Dearest Birthparent,

Hello, we are Matthew, Ashley, Isabella, & Anastasia. First & foremost, from the bottom of hearts we want to thank you for your courage to make such a decision which gives couples like us the chance to have a family. We wish you the best of luck on this journey & we truly hope & pray you find the perfect family for your baby.

Matthew & I have been married for almost 16 years, together for 19. We met as teenagers working at Walmart in Tucson, AZ. All of our friends & co-workers wanted us to get married



in the garden center but don't worry we didn't! ;-) After 3 years of dating we married in 2004 at the ages of 20 & 21. In 2006, we were diagnosed with "unexplained infertility". This of course broke our hearts but little did we know that this trial & loss would lead to the greatest blessing of our lives.

In 2010, we became foster parents. However, after 2 years of loving the children who came into our home but who were reunited with their families, we decided to pursue private adoption.

In 2013 & 2014 because of the incredible sacrifice & courage of two young women we became parents to Isabella & Anastasia who are now 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 5 years old. We are grateful for our infertility because we now have such a great passion for adoption. We all know that life can be difficult, & adoption is no exception, but the beauty & redemptive healing that comes through adoption has been truly life changing for us to witness. We are blessed & the sweet faces of our girls are our greatest joy!

We have open adoptions with both sets of birth moms & we believe open adoptions, when possible, are the best for the adopted child. Our girls know they are adopted & they know their stories, which are very different. The thing that they both share however, is a deep love & appreciation for their birth moms who have given them the irreplaceable & completely sacrificial gift of life.

Matthew is a web developer & works from home which is a huge blessing because the girls love being able to see him anytime they want. I am a stay at home mom & I homeschool the girls. Isabella is in 1st grade & Anastasia will start kindergarten this coming year. We are part of a very large homeschooling community & so most of their friends are homeschooled as well, so we have very social & busy lives!

We are Roman Catholic & our faith informs & underlines all that we do. We thank God everyday for our girls. We have always dreamed of having a big family & the girls can not wait to have a baby brother or sister to love, so we are grateful for the opportunity to be able to adopt again!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our story & may God bless you and your child.