

Dear Expecting Parents

We are Jeff & Melissa. We can only imagine your feelings and emotions right now and how hard this is for you. **We want you to know that you are doing a wonderful thing.** Although we do not know you yet, we've been hoping to meet you for a very long time. We cannot express the **respect we have for you**, as we know your decision is based on **your love for this child.**



We are best friends and have been married since 2002. **Our love for each other has no boundaries.** While not perfect, **our marriage is full of life lessons, love, laughter and fun.** Jeff is a Union plumber. In his spare time he loves to go fishing. He also enjoys playing golf, working on home projects, and helping others. Melissa works at a financial company and hopes to one day be a stay at home mom. She enjoys painting ceramics, visiting craft shows and flea markets, reading books, and catching up with friends. Together, we love to travel especially to the beach! We love rooting on the Cardinals, walking our dogs, swimming, visiting with friends and family, or just spending alone time together at

home. We enjoy entertaining **family and friends** at our home, as **we believe very strongly in keeping a close bond.** Family dinners around the table together are important to us, it is our time to catch up and talk about our daily events.

Our home includes three playful boxers and two cats. Our pets bring us so much happiness and we believe it's important for kids to grow up with pets. They're not only fun and bring joy, but give us unconditional love, just as we would a baby. Our newly remodeled home is in a quiet neighborhood and has a large back yard surrounded by woods, often visited by deer and turkeys. It will be a **great spot for children to play and make memories.**



We decided to start a family after we were married for one year. We endured two unsuccessful years of trying to become pregnant, and then sought help through a fertility specialist. After numerous unsuccessful procedures, including IUI and In Vitro Fertilization, we were diagnosed with unexplained infertility. **Adoption is now our hope for a family.** We had always known adoption would be a great choice for us since Jeff and his sister were both adopted as infants through this same program. We plan to raise our child/children with **openness about their adoption**, just as Jeff and his sister were raised. We are open to letters, pictures, videos, and the possibility for more. **Thank you for taking time out for us.** We can't wait to meet you.

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