thankful that they all live a short distance away. The time spent together at holidays and family gatherings is always special, and full of laughter and joy.

Tricia enjoys reading, taking yoga classes and going to plays and concerts. The love of plays and musicals was given to her by her grandmother and mother. From an early age they were taking her to see shows, and it made a big impression on her. Some of her fondest memories of her childhood were family vacations in Michigan, playing board games and having campfires on the shores of Lake Superior.

Tricia's great sense of humor and optimistic look on life are her family's influence. Her father was a warm, out going and funny man. While it is sad that he is not around to see his grandchildren grow up, her brothers are so much like her father that she feels like a part of her father is still with the family.

Tricia received her Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from Eastern Illinois University.

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She also has a paralegal certificate from Roosevelt University, and has been working as a paralegal in law offices in downtown Chicago for 18 years.

John's Story

John is the youngest of three children, born in Chicago. His father has also passed away. John's mother is the kind of woman every child wanted to have as their own mom. He has one brother and one sister who are both married. His brother has one daughter and his sister has two daughters. Nearly all of John's relatives live in the Chicago area. Christmas day is spent with John's extended family (over 40 relatives, and the number keeps growing!), a tradition that has been going on for as long as he can remember. John is proud of his close knit family, and that some of the younger cousins are more like brothers to him.

His family lived near Midway airport for the first ten years of his life. The summer months of his childhood were spent camping in the country. John developed a great love for fishing, hiking, and sports during his formative years in the country. The family moved to the southwest suburbs of Chicago, when he was around 10 years old. It was difficult to leave all that was familiar, but John easily adapted to the new neighborhood and school. Growing up, John's house was always a gathering place for his friends and all the kids in the neighborhood. His mom always made sure every child that stopped on the way to school had breakfast in the morning, and a snack after school. She made their house the place to be if any of his friends needed anything, including occasionally a place to sleep. John is counting on our home to be the same!

John received a Bachelor of Arts from DePaul University while working full time. He developed a knack for working with computers in college, even though his degree was in psychology. After graduation, he started taking computer classes and ultimately changed careers to become a computer programmer. Some of his favorite activities include bicycle riding, hiking, attending baseball games, and small home improvement projects.

About Us



We have eight nieces and nephews between our two families, and love spending time with each and every one of them. We attend football, baseball, and soccer games whenever we can. The joy and love each of them has brought us is immeasurable. They are all excited at the idea of adding another cousin to the family.

We host Easter dinner for both of our families, and have a great time entertaining everyone. We love having the house full of people, and even though it gets hectic with eight kids under the age of 12, there is always room for more, including family friends.

One of our favorite family activities is traveling. We have traveled to Ireland which was made even more special because of our shared Irish heritage. We went to Aruba on our honeymoon and enjoyed the beautiful beaches and relaxing atmosphere, which we really needed after nine months of wedding planning! We have traveled throughout the United States, mostly in the Midwest. We love to get off the highways and take long drives and explore small towns.

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Tricia has a large Santa Claus collection so stopping at shops and antique stores is always part of the journey. We are big baseball fans, and enjoy going to White Sox games here in town, and taking a drive to see them play on the road.

Soon after we were married we started looking for a new home, even though for John it meant moving three times in one year. The search led to a four bedroom colonial that was in need of some tender loving care at first. After two years, we have made the house our home. We live on a block with a lot of kids and the neighborhood is racially diverse. One of the pluses to choosing this house was the school district. The grade school and high school are both less than a mile away.



Our home

In each other, we have found our true partner and best friend. The journey towards becoming parents has brought us closer together, no matter what obstacles have come up. Tricia feels that John is one of the smartest, sweetest men she has ever known. She loves how he can make her laugh and can't wait to see him making our future child laugh. He makes every day of their life together full of love and happiness. John feels that Tricia is someone that he can come home to every night and share his hopes and dreams. John loves how she can always find the good in every person and has a very positive outlook on life.

We feel that having a sense of humor and a positive outlook on life and its many challenges has helped us become who we are. We were fortunate to both be raised in loving families.

We have a wonderful life together. Adopting a child would multiply the joy, love, and happiness we have. To be able to show our child the wonders and joys of the world and to surround them in love and security is something we have always dreamed of and looked forward to.

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Both Tricia and John are Catholic. We both feel religion is an important part of our lives, and have felt much support from our faith, in good times and in bad. Tricia's cousin is the priest that performed our wedding ceremony, which made it even more special.

We feel strongly that one of us will be a stay at home parent to raise our child. Both of us had stay at home moms when we were growing up, and know how important it is.

We would like to leave you with one last story. As we have mentioned, one of the things we really like to do is travel. Our last trip was in September to the upper peninsula of Michigan, to the same town Tricia went to with her family for many years. It was a time of change for both the seasons and for us. We talked again about how much we want to have a child and being a family. We talked of how wonderful it would be to bring a child to the same place one day. We imagined skipping rocks, climbing the waterfalls and exploring the woods together. We know you are faced with one of the biggest decisions in you life right now. We are blessed that you are even taking the time to consider us as parents of your child. We want to leave you with the promise that if you decide to entrust us with your child we would give that child all the love we have. We know what a gift a child is and we would always treasure that gift.

Your child will know early on the story of our journey to becoming a family, and how it would not have been possible without you. You will always be in our prayers and thoughts and always in our hearts. You will be a part of us as we continue on the journey of being a family.

We will be thinking of you as you make your decision.

