

Hello. We are Molly and Jason. We are so excited and grateful that you have given us the opportunity to introduce ourselves and our family to you. While we can never know the anguish you are feeling, we hope the letters you read will help bring you peace with the incredibly difficult, yet selfless, decision you are making. Most of all we hope it is clear how much love and support there is in our life for your child.

The first question on your mind is probably, "Why do we want to adopt"? We have always imagined a family with lots of children and a vibrant home filled with activity. We have two daughters, and they fill our lives with so much love, yet we realize we still have so much more to give. We want to complete our family through adoption, and are excited and honored that you are considering us to raise your child. The second question you might be asking yourself may be: "Since they have two daughters, are they only interested in adopting a boy?" The answer is that we would be just as excited about adopting a baby boy or baby girl. Either (or both! in the case of twins) would be great with us. Likewise, the color of the child's skin does not matter to us. As you will read, we live in a culturally diverse area and have friends of all races and ethnic origins. Our family and friends are supportive of our adopting a child whose skin color does not match ours.

We are very happily married. Molly is a cultural campus real estate manager, and Jason is an electrical engineer. We have both been with our current companies for more than 10 years, and have grown within our companies. That loyalty and stability has allowed us to develop very flexible schedules. Additionally, both of

our companies have a "family first" mentality. We have the ability to create our own schedules and often work from home. We never miss a field trip or an event at school. However, when we are blessed with the birth of our new child, Molly plans to take a leave of Absence from work to stay home and care for the baby.



We live in a beautiful, suburban, neighborhood outside of one of the most modern and progressive cities in the Southeast. It is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. There is so much to see and do. Our neighborhood has many beautiful parks nestled away in wooded areas, with walking trails to access them. The neighborhood is a reflection of our city. People from all over the country have relocated here to live and work. There is a diverse mix of races and religions. Just outside our neighborhood we have lakes, museums, and theaters all just moments away. We are situated 2 hours from the Appalachian Mountains and a little over 3 hours from the ocean. The weather is magnificent. We experience all four seasons but don't have too much of the extremes associated with summer and winter. One of our favorite things to do as a family is travel to new places and learn about different people and cultures. Each year our big family vacation is to a new destination. Last year we took a trip out to California. This year we explored some islands in the Caribbean.

Our History

Jason was born in a rural part of North Carolina. His family lived in a medium sized farmhouse a few miles outside of town. With plenty of land around the house, Jason and his brother spent countless days exploring and playing "space soldiers". His parents were both educators (his mom was a teacher, and his dad was a principal). Although they were not in the same schools as Jason and his brother, they were in the same school district so the boys didn't get away with anything. Jason's brother, Justin, left town to go to medical school but has since returned and set up a practice there with his new wife and child. Jason's parents retired from teaching, and his father took a new job helping schools do fundraising.

Molly was raised on the shores of Lake Michigan. She is the oldest of five children. Her father was an executive with a large manufacturing company, and her mother stayed at home. During Molly's college years, her father was transferred to a new facility in the South. A couple of years after graduating from college, Molly came to





the area for a visit and decided to stay. Her father is now retired and both he and Molly's mother devote a lot of their time to church and family.

Our families live just a little more than an hour away, so we are able to see them often. As for our story together, there was no single magical event but rather hundreds of small, wonderful ones. We both lived in the same area and were (and still are) avid runners. Before getting married or even dating seriously, we began running together a few times a week. Over time we found ourselves running together more often and for longer periods of time. We would run together in all kinds of weather. We once ran for an hour in an ice storm. We both secretly hated when the runs would be over, and it was time to go our separate ways. We began to do things other than running and well here we are.

We have two children, Erin and Ashley. Erin is 10 years old. She is a happy, active and smart little girl. The main topic of conversation at this year's parent teacher conference was how funny and intelligent her humor is. Erin is an excellent gymnast. She is dedicated to the sport and placed very high in the state meet last year. Also, she is a little mother hen to Ashley. Ashley is 4, almost 5. She loves the outdoors, running and playing on the swings in the backyard as well as at the neighborhood parks. Chasing the ice cream truck in the summer and heading to the neighborhood pools also top her list of favorite things to do. She plays soccer and recently scored her first goal! Ashley loves princesses one minute and Transformers the next. They are both unique little girls and beyond excited about the prospect of a new little sibling to grow up with!

My Husband, Jason

It was March 5th, the most unimaginable day of my life. I woke up early to go for my usual morning



jog. Jason and I were dating, but he was out of town, so I went running that morning alone. Light rain was falling, and it was relatively warm outside but still dark. After 6 miles, I returned to the house to a blinking message light on my phone. I had several voicemails, and they were all from my mother. The first one, "Molly, please call me." The next one, "Molly, call me right now." The third one made my knees collapse, and I fell to the floor. She was calling to tell me my younger brother, Greg, had been killed in a car accident.



Without a second thought, Jason was my first phone call. I don't remember our conversation at all, but remember I that he was out of town when we spoke; however, four hours later he was at my parent's house with his arms wide open and his shirt wet from my tears. The love, care and empathy he gave during that horrible time sealed the deal for me. I couldn't imagine facing the ups and downs of life without him as my partner. We were married less than a year later at Disney World surrounded by our family and close friends.



Besides being an amazing husband, Jason is an incredible father. I have never met anyone with so much patience - and his silliness is contagious! One of his best fatherhood characteristics is the ability to diffuse a situation with humor, and believe me, this is quite a talent! For example, if the kids don't want to go to bed at night, instead of repeating himself over and over, or getting angry or raising his voice

to get them to listen, his creativity kicks in. He'll grab some of their stuffed animals and make them begin to dance and sing some sort of silly bed time song. This might not sound impressive, but three minutes later, their teeth will be brushed and they'll be snuggled in their beds telling their daddy, "Good night, I love you, and I'll see you in the morning!"

Jason is always ready to play. Whether he's letting the kids "do his hair" while playing dress up, or at the lookout post of the swing set watching for "mean" pirates that might be approaching, he always has a huge smile on his face and a sparkle in his eye.

Jason has one of the kindest souls and biggest hearts of anyone I've ever met. He will always go above and beyond to help and is friendly to everyone! He's the guy that grabs the suitcase from a mother that's traveling alone with small children and puts it on the shelf of the bus for her on the way to the passenger terminal of the airport. He's also the guy that always answers with a "yes ma'am" or "no sir", and the guy that always holds the door open for others. He's the guy that gladly goes to the store and cooks the big dinner when I invite the extended family over. Jason is genuine and caring. He models this through his actions everyday to everyone around him, and I am so lucky to have him as a best friend and husband.



My Wife, Molly

I can't imagine my life without Molly. She listens to me when I have a lot to talk about after a day at the office. She gives the perfect advice if I want it or she will just listen quietly when I don't. She keeps me grounded when I get a little overboard with my ideas ("hey, let's fly across the country for the weekend"), yet she still encourages my imagination. She is incredibly smart and very outgoing and while my silliness may be

contagious it is her smile that will make my day. The most incredible trait about my wife, however, is her passion for all of our family and friends (and almost anyone she crosses paths with). She absolutely understands that people are the most important things in life. When someone around Molly is suffering, she suffers with them. When they are joyful, she will light up with them.

Molly loves to spend as much time as possible with the kids. One of the favorite pastimes in the household is playing games. This can be trying sometimes as Ashley; in particular, likes to make up games. This means the rules of the game are always changing. Molly can never seem to win, but she always (eagerly, I might add) says,

"Yes" when they say, "Let's play again." In the corner of our dining room, we have an "arts and crafts center" with all kinds of art supplies in it. There are a number of other little girls and boys in the neighborhood who like to join Erin and Ashley and do crafts here because of it. Molly is always helping out with any project the kids can dream up even though (and she will tell you this) "art" is not one of her strong suits.

As a wife and a mother, Molly makes sure that we all know how much we are loved.

In Closing

We hope that you will choose our family to love and raise your child. We promise to dedicate our lives to him or her just as we have our two girls. We will provide the financial stability as well as the love and guidance he or she needs to lead a



happy and fulfilling life. We love our daughters with all of our hearts, but it's funny how the heart has endless capacity. We dream of the chance to love another beautiful and unique little person so fully. We respect the plan you are making for your unborn child and wish you peace with your final decision. 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 to us by telephone, or meet with us in person, please call Steve and Joel Kirsh at (800) 333-5736. We hope to hear from you!