

# DENNY AND LYNN



## Dear Birthmother:

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW ABOUT US.

Our names are Denny and Lynn. We have been married for more than six years and are in our 30's (although Denny is getting close to the big 4-0!). From the day we said, "I do", we have both had the same desire and dream - to have a life full of love, happiness, laughter, and to share our love with children. As we began our life together, there was no doubt or question - we wanted to become parents.

We have a tremendous amount of respect for you. Your decision to carry your baby full term and then go through with the adoption process is not only courageous and selfless, but it is a true act of love, not to mention the most incredible gift one person could give another. We promise to be committed parents and love your child always and forever and to provide a safe, loving, nurturing home. We are grateful that you are considering us as parents of your precious soon-to-be born baby.

## ABOUT US

We first met 14 years ago through a mutual friend and got to know one another throughout the years. We had many friends in common and would frequently get together to watch sporting events with them. In 1999 when our favorite teams, the New York Yankees and the Atlanta Braves, went head-to-head in the World Series for the pennant, we spent time alone and soon after began dating. (Yes, it's true: our love for baseball brought us together! We even had our wedding bands engraved with an "NY" and an "A" so that even if we are apart, we are always together.) Not only did we have a great time, just the two of us, but we enjoyed spending time with each other's friends. We both blended well into each other's network of friends, and shortly, we all became one big group. We are both thankful that we were friends first then became a couple. We value each other, both have a great sense of humor, and together our personalities compliment one another. Wherever we go, whether it's on vacation or just to the mall, we enjoy each other's company and have a good time.

We live in a ranch-style home which sits on a half acre of land. Denny purchased the house in 1994 and has made updates and renovations throughout the years. We share our cozy three-bedroom home with our white dog, Joey, and our cat, Katie. As a couple, we enjoy working in our gardens and doing yard work. During the holidays, we enjoy decorating our house. One October we put up yellow 'Caution' tape around each window and our garage door and hung sequenced pumpkins from our front tree. During the Christmas season, Denny and his brother have a contest to see who can string the most lights. You have to understand that this is a competitive sport between the two brothers and as anticipated as the World Series or Super Bowl. Since a majority of our friends live close, we love having them and their children over for dinner. Not only do our friends live nearby, but both sides of our families live less than five miles from us. At least once a month, we make sure to set aside time for family dinners. Our families are very important to us and are a major part of our lives. We are extremely blessed to have strong relationships with both of our families - even when Lynn's sisters borrow her clothes and do not return them!

From the beginning, we have shared the same values and ideals. Throughout the years, our family has come first and our bond has grown stronger with the time and energy we put into our relationship. Our relationship is built on love, trust, and communication. Together, we make a unified team that only strengthens throughout time.

We are both lucky when it comes to our jobs. Denny is a lean champion for a local manufacturing facility and has been employed there for the past 12 years. (Basically, he helps the manufacturing plant become more efficient.) Lynn has worked at a local community center for more than five years and is the marketing and public relations director. At work, Lynn writes the center's newsletter, plans special events, and is the graphic designer. Not only are we lucky that we like where we work and what we do, but both employers are family orientated and family comes first. We will both be able to take "maternity" leave once we adopt so that we will have ample time to bond with our new baby. Once it is time to go back to work, Denny's mom will be able to watch the baby, but Lynn's job is flexible enough to be able to work from home.

## OUR DECISION

After a year and a half of marriage, we decided to start our family. We felt that we had had plenty of time to travel and enjoy life as a married couple; we were ready to begin trying to start our family. After a year without any luck, we were both tested and told that we were both fine and that it was a "matter of timing". After each negative pregnancy test, we grew more and more discouraged. Finally, after two and a half years of trying to conceive, we finally did it. We were blessed with a child but lost him nine and a half weeks into our pregnancy. After our loss, we were devastated and were left with a silent, lonely, empty void in our lives. We felt that our dream of starting a family and raising our children with love, happiness, laughter was over.

After three more years and numerous fertility treatments, we were still not able to conceive. We talked and decided to take a different approach - we wanted to concentrate on becoming parents rather than conceiving a child. Once we decided to pursue the adoption, we both felt as if a great weight had been lifted.

After we made our decision and began the adoption process with our adoption attorneys, Steve and Joel Kirsh, we had a celebration. We invited our families to our house. When they arrived, we decorated the interior of the house with pink and blue streamers, balloons, and signs that read: "Congratulations Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles". We served dessert and sparkling cider and made a celebratory toast. We all gathered around the signs and took pictures holding the appropriate signs. Needless to say, our family was ecstatic about our decision.

We have so much love to offer your child. Both our family and friends are our biggest support system. Our friends and family will play a huge role in your child's life. For us, adoption would be the true miracle we have been waiting for! Allowing us to adopt your child will be the greatest, most precious gift anyone could possibly ever give. We will never forget you, and your child will always know of your love and courage.



## LYNN ABOUT DENNY

From the moment we started dating, I knew Denny was different from the other guys I had dated in the past. "They" always say a girl wants to marry someone like their father - and it is true. Denny shares many of the same qualities as my dad. He is one of the most genuine, kindest, loyal, giving people I have ever met. From the moment my family met Denny, there was an instant connection. All three of my little sisters loved him, and the first Christmas we were together, Denny took me and my youngest two sisters, who were eight and nine at the time, to his work holiday skating party. They had a ball! The four of us got our picture taken with Santa and afterwards, he drove us around Indianapolis looking at Christmas lights. Needless to say, my sisters fell in love with him; which was extremely important to me. My sisters are to the age now where Denny has been in their life longer than he hasn't been. They don't call him their brother-in-law, but rather their brother.

Before Denny asked my parents for my hand in marriage, he first asked my three little sisters for their permission. They were so excited to be included in the "secret" . . . especially since they knew before our parents. That same day, Denny asked my mom and dad for their permission for my hand in marriage. Not only were they excited about the wedding, but they were more excited that that Denny would officially become part of the family.

There is so many a qualities that I love about Denny, but one of my favorite qualities is this love for kids and the fact that he is so good with them. Even though we were engaged and decided that we wanted children someday, I remember once specific event that sealed the deal for me. We went to my best friend's son's baptism. After the ceremony, we went back to their house and ate and I took a slew of pictures. When I got my photos developed, there was a picture of Denny holding the child close to him. From that picture, I knew in my heart Denny would make a great father. My best friend's children absolutely adore Denny. Sometimes when we go visit, they are more excited to see Denny than me! This year he was the assistant coach for a girl's little league softball team. As I watched him during a game, I was amazed at how well he did with 12 eight to ten year old girls. He was very encouraging of, and patient with, them. Denny will make a great father.



Denny and little buddy, Reilly, mowing the yard . . . as Joey follows



Denny and little buddy, Reilly, putting his tuxedo on for his aunt's wedding.



Denny dressed as the Easter Bunny for a community event.

## DENNY ABOUT LYNN

The first thing I noticed about Lynn was her smile. She has a smile that matches her personality - they both can light up a room. When we first became friends, I was amazed at how easy it was able to talk to her and that's one of the things I admire most about her. Not only is she is easy to talk to, but she is nonjudgmental. Even though Lynn works in marketing at the center, she is actively involved with the participants. She helps them whenever she is able; even if a person needs someone to talk too, Lynn is the first one to lend a helping hand.

Another quality about Lynn that I love is her enthusiasm and love for life. Lynn has never met a stranger. She is the type of person that can walk up to an individual and talk to them as if she has known them for years. Lynn enjoys spending time with people and always puts their needs ahead of her own. She is a very thoughtful person and is constantly thinking about others. Sometimes when we are walking around the mall, if Lynn sees an item and it makes her think of a particular person, she will buy it and put it away as a Christmas present. (Although, she gets so excited about the purchase, she can't wait to see the person's reaction and gives them their present early!)

As a graphic designer Lynn has amazing creativity. She designs our friends' children's birthday party invitations and

she never disappoints. She has so much fun designing and her favorite part of whole process is watching the kid's expressions when they see their personalized invitations for the first time. The smiles that her work brings is, well, utterly amazing. When Lynn throws parties for friends, the decorations are always over the top! One year for her best friends' birthday, she transformed our garage into a mini-haunted house and had a huge inflatable spider hanging from the ceiling. I never asked her how she planned on hanging that spider because once Lynn sets her mind on something, it gets done.

I am always amazed when I watch Lynn with children. She knows what to do and how to make them laugh. That's another reason why I think she would make a great mom . . . she has a great sense of humor. And as we know, you need a sense of humor to raise children - and that she has. As the oldest of four girls, Lynn has always been a caregiver. She has the biggest heart and knows how to love unconditionally. Her love, smile, and kindness is infectious. She is an inspiration to me and I love her with all my heart.



Lynn purchased bunny ears for her and her three sisters. Little did they know, she planned on wearing her ears when she picked them up for school that day!



Lynn with her best friend's sons.



Mother's Day at Lynn's parents house.

## Thank you -

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter. If you have questions, would like to talk with us by telephone, or meet us, in person, please let Steve or Joel Kirsh know. You can reach them at 800-333-5736, any time. Before we close, we want to let you know that we would be happy to send you letters and photographs, letting you know how your child is getting along, if you wish.

Fondly,  
Denny and Lynn

## FUN FACTS

We wanted you to get to know us a little bit better. The following are a few "fun" facts about us, our lives, family and friends.

**OUR SIGNS:**  
Denny: Taurus  
Lynn: Gemini

**BIRTH CITY:**  
Denny: Indianapolis, IN  
Lynn: Queens, NY

**SIBLINGS:**  
Denny: Oldest of two brothers  
Lynn: Oldest of four sisters

**COKE OR PEPSI**  
Denny: Pepsi  
Lynn: either not picky

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:**  
Denny: Any CSI show  
Lynn: Seinfeld

**FAVORITE COLOR**  
Denny: Green  
Lynn: Orange & Purple

**FAVORITE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAMS:**  
Denny: Atlanta Braves & Dallas Cowboys  
Lynn: New York Yankees & New York Giants

**FAVORITE THING TO DO ON OUR DAY OFF:**  
Denny: Watching TV, playing baseball and basketball with my friends, golfing, working in the yard.  
Lynn: Working in my garden, crotchet, exercise, watching the Yankees and Giants play, shop and spend time with friends and family dinners.