

Hello,

We are Jeremy, Rochelle and Maryn. It is with much gratitude that we find ourselves writing this letter to you today -- grateful for the opportunity to share with you about our lives, our family and our desire for a child. We have been married for almost nine years and are excited to expand our family. After struggles through infertility, we recognized that our being parents did not depend upon us giving birth to a child, but rather the desire to love and nurture a child. Adoption offered us that opportunity, and in February 2008, we welcomed home our beautiful daughter, Maryn KayAnn. What an amazing little life! We are so blessed to be Maryn's parents and grateful that Maryn's birth mother chose us to be in her life. We understand that you may be looking at all the options for securing your baby's future. Should you choose to consider adoption, we want you to know that we will give your child a life filled with love and opportunity. We understand adoption, what it means to be an integrated family and are thankful that this is how we will become parents to a second child.



We live in a large, Midwestern city, in a two-story home, with four bedrooms, in a charming, diverse and family-oriented neighborhood. Our parents, siblings, nieces and nephew all live within 40 minutes of our home. Jeremy is a developer and attorney for a real estate firm. Rochelle is a full-time mom but also has eight years of teaching experience in special education.



About Our Families...

We each grew up in one stop-light, Indiana, small towns. Rochelle lived out in the country where she and her two younger brothers had lots of fun being imaginative in their play. She loved to ride her bike, dress-up her kittens against their liking, and help in the garden. Jeremy is a small town boy who loved playing sports. He and his two older brothers loved the challenge of taking on the neighborhood kids. His entire family lived in the town.

Small towns often create close families. Our families have always been eager to support us. Whether it's waiting through numerous names to hear ours when we graduated various college programs, helping with

projects around our house, or picking up the pieces of a broken heart, they are always there with smiles, hugs, and perhaps a Kleenex. We know what type of parents we want to be because we have such amazing examples in our lives. When our daughter, Maryn, was born, her arrival was a bit early...4 weeks early actually :) We had just had our hardwood floors refinished and our house was a disaster. Both families were so excited to hear of her birth and so willing to come help put our house back together. They came down and were there till midnight cleaning, moving furniture, washing and folding baby clothes, and putting the crib together. We couldn't have done it without

them! It is with those same willing hearts that they are amazing grandparents. They love to spend time with Maryn and, as all grandparents do, spoil her then send her home to us! One of my favorite quotes about grandparents is, "Grandchildren are to grandparents as sunshine is to a day." You just feel happy and full of love!



About Jeremy...

Over the last thirteen years that Jeremy and I have been together, I have had the joy of loving an amazing man. He is not only my husband but my best friend. When we first met, I was struck by his outgoing personality and ability to create a conversation with anyone he met...much different than myself. I guess the saying is true that opposites attract! Over the years, Jeremy has brought me out of my somewhat "shy shell" and continually pushed me and given me confidence to pursue things in life.

He has been my comfort in times of sadness and the one person with whom I love to celebrate life's joys. I appreciate how much he values my role as a mother and trusts me to make decisions for our family. Recently, he surprised me with a trip to Arizona...just the two of us. It was so very thoughtful and reminded me of just how much I appreciate his beliefs on marriage. We needed the time to be a couple, because the stronger our marriage is then the stronger team we are to parent our children. As you can probably imagine, the grandparents were pretty excited to see us go. It gave extra time with Maryn.

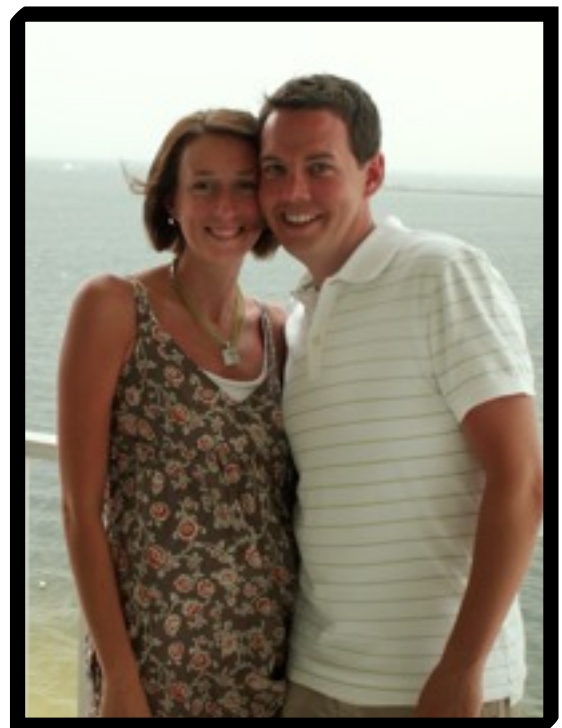
Seeing Jeremy as a father has been a dream come true! He is a strong father figure who understands how to create boundaries and structure yet provides the unconditional love that every child needs and deserves. The love that he and Maryn share is so very special. I can see the deep love that he has for her every time



he looks at her. Jeremy has the ability to turn most sad faces into smiles and can always bring out big laughter. He usually calls the house one or two times a day while he is at work and always wants to talk to Maryn. She loves to get on the phone and have a lengthy conversation with him! They love to watch sports together, especially football. During the Super Bowl, Jeremy would say "Go Colts" or "Go Blue", and Maryn would repeat him every time with big smiles. I love the way they play chase around the house, how he sits for tea at her little table, will play with Playdoh for as long as she wants and is willing to clean up the messes. He loves to have fun but also knows there is a time to be serious. When situations arise, he is, first and foremost, loving but also wants Maryn to know what is right and what is wrong. One of my most favorite times to see them together is at bedtime...that's "Dada's" time with his girl. Sometimes, I sit downstairs with the monitor on and listen to them. It melts my heart to hear them reading books, praying together, and sharing "I love you". I always know that Jeremy will do anything and everything in his power to protect his children and to make sure they always know how much they are loved.

About Rochelle...

Rochelle is my best friend. She is upbeat and finds joy in life but also is very realistic in dealing with the hurts that life brings. As we explained, we have struggled with infertility for a number of years. This brought a great deal of hurt to Rochelle, but the adoption of our first child has brought unbelievable joy to Rochelle, as well. She gives me strength and encourages my days. She surprises me with notes of love and encouragement when I travel, have a big meeting or even on a typical day. I don't travel much, but when I do, there is always a card from her and a drawing from Maryn that she snuck in my suitcase. We share the same values, hopes and dreams for the family that we are creating. We find laughter and joy in our days. We share a love for our God that allows us to have strength in what lies ahead and to create opportunities to show love to those around us. Rochelle is an amazing wife.



I not only love Rochelle for the wife that she is to me, but also for the mother she is to Maryn. I know that she desires more than anything for our children to feel the love that we have for them as parents. Our children will want to follow her lead because they will so thoroughly enjoy the time that they spend with her. She is creative, fun and will always want our children to see the creative side of themselves. I will call home throughout the day and ask Rochelle what she and Maryn have been up to during the day. On many days, they will be painting pictures, playing with Maryn's dollhouse, baking cookies together or snuggling up on the couch when Maryn doesn't feel well. They have been in a music class once a week since our beautiful little girl was just 7

months old. Not only is it fun to hear Rochelle and Maryn signing together songs in the car, it was important for Rochelle and me to have Maryn around other children and to experience different things. I am so thankful that we can afford to have Rochelle stay at home with our little girl because she gets so much love and patience from Rochelle. Maryn is learning so much about herself and others through the way that Rochelle helps her through the day of a 2 year old. Maryn truly adores Rochelle.



Friends and family are also very important to Rochelle. The majority of each day is spent with that adorable girl that you see in many pictures throughout this letter, but it is important to find time to share life with others, as well. Rochelle does play dates nearly once a week with other moms going to the zoo, park or library. She also meets often with girls from our bible study. At least once a month, Rochelle and Maryn drive an hour to visit Rochelle's grandmother, take her to lunch and to run errands. It's such a special time for them to spend together.



About Maryn...

Our lives were forever changed the day we received the news of Maryn's birth! It was a whirlwind experience that seems like it just took place yesterday. Maryn KayAnn just turned two years old and, in those two years, has filled our lives with so much joy and love. She has a beautiful, fun personality, a little bit of spunk, and a very loving nature. We love living life through her eyes because each day brings something new and exciting. Maryn loves music, books, playing outside, swinging, painting, watching Elmo, helping with household chores, bath time and eating fruit bars and "m-e's" or M&Ms. Her vocabulary has just recently exploded, and it is so much fun to hear her little voice carrying on a conversation! Recently, she tells us "I help" and whether that's helping mommy

make cookies or helping daddy use the tape measure, she wants to be a part of things around the house.

Maryn is a very loving little girl that is quick to give out hugs, kisses, and a "ah d", her way of saying "I



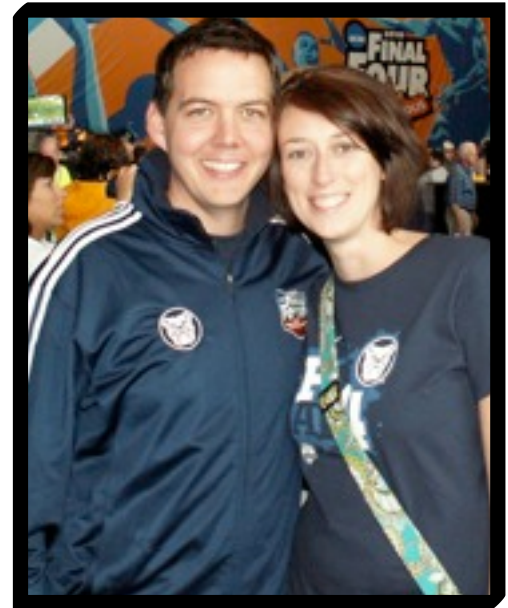
love you". She can melt your heart in a second and has been able to do so since the moment she was placed in our arms. Recently, we have had a few friends have babies, and she is eager to hold them. We talk often and pray every night about a brother or sister coming home to live with us. We know how much we value our relationships with our siblings and want Maryn and our new baby to have that same opportunity. Maryn will definitely be our little helper with a baby!

We cannot imagine our lives without her in them and truly believe that God placed her in our lives at just the right moment.

Our Lives Together...

We love to be together as a family! When the weather is nice, we love to be outside in the yard, taking walks with our dog, Duke, eating breakfast at our favorite local cafe, or going to the Zoo. In the winter, we have no problem getting cozy to watch a good sporting event on television, fixing a hot pot of soup, playing in Maryn's tent or hanging out with friends and family. We also love to travel and have spent time in Florida for a beach vacation, in California, North Carolina, and Chicago to visit friends and be with family. In the summers, we enjoy spending time at Rochelle's parents' pool or weekends at Jeremy's parents' lake home. This is a fond memory from Jeremy's childhood and has been a great place for us to make memories of our own. We enjoy being together and cherish each

and every moment we are given.



Individually, we each have our own hobbies and interests. Rochelle loves to read, enjoys attempting new recipes, gardening, and scrapbooking. For Mother's Day, Jeremy got her a bunch of new gardening tools and a smaller set for Maryn to "help". Jeremy is an avid golfer, enjoys running and water sports, listening to music, and doing home projects. He is training to compete in a mini-marathon this spring. Over the

last seven years, we have been involved in a neighborhood church and weekly Bible study.

There are a multitude of moments that we cannot wait to capture with our children. We are fortunate enough to have the financial security to provide these



opportunities. Not only do we have an abundance of love to give your child, but we can give him/her many things to encourage them to develop their interests, skills and talents. We want them to become the best person they can.

While you may or may not have made a decision as to your baby's future, we ask that you take this letter to heart. We have not taken lightly the idea of adoption. From our experience in adopting Maryn, we know the love and joy an adopted child can bring to a family. Our first niece is also adopted. Right after Maryn was born, I remember our niece saying to me, "Maryn came from your heart just like I came from my mommy's heart." It was so sweet and so simple. At age two, Maryn is too young to understand, but we have shared her birth story and about her biological parents. Her collection of books includes several about adoption that are created for young children. We look forward to sharing your child's adoption story with him or her and would love to have as much information as you are comfortable sharing with us so that we can share it with your child. Likewise, we would also love to share letters and photos with you letting you know how your child is growing, if you wish.



We would welcome the opportunity to talk with you further and/or to set up a time to meet with you. If you would like to learn more about us, please contact Steve and Joel Kirsh at (800)333-5736. Should you call after regular business hours, their answering service will page them and they will call you back as soon as possible. Be assured that neither we nor the Kirshes want to influence or pressure you in any way and you are not obligated to proceed with an adoption just by calling. We each want to provide you with the information you need in order to make a knowing, well-informed decision. We thank you again for taking the time to read this letter. We will continue to be in prayer for you and your baby.

Sincerely,