



Dear Birth Parents,

Hello, we are Clint and Kellie. Thank you for taking the time to look at our profile as you consider potential adoptive families for your precious soon-to-be-born baby. We know that you have been faced with a very difficult, life-altering decision regarding your unborn child, and we admire the strength and

courage it must have taken to get to this point. We share your goal of providing a safe and loving home for your child. Our path to adoption has included many heartaches of our own as we have been unsuccessful with starting a family. Because of our struggles, we have come to believe that everything happens for a reason. With this philosophy in mind, we truly have no doubt that adoption is the path meant for us.

This is not the first time adoption has touched our lives. Kellie has a younger, adopted brother, and Clint has an aunt and cousin who joined his family through adoption. We have seen first hand the joy and love that adoption brings to a family. Our families are very supportive and encouraging of our quest to become adoptive parents.

Our Story

We want to give you a brief look into our lives in hopes of aiding your decision of finding the perfect family for your baby. We are high school sweethearts who actually met while in junior high and became the best of friends. Our friendship blossomed over the next few years, and by our junior year, we were dating exclusively. For the next five years, our relationship continued to grow and mature much like the young adults that we were becoming. Just before we reached our five year dating anniversary, Clint knelt down on one knee and proposed. We were both so happy and couldn't wait to start planning our wedding together. On September 16, 2000 (on our seven year anniversary), we had an amazing wedding attended by all of our family and friends. After three years of marriage, we decided we were ready to start a family. Unfortunately, we were not successful in our attempts for many years, even with the help of a fertility specialist. When we got the news we weren't pregnant on our second IVF, we both looked at one another and knew that adoption was the path we were meant to take.

Clint's Childhood

I grew up in a very close knit family that included my parents and one older brother. I was also lucky enough to have both my mother's and father's parents living in the same community. Friday or Saturday nights were usually reserved for time with my mother's parents, playing cards, board games or just talking about the events of the



week. Sunday evenings were usually spent with my father's parents where we would share popcorn for dinner and again play games or watch slide shows from family vacations. I feel very fortunate that my grandparents played such a large role in my childhood.

My folks were the most supportive parents anyone could ask for. They never missed a game, concert, or other event of mine. When my brother and I joined any organization, my parents usually became very involved in these organizations, as well. They coached, served on boards, or acted as sponsors for each of our activities. I was very involved in several sports, band, choir, and church youth group while growing up. Although we didn't usually have the financial security for large trips for family vacation, we always made the most of our time together. We might visit a local beach, go to a county park or make a trek to Chicago to the numerous museums there.

My mom became a school bus driver when I was around eight years old, which meant she usually drove for school trips, athletic events and band functions. This was her way of being able to work while still supporting the things my brother and I were involved with. My dad worked as a lumber salesman and always made sure he busted his tail at work so that he and my mom could provide the best for us. We were never the richest family financially, but we were very rich in so many other ways.



Kellie's Childhood

I was raised by two wonderfully supportive parents who gave me the world. I've learned a great deal from both of them. My mother is the best caring and nurturing parent anyone could ask for. She always made sure we had home cooked meals, and I can still remember the great notes she would put in my lunches at school. They always made me smile, and I find myself doing that with Clint's lunches all the time. My father was the strong, loving guy who would do anything for you. If mom said, "No," I knew I could always count on dad to say, "Yes." He couldn't say, "No" to daddy's little girl. Dad and I shared many similar interests. He would take me fishing, hunting, or practice softball in the yard together.

I have one sister, who is a year older than me. We didn't have much in common growing up: she was more into boys, makeup, and fashion. I was more of a tomboy. But over the years, we became the best of friends and shared everything. I still remember the joys of her showing me how to drive. My brother, who we adopted at the age of four, was a great addition to our family, and brought so much love in.

Our summer vacations consisted of traveling to different softball fields. My sister and I played, while mom coached, dad umpired, and my brother was the bat boy.



Introducing Clint (By Kellie)

Clint is an amazing husband. I've known him for almost 20 years. The man is incredible. I think my parents fell in love with him from the first time I introduced him. He's smart, witty, dedicated to everything he puts his mind on. He's also my best friend. I can tell him anything. He makes me so happy and has always been able to make me laugh. I know he'll be an awesome father. I've seen how great he is with the children at the fire department, when he plays Santa every year. After all these years, he still impresses me and makes me appreciate I have the greatest husband. I am truly blessed.

Introducing Kellie (By Clint)

To put it simply, Kellie is the best thing that ever happened to me. Aside from being a loving, supportive wife, she is my best friend. She is a very organized, focused and caring individual. She cares so deeply for her family and friends and really enjoys spending time with them at every chance. She supports all that I do without reservation, and I truly could not be who I am, nor do what I do, without her by my side. Kellie loves to have fun by playing softball, bowling, watching sporting events, and just surrounding herself with those she loves. Her smiling face can brighten the gloomiest of days and becomes very infectious to



those around her. She is quick to lend an ear to listen or a shoulder to cry on when those she loves are hurting. Her positive outlook and fun-loving demeanor are some of her best attributes. Kellie takes pride in whatever she does whether it is her work, our home or even her hobbies.

Our Jobs/Home/Interest/Family/Friends

Clint works as a Firefighter/Paramedic full-time for a nearby city. His schedule is that of traditional firefighters, 24 hours on duty and 48 hours off duty. He also volunteers for our hometown fire department where he holds the rank of Assistant Fire Chief. Kellie works full-time as an administrative assistant for an accounting firm. She has been employed there for eight years and loves her job very much. However, she is excited with the prospect of becoming a stay-at-home mother.



We live in a cozy, three bedroom, ranch home that has a deck attached to the back. We have chosen to reside in the community we were raised in because of its small town charm -- the kind of place where everyone knows each other. We believe that this community served us well growing up and know it is a great place to raise a family. Our town has placed a great emphasis on its schools, parks, and other children's activities.



Conclusion

We hope that this letter has provided you with information that makes your decision a little easier. We are very eager to bring a child into their lives and begin the family they have always dreamed of. We have so much love in our hearts and look forward to sharing that with your precious child. Keeping the connection between mother and child is very important to us so we will be happy to provide letters and photos to keep you updated on your child's progress over the years, if you wish.

If you have any further questions about us, please feel free to call our attorneys, Steve & Joel Kirsh at 1-800-333-5736.

Sincerely,

Kellie *Clint*

