



Thank you for reading our profile and considering us as you make this important decision for your baby. We are grateful to have the adoption process available to us to fulfill our genuine desire to be parents. Whether you choose us or another family, we wish you and your child the very best.

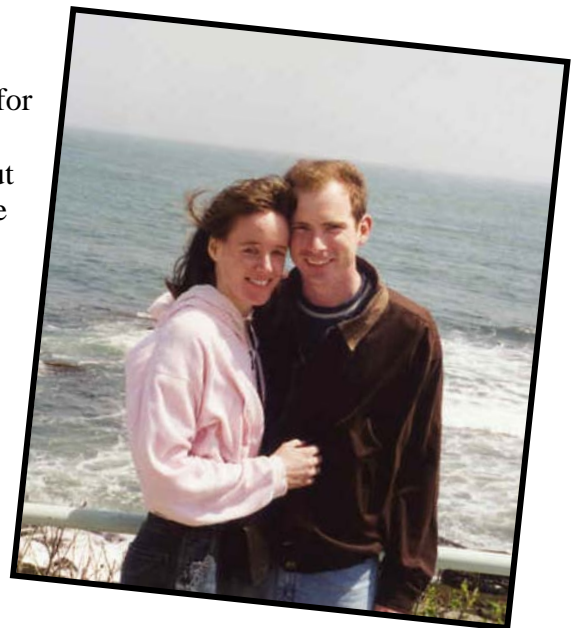
Our names are Deirdre and Michael. Three years ago, we had the joy of adopting our son, Michael, and we are now the proud parents of a wonderful, little boy. We feel that God brought the three of us together as a family and we hope He's not finished yet. We have so much more love and time to give. We actually miss changing dirty diapers, 2 AM feedings and figuring out the difference between "I'm hungry" and "I-just-want-someone-to-hold-and-rock-me" cries. We've learned so much about caring for a baby since the first day we brought Michael home. We still love to read stories to Michael at bedtime and look in on him while he's sleeping peacefully. Often we throw in an extra book or two at bedtime. Michael calls these his "bonus" stories. We look forward to more of these tender moments and more happy memories with a new baby.

This must be an extremely challenging time in your life. We have great respect for your strength in bringing this beautiful baby of yours into the world and for your decision to consider adoption. We hope that you find peace in whatever you ultimately decide. Because of loving and courageous women like you, couples like us are able to be parents. If you think about that for just a minute, you will realize how truly awesome would be your gift to us. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for considering us in your plans for your baby's future.

ABOUT US:

In April of 2002 we were married, having known each other for about a year and a half. We had been unable to become pregnant and struggled with the prospect of being together but childless. We love our parents very much and want to be the same kind of foundation for our children. Our infertility has been difficult but it has made us stronger as a couple.

We entered the adoption process in 2004 feeling overwhelmed, scared to say the wrong thing and unsure how it might turn out. But we got strength from our faith and were certain that we want to be parents more than anything



else. When Bonnie first placed Michael in our arms, we knew that we were right about being parents. It is hard to describe the flood of emotions that we experienced at that moment, but one of the strongest was our gratitude and profound love for Bonnie. Her love for Michael and trust in us to be his parents was humbling. Bonnie will always have a special place in our hearts, and Michael will always be told of her love and courage, just as your baby will know of yours.

Mike works as a mechanical engineer and Deirdre works as a pharmacist at a local hospital. Our situation allows Deirdre to be a stay-at-home mom, working one weekend each month and an occasional holiday.

Our house is in a neighborhood we love one town away from Deirdre's dad. Michael likes to watch the bigger kids play football, baseball and basketball at a nearby high school. Our backyard is a place where we can be together, and Michael can run through the sprinkler with his friends and cousins.

We are Catholic and our faith is very important to us. Our church has an elementary school where we want to send our children.

About Deirdre:

I am forty years old and one of three children. We are of Irish heritage.

It was an easy decision for me to stay at home after we adopted Michael. At that time, I had been a pharmacist for thirteen years at a very busy hospital. Working full time was a special time in my life and I'm proud of my accomplishments at work. However, after marrying Mike, my focus was motherhood.

I have always enjoyed sports. It was a good way for me to come out of my shell in high school. My favorite sports are softball and volleyball. I was on a volleyball team as an adult (just for fun) for many years. I've since stopped that but get the thrill of playing on a co-ed softball team with Mike on Sundays. For some reason, I play better when Mike misses a game.

These days at home, you will find me playing hide and go seek, singing silly songs and treasuring each new milestone in Michael's life. Being a parent is not always easy and requires a lot of hard work. But it is worth the effort, and I cannot wait to do it again.



I would like to tell you about Mike:

Mike is a wonderful person and a terrific father. I look at Mike and I can hardly believe he's mine. Mike notices when someone seems uncomfortable at a party or a large family gathering and makes them feel wanted and important. Mike's second cousin has three autistic children. Mike works hard to keep them involved in the fun at our family events.

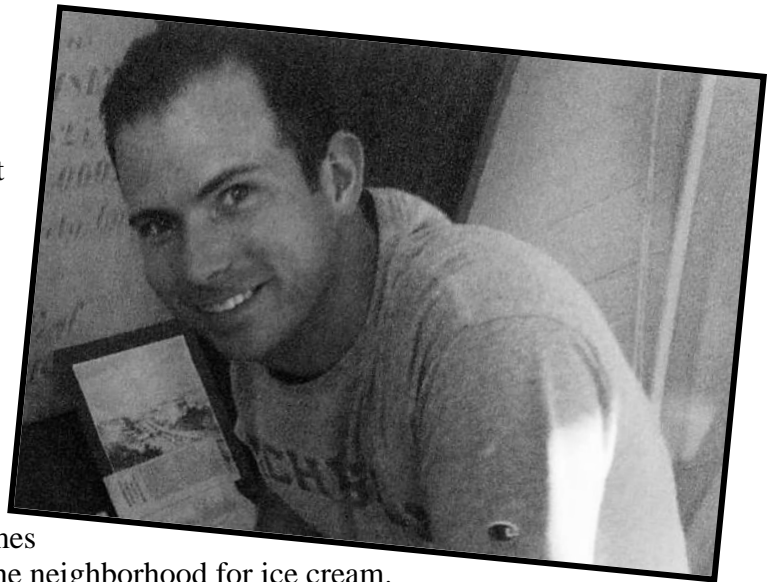
Mike developed a story character called the "Tickle-Monster". The "Tickle-Monster" fights crime and arrives on the scene whenever there is injustice happening. The story usually involves some sort of bully who's ruining the fun for everyone else. The "Tickle-Monster" then arrives and tickles the bully until he apologizes and promises to be nice. Little Michael and his cousins are entranced by these stories. I secretly think that little Michael's cousins are a little jealous of him for having such a neat dad.

Mike is a great provider. His engineering job is secure. Mike balances his work with his home life very well. With little exception, we have dinner together as a family every evening.

About Mike:

I'm 38 years old and am the second of my parents' six children. I love being married to Deirdre and being a dad. This is the sort of life I always hoped for and it is as good as I imagined.

My job has its ups and downs but I like it very much. I enjoy working around the house and sometimes wish I were a carpenter. I love telling a joke and taking long drives on vacation to visit family. There are many things I'd like to do as a family like take trips and go to baseball games and fix up my old Ford and take it around the neighborhood for ice cream.



I enjoy playing softball and reading and following my favorite baseball team.

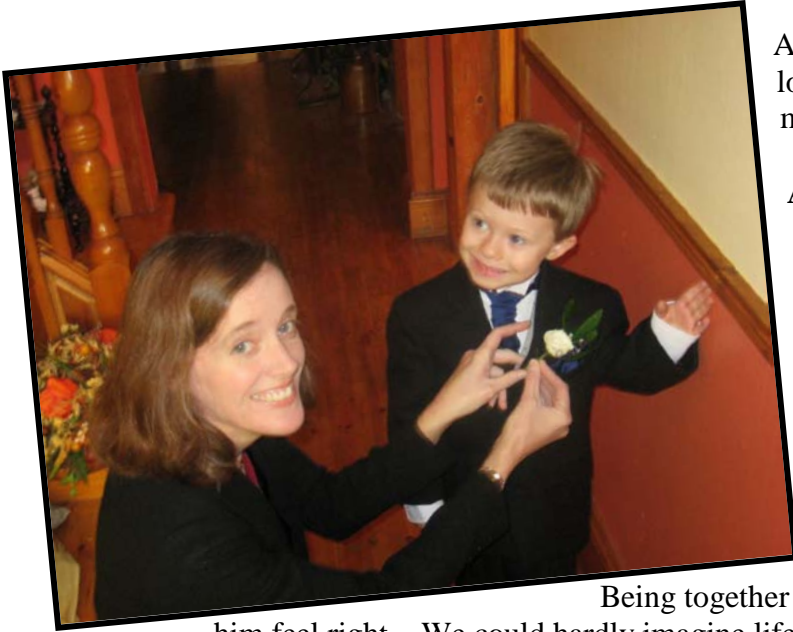
I would like to tell you about Deirdre:

Deirdre is the only girl I ever loved so it's hard for me to be objective. When we got married, the priest said that it was obvious we were in love. I don't know why but being with her has always been obviously right to me.

Deirdre is easy to love. She is kind and sensitive. She can make me laugh telling me how she and Mike spent the day. I wish I could imitate people's voices like she does. She loves reading stories to Mike and watching Magnum P.I. reruns. In high school she played volley ball and now, as an adult, when she plays it doesn't take long for the other team to realize that she knows

what she's doing. She may not intimidate them but if the meek will inherit the Earth, Deirdre is starting on the court. Like them, I learned that you can't tell how wonderful she is without getting to know her.

When we were adopting Michael, Deirdre was nervous about being a mother. But she has been great and Michael has grown to be a nice, happy little boy. Deirdre realized that teaching Mike to be good didn't mean as much as showing him. So she volunteered to deliver meals with Michael to the elderly. Thanks to her, Michael is doing well and is happy, but most importantly he knows that he is loved.



As for being a good wife, she makes me feel loved as well. I'm very blessed to have her in my life. Every day I love her more.

About Little Michael:

Michael is very affectionate and playful and would love to be a big brother. Michael turned three years old last December and is a very happy boy with a great zest for life. His enthusiasm endears himself to everyone he meets. He started preschool this past fall and has already asked a little girl to marry him.

Being together with Michael makes everything that led up to him feel right. We could hardly imagine life without him and have a hard time remembering how things were before him. We would feel the same about any child that we were blessed to be entrusted with in the future.

Our Home and Family:

We have a large extended family. Both sides of our family share our enthusiasm about adoption. We have close friends that we can turn to for support. Michael has eleven cousins. Every year we get a new family picture at Thanksgiving or the Fourth of July. Sometimes it looks a little disorganized but it always looks like a room full of our best friends.

As Parents:

With three years of parenting behind us, we have learned quite a bit and know full well that we will have challenges for years to come. We still feel the same basic understanding we felt before we became parents. There is no one right way to raise a child. Different things work for different kids and parents



need to try to find what theirs need and give it to them. The same approach that works for Michael may not work for our next child. But we will find out what works best.

The most important ingredient is that every child needs love and needs to know that they are loved and valued. We know that as parents, we are not flawless but we will provide unwavering support and love. We will raise our children to have faith in God and will try our best to be a good example for them.

We plan to expose our children to as many experiences as possible to fuel their curiosity. We will encourage them to be whatever they desire to be, nurturing their talents while teaching them to work hard and enjoy life. We will teach them to be concerned about other people.



Our Promise to You:

We long for the day that we can begin the honor of being parents again to another beautiful child. We assure you that we would cherish your precious child as you would yourself. We want you to know that if you choose us as parents for your baby, we will always be fully aware of the magnitude of the blessing you have given us. Know that your child will always understand the love and consideration you gave to their adoption plan. As adoptive parents, we will be dedicated to honoring and continuing that love. We are praying that God leads you to make the decision that will bring you peace throughout your life.

We would be happy to send you letters and photographs, letting you know how your child is getting along, if you wish.

If you would like to know more about us, talk with us by telephone, or meet us, in person, please let Steve or Joel Kirsh know. They will gladly make the arrangements. You can reach them any time at 800-333-5736.

God Bless,

Deirdre and Mike

