



Dear Birthparents,

Thank you for your interest in our letter. As we understand that this may be a difficult time for you, we admire your courage and deeply respect you for your loving decision to consider adoption for your child. Choosing adoption is an amazing, self-less gift to your child. We hope this letter will give you a brief glimpse into our lives and we look forward to meeting and getting to know you too.

We are Phillip and Jessica. Our journey together began in February 2002 when we met and we married in February 2004. We have a strong relationship, which is Christ focused, and we make each other laugh daily. After many years of marriage and no success at conceiving, we decided to look to adoption to continue to grow our family. Jessica had previously been married and conceived two beautiful children from that marriage. In 2009, Phillip adopted both Caitlin and Logan and officially made them his own. He is their father and has loved them selflessly and unconditionally. We are excited about becoming parents again and feel that adoption is a beautiful way to build a family and truly a gift from God.

Phillip was born and raised in Rockford, Illinois. Phillip earned a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Southern Illinois University, in 2008. He currently works as a correctional officer at a prison and serves in the Army National Guard. He is selfless, patient, funny, gentle, and kind, all traits that make him a wonderful father. In his free time, he enjoys running/walking with Jessica, playing volleyball and basketball at our church every week, riding his bike, going to the movies, and just spending time with the family.

Jessica was born and raised in Southern Illinois. Both of her parents and her brother live in the same town, just minutes from us. We are very close with Jessica's family and see/talk to them multiple times a week. Jessica graduated with her master's degree, from SIUC, in School Social Work, in 2007. She currently works as a school social worker, and had served as an officer in the Army National Guard. Jessica is warm and compassionate with a wonderful sense of humor. She and her family are very involved in the church and love serving others (leading Run For God, coaching upwards, working in the nursery, helping with vbs, etc). In her free time, she loves to cook and is often trying new recipes, and baking special treats. She also enjoys teaching fitness classes at our local gym, running, swimming, and reading.

Caitlin and Logan are our beautiful, growing children. Caitlin is sassy, loves to talk, loves to bake, and has always been a nurturer. Logan is the baby of the family. He is a laid back, sweet, tender hearted, sports loving child.

As parents, we will provide a safe and loving environment for your child. We value a relationship with Christ and have strong Christian values that are taught within our family on a daily basis. We attend church multiple times a week but we believe that it has to be taught at home through our love for one another daily, family devotions, and family prayer.

Whether or not you chose us as parents for your child, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We wish you peace with your decision and hope that you will be comforted with the knowledge that your child will be deeply loved and well cared for and will be raised to know of the loving sacrifice you made for them.

With love,

Phillip and Jessica