

Dear Birthmother,

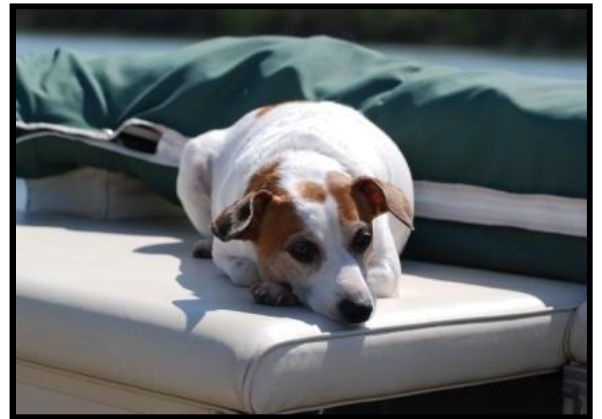
What an amazing thing you have chosen to do. You decided to do the most brave, selfless, loving thing ever. The love you must feel for your child is matched only by the love we are so excited to give!

Your sorrow is our joy, and the choice that you are making is beyond admirable -- we will be forever grateful for the trust that you have placed in us, and the overwhelming joy you are giving us.

We are Dave and Stephanie, a healthy, loving couple who have lived in the Midwest for all of our lives. We started out being best friends, and our love blossomed soon into our relationship. We think this is a large part of why we are so great together -- there is nothing better than being married to your very best friend.

Both of us are in sales and own our own businesses. We have the luxury of working at home to be involved in raising your child on a daily basis. This is very important to us both -- we truly believe that you get back everything and even more, than you give, when it comes to raising a child.

All of the stars have been aligned for us for most of our lives -- we both have successful businesses, great friends, supportive family, beautiful home and 3 happy dogs that crack us up daily! Having this sort of luck makes the fact that we are infertile all the more perplexing, when the thing we want most in the world, is out of reach. That happily brings us to you!





We realized that adoption is a wonderful alternative to the heartache of infertility when we were driving home from vacation this past April. My mom called and said her coworker's niece was having a baby in two weeks for whom she was making an adoption plan. Did we want to pursue this? Without a moment of discussion, we looked at each other and replied with a resounding, "YES!!" This was definitely a "light bulb" moment and, finally, a tangible one. This could Finally Happen! At long last, we would be parents. Unfortunately, the adoption fell through, but it made us certain that adoption was the best option for us. We want to make it a reality!



Why would we make great parents for your child?
Stephanie on Dave:

Dave is the kindest, most wonderful man you would ever want for a father. When he is around children, they gravitate to him. He is a gentle giant with a heart of gold. When I see him with a baby, I fall in love with him all over again. He is sweet, strong, and he instills a calm trust and joy in children that is amazing. He is so patient and loving, and strives to make them laugh and learn. He has a wonderful sense of humor and we make each other laugh all the time!



Dave on Stephanie:

Children adore Stephanie. She loves nature, crafts, and knows how to have fun with kids. I've been amazed at how much they enjoy being with her and accept her love and the security she provides them. Her face lights up, as does the child's, when she

enters a room. She is incredibly witty, and the smartest person I know!

Both of us love to read, and place a high value on education. We can't wait to see what our child will accomplish! Make no mistake; your child will be the center of our universe. We cannot wait to discover this amazing planet all over again through the eyes of your child...everything that they see will fill them, and consequently us, with wonder, all over again.

Our core values are pretty simple. We like to say that we live by the Golden Rule -- doing unto others as they do unto us. Karma is a force to be reckoned with. We live our lives with the Christian values that we were raised with.

We recycle, compost, use energy efficient light bulbs, and truly respect nature. We really enjoy walking in our neighborhood and photographing plants and animals. We cannot wait to share that with our child and relish the thought of raising them to treasure the earth as much as we do. We are fortunate to have a large community garden on our street, and have already started tomato plants, basil and flowers to plant. We eat organic foods and love to cook, boat and travel. There is no education quite like exploring the world and learning about other cultures.

We are surrounded by Dave's large, immediate family, who live in town. Two of our nieces are expecting. One is due this month and one in July. It promises to be 'Baby Central' for our many family gatherings. We have another niece and nephew, Jason and Jessica, who are both adopted. We cannot imagine our lives without them. When Jason was about 13 months old and Dave was 27, they shared a funny moment where Jason sat on Dave's lap and began 'spitting' at him while laughing. Dave reciprocated, and they both became a sloppy giggling mess. Dave has always described Jason as his "Shortest Best Friend". Even though Jason is now 5'9" and counting, they still share an incredibly special bond - Dave has really been his mentor during this confusing adolescent period of his life. Jessica and Stephanie share the same birthday, exactly 30 years apart, and make a point of doing something special together every April, like 'Paint a Pot' or going to the Children's Museum.

Stephanie's mother and father, both doctors, live one state over. Her mom is already buying baby clothes and a pack-and-play -- they are so excited for us to adopt and them to become grandparents that they can hardly stand it. We cannot go past a Babies 'r



Us without stopping when they come for a visit. We foresee them moving to be closer as soon as they retire in the next year or so.

We live on a wonderful, small lake in a very safe area. It is a very in a woodsy, park like setting- birds, deer, rabbits and squirrels abound. They are a blast to feed and watch play! Another thing that attracted us to our home was the amazing swing set in the backyard - we are so excited to play with our child - building

sandcastles, and swinging up to the sky! Our neighborhood is full of life--there are 4 children on our street who are also adopted, along with many other kids from toddlers to teenagers. We are also looking forward to sharing our love of boating and kayaking with our child.

We understand that choosing the best adoptive family for your child is a huge decision. We hope you select us. We cannot wait to shower your baby with all the love we have been saving up for so long!!

In closing, one of the things we are so looking forward to is recording all of the fun, silly, special first moments of this cherished child's life. We are at a point in our lives where our child will be the focus of our lives, and our efforts will be directed toward raising a physically, emotionally, spiritually and intellectually healthy person. When our friends relate a story about their children, we encourage them to write them down. Too many times we think they may take these occurrences for granted as parenthood came so easily to them, and then those precious moments may be lost! We have waited

far too long and gone through way too many heartbreaks and disappointments to not take note of every second. What wonderful times we will have! We would be happy to share those moments with you, if you like, for as long as you like. If that is too much to handle right now, we can send them all to Kirsh & Kirsh, our adoption attorneys, and you can learn about your child when you are ready. We just know that we are SO ready to be parents! Please let us raise and love your child...there is nothing more that we want to do!!

If you would like to speak to us, or meet us, please do not hesitate to contact Steve or Joe Kirsh toll free at 800.333.5736 or Call us directly at 888.291.9597.

Thank you so very much!

Steph and Dave

