

Greetings!

We hope you will take a brief journey through our lives with us in this letter. It is so hard to give you all the details we want you to have in just one page, but we will certainly do our best! We cannot possibly understand how hard this process is for you but we want you to feel supported and loved. We admire that you have chosen life for your baby.

We are a couple that live in a small, rural town. We have been together for 10 years now and married for almost three years. We love spending time with our parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, grandparents, and aunts/uncles. After God, our families are by far the most important part of our lives. We have one nephew and two nieces who we absolutely adore and love having them at our house and spending as much time as possible with the three of them. Celebrating holidays with loved ones or just hosting a cookout is our idea of a good time.

We have a hobby that most people find unique-raising Angus Cattle. We have a herd of about 25 cows that we spend A LOT of time with. We have a big helper with the cows and that is our spunky, one-year-old Australian Shepherd, Hope. Our other pet, a cat named Smudge, is not as helpful with farm life but is usually found napping in her favorite chair or impatiently waiting by her food bowl for her meals.

Each day is a new adventure for us as besides caring for our cattle, we have careers outside the home. Andrew works for Pepsi Mid America and spends his work day going to different businesses to make deliveries, fill machines, and take inventory. Amy is a doctor, but more specifically an animal doctor, whose day consists of wellness appointments for dogs and cats, performing surgeries, medical examinations and one of her favorites, medical and herd appointments for cattle and horses.

Most importantly we want you to understand why we have chosen adoption. It all began I told Andrew that God had placed a desire to adopt on my heart. I told Andrew that I felt as if there are so many children that need homes and that instead of having a natural birth, I wanted to use the resources we have been blessed with: love, a strong family support system, and finances, to provide an adopted child with a home. Andrew was immediately on board. We are beyond excited to give a little boy or girl a home and promise we will give them all the love, happiness, and resources they need to thrive. We also want you to know that we will give you all the respect that you deserve and assure you that we will practice open adoption and provide whatever level of openness and contact you want to have with your child.

Thank you for your consideration,

Andrew and Amy Hermes

