



Hi.

Our names are Mark & Connie. Thank you for taking the time to read this and getting to know us. We cannot begin to understand the emotions you are experiencing. Many thoughts must be running through your mind. You are a very courageous person, searching for parents that would love your baby and give him or her a world of opportunities. We are anxious to become parents and would give your child our unconditional love.

Mark and I are high school sweethearts. We have been together for 21 years and happily married for 13. Obviously, we know each other very well and are best friends. We have a tremendous amount of love and respect for one another. Our home is full of laughter; and we enjoy joking around. Mark's sense of humor was one of my attractions to him before we started dating. He says that he liked my charm and smile.

We attended the same private, Catholic high school and university. In high school, I played tennis. Mark played football in high school and college. His senior year in high school, he was selected by his coaches and fellow players as a co-captain.

He has been active in running marathons and Ironmans for the past ten years. If he says he is going to do something – he does, whether it be completing a marathon or doing the dishes. I have a lot of respect for his

dedication and competitiveness. I am proud of his commitment and drive. He is my inspiration, and I support him at all his events. I know I can always count on him. Your child will feel the same way. Mark will be an active and involved father.

My passion is cooking and baking. My mother and grandfather told me many times that I make my grandmother's homemade biscuits just like she did. That is a big compliment and makes me very proud. My mother is a good cook and taught me to make homemade pasta, which is a popular dish at our house. She has pictures of me as a child making pasta with flour all over me and the floor.



After being married 4 years, we decided to start a family. However, God had a different plan than we did. We had numerous IVF cycles (seven to be exact); I got pregnant on the last cycle only. Sadly to say, I miscarried twins at eight weeks. The week prior to the miscarriage, we saw the heart beats. We have spent much time coming to the realization that we would not give birth to a child. However, we know it does not mean we cannot have a family. We are very excited about the possibility of adopting a child. Your child will have so much love from us, our parents, families and friends. We all know how truly blessed we will be one day. Even though your child would not grow in my womb, your baby will grow in our hearts.



Our families are close and spend all holidays together. We believe family is precious and will instill that in our child. Both of us were raised Catholic and attend weekly mass. Our child would be raised Catholic, too. Our religion is part of who we are.

I, Connie, am an only child; however, Mark has two brothers. One is newly married. The other has four daughters. We adore the girls, and they adore us. Before they moved out of state, we spent much time with them. Mark and I attended all their games, recitals, etc. Even once when my brother-in-law was out of town, our oldest niece asked Mark to play in the father-daughter softball game. It made him very proud. Our nieces continuously ask us when they are going to have a cousin, especially the five and eight year olds.



We were both fortunate to be raised in loving environments and continue that philosophy in our home. Besides parents, our grandparents played a big role in our lives. We, too, want our child to be surrounded by his/her family, including our parents and grandparents. To this day, my cousins and I talk about stories and laughs we shared with our grandparents.

Mark and I live in a small Midwestern suburb. Four years ago, we built a 4 bedroom ranch-style home that has much land and room for our child to play and enjoy. Our home was designed to include a nursery next to the master bedroom. Currently the nursery is a workout room. We cannot wait to convert the room to what it is meant to be. We live in a subdivision of mostly young families. It is the same town that I grew up in. It is a nice feeling for me to raise our child in such a community.

Our parents are retired and live near us; however, my father resides out of state but we see him often. My mother lives behind Mark and me; and his parents live 20 minutes away.



Mark and I have a successful business together and work out of our home. We entertain often. With our flexible schedules, Mark and I are able to travel. We cannot wait to share our travel adventures with our child. We want our child to see the world.

I hope you have a better understanding on who we are. We would be happy to meet or talk with you by telephone, or both. Know that Mark and I will love your child with all our hearts. Likewise, your child will always know of your loving and courageous decision. In our home, you will always be spoken of with respect and gratitude. Each and every day would be such a blessing and an appreciation for such a gift you have given us. You would be giving us the most incredible gift, and for that, we would always be grateful. If you would like to receive letters and photos, letting you know how your child is getting along, we would be happy to send them to you.

If you would like to know more about us, talk with us by telephone, or meet us in person, please let our attorneys, Steven and Joel Kirsh, know. You can reach them at 800-333-5736.

We wish you the best in whatever you decide. We cannot grasp the difficult decision you have to make. But always remember that you are a very special person.

Truly,

*Connie & Mark*

