



Dear Expectant Mother,

Our names are Lisa and Keith.

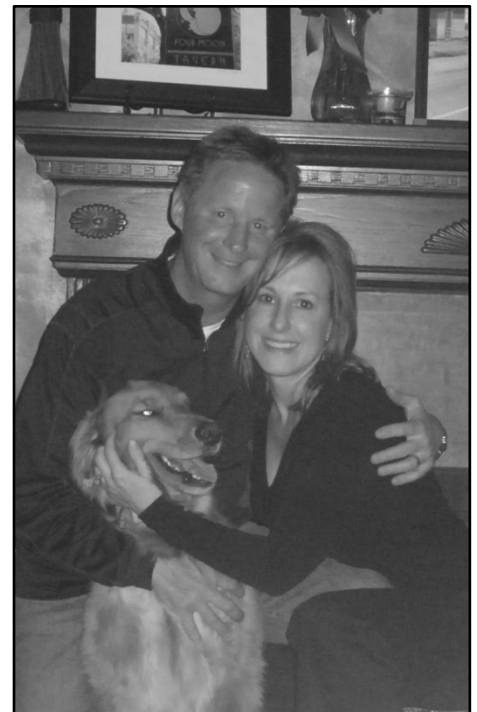
We fell in love and married four years ago. We can't believe our good fortune in meeting each other. We count our blessings. But there's one blessing we miss, and that's children. In spite of medical assistance, we haven't conceived. Adoption gives us the opportunity to realize our dream of being parents. We honor your decision to secure your baby's future through adoption. With us as parents, your child will know that you made an adoption plan because of your profound love for your child and because you wanted your child to have a bright future with unlimited opportunities.

We live in a suburb of a big Midwestern city. We chose the location because it has a small-town, cozy appeal along with easy access to all the excitement of the bustling city. We have lots of family and friends nearby. Keith's sister, her husband and three daughters live just down the street from us.

Keith is a national account manager for a freight company. Lisa works part-time in a family-owned, insurance company. We feel the best way for you to know is to share with you how we were raised. That may help you know what kind of parents we would be for the beautiful child whom you are bringing into the world.

Keith: I was the youngest of five kids. It didn't feel like such a big family when we were growing up -- but it sure has gotten bigger over the years. I have three brothers and a sister. They have 11 children between them. Our family gatherings are filled with kids, food and lots of laughter.

My mom passed away in 1992, and I still miss her. She was at the center of all family activities, organizing birthdays and holidays, looking for any excuse to bring her family together. The older I get, the more I appreciate what a handful she had with five kids to raise. We were all involved in extra-curricular activities, and we were all expected to support each other. She was our biggest cheerleader. We had lots of friends, and we were often in and out of our neighbors' homes. But at the heart of it all was family, and in the middle of that heart was my mom.





I talk to my dad almost every day. He lives in Florida now, and we visit him two or three times a year. My dad held two jobs throughout my childhood. We didn't have a lot of extras, but we never lacked for anything. I worked throughout my adolescence and maybe for every fast food chain in the country. I was the neighborhood grass cutter and landscaper, snow shoveler and leaf raker. I loved working outside. It gave me quiet time to escape into my dreams. I want our child to have time to think and dream, to escape from the high-speed, plugged-in pace of our world.

My dad taught me the importance of waking up each morning with a purpose and a place to go. I hope our child will look up to me as a hardworking, responsible and generous man, as I look up to my dad.

My sister and brothers, nieces and nephews continue to be a big part of my life. We get together with someone in my immediate family at least once a week. It might be for a family barbecue or to help out with some household task. It usually included nieces and nephews and lots and lots of banter back and forth. They are all eagerly waiting for Lisa and me to bring a new child to the family. They're already arguing over who gets first dibs on babysitting. We are extremely proud of the close-knit relationships we both have with all of our nieces and nephews and look forward to having them be a big part of our child's life.

I have worked for the same company for my entire career. I love what I do. (Aren't I lucky to be able to say that?) I've made good friends with my colleagues and my clients. It's up to me to work hard and work smart to be successful. That's a value I learned from my dad and one I will share with my child.

Lisa is, welcoming, kind, selfless and loyal. Plain and simple, she is the best thing that has come into my life! She's gentle and kind, but she's also self-confident. She's never judgmental, which is one of the characteristics that endear her to our nieces and nephews. She's a great listener and spends lots of time with them, going to movies, shopping or just hanging out. They feel safe and loved with her. I do, too. She will be a wonderful mother.



Lisa: I come from a smaller family than Keith's. I have a sister and a brother. I was raised by my mom. My parents were divorced when I was five. I didn't see my dad much during my childhood. But don't get the wrong idea --I had a very happy childhood. My mom was, and is, my rock. She never said a mean word about our father, and she kept us in close contact with our paternal grandparents. I admire her greatly for that generosity.



My mom's mom, my grandma, came to live with us. She was there when we came home from school. She helped us with our homework and put dinner on the table every night. She loved us, too, and we never doubted that.

Thanksgiving and Christmas were my favorite holidays. On Christmas Eve, one of the kids would be asked to put baby Jesus in the Manger, the highlight of the evening. Then on Christmas morning we'd always find a new ornament in our stockings from our grandma. It was always my favorite gift. My mother has carried on the tradition since my grandma died. And, I intend to continue it with our child and grandchildren.

My mom is my best friend and confidant. She is part-owner of a small insurance company, and I work with her. My sister and her husband, my brother and even my niece help out whenever it's needed. So, I get to see my family every day.

We do more than work together. My mom, sister, brother-in-law and I belong to a bowling league. We also enjoy just getting together to shop or go out for meals.

When we adopt a child, I plan to stay home full-time with our baby. I look forward to taking our child to our neighborhood swim and tennis club. There's lots of child and family programming for kids of all ages. There are tennis clinics and leagues, swim lessons and teams, volleyball, basketball and family barbeques.



I also look forward to curling up on the couch to read storybooks. I want to hear pots and pans banging as we create our own marching band. I want to dry tears and tickle toes. I want to play ball and push swings. I want to expand our family by opening our arms and our hearts to a child.

Keith will be an amazing father. He oozes goodness. He is always helping people, never expecting a thing in return. He is devoted, compassionate, inspirational, funny and courageous. He's passionate about everything in his life, but especially, family. He's fun-loving and spontaneous, which is a very good balance to my orderliness and planning. His spontaneity is very romantic. Sometimes, takes me on a spur-of-the-moment weekend getaway to explore some town we've never visited before.

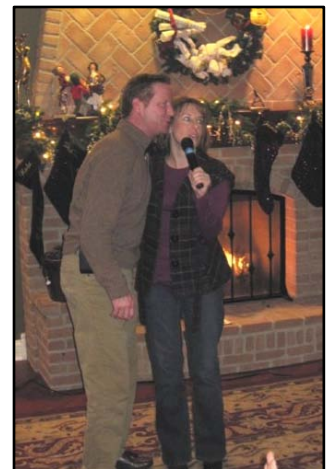
Keith and Lisa: We were both raised Catholic. We would like our child to have a Catholic education. We'd like our child to know the sense of community that comes from our religious tradition. We hope your child will find ease and comfort in faith.



We feel so fortunate to have been able to build our dream house -- a two story, four bedroom home, on an acre and a half of wooded land. We wanted to have lots of room for play equipment and sports. We have two dogs, Sam and Sadie, who love kids. We really enjoy taking them to the doggie park, to the lake for a swim or just walking them or playing with them in the back yard. Lisa's mom calls them her four-legged grandchildren. We imagine our child chasing around the back yard, running with Sam and Sadie.

We love to have friends and family over. And when company's over, you can bet they'll gather in the kitchen. Nothing's better than standing around the kitchen island, cooking and talking, and hearing the kids play in the yard.

We enjoy playing tennis and golf, going to the pool, riding bikes and playing



billiards. We love to travel and can't wait to include a child in our explorations. When we go to Florida to visit Keith's dad, one or more of his sibling's families often will join us.

We are truly blessed. We want to share our blessings with a child. We hope you choose us to raise your baby. If you would like, we will share updates and photos with you throughout the years. We will raise your child to know your sacrifice and generosity, and how you made our dreams come true.

If you have any questions for us, you can contact our attorneys, Steve and Joel Kirsh, at 800-333-5736. They will be happy to talk with you.

