



Dear Birth mom,



We are Stacey and Drew. We are grateful for the opportunity to share with you about our family, our friends, our home and our hopes and dreams of having a child. We have been happily married for over 15 years and are looking forward to adopting a baby.

After about 5 years of trying to give birth to a child, including a year of intense fertility treatments and surgery, we finally decided that we were done with trying to have a child on our own. Adoption offers us the chance to realize our dreams of being parents. Knowing we could adopt has given us hope that we can still have a child. We want to give your child a wonderful life filled with love, laughter, and happiness. We admire your decision to consider the options for your child's future.



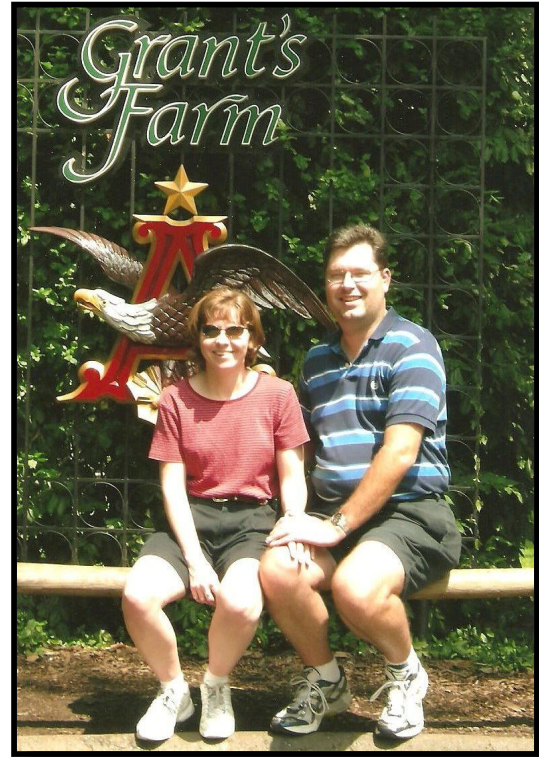
We live in the Southwest in a beautiful, two-story home with four bedrooms in a suburban neighborhood. We have two

cats, Abbey and Lucy. There is an elementary school at the end of our street and a middle and high school all within a mile of our home. The schools in our area are highly regarded in our state. Our neighborhood has many families with children of all ages. It is a place where we feel very safe. All of our neighbors watch out for each other's homes and children. There are many parks and playgrounds nearby that we can use most of the year.

Since moving away from Indiana, we have developed many friendships. Game night is a favorite at our home. We get together with our friendsø families for food, games, and fun. We also enjoy spending time with our Godchildren -- Madelyn, Colin and Nolan. They are triplets, in second grade and full of imagination and energy. All of our friends are very supportive of our decision to adopt and would love to share in the life of your child.

Drew is an Accounting Advisor for a major technology company. He has been employed there for 11 years. His company offers flexible work hours, and on Fridays during the summer, he can work from home. Stacey is a Visual Merchandising Supervisor for a major department store. Drew always teases that Stacey gets to play with dolls for a living! Even though it is retail, she does not have the typical retail hours. She works Monday-Friday 6a.m.-3 p.m. Evenings and weekends are free to spend time together or with friends.

We enjoy traveling for our vacations. We go to Indianapolis several times a year, but still try to have a destination vacation for a new adventure. We are racing fans and love to have the occasional meal out with friends. We have a simple life and are very happy together.

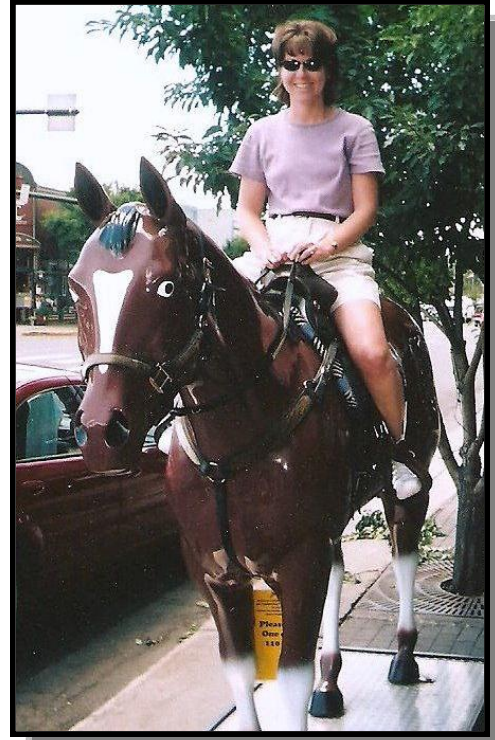


Stacey

As corny as it sounds, my childhood was wonderful. My brother, Ryan, is 3 years younger. We grew up in a nice home with everything we needed. I wouldn't call us spoiled. Our parents made us work for the things we wanted. One example: I remember when the Atari game system came out in the 80's. Ryan and I could not get it unless we had good grades on our report cards. My parents have a good marriage. I never remember them arguing in front of us. My parents believed in discipline. We were taught the difference between right and wrong and were expected to mind our parents. They were very involved in our lives. They helped us with homework and

supported us in extracurricular activities. I was not involved in sports like my brother, frankly because I was not good at them. I played the guitar and sang at Mass in grade school. I was in the youth choir at church and swing choir during high school. I took horseback riding lessons for a few years, and I even owned a horse, Butterscotch. I worked part-time as a cashier at a grocery store to help pay for all the extras. My family was involved at church. I attended Catholic school; my Mom was always very close to my teachers and friends. I guess that was so she could keep an eye on us. My Dad coached my brother's sports teams and was a CYO director. I have great parents who set good examples by being involved in our lives, teaching us right from wrong, teaching us to work hard and be independent.

We were very close to my mom's family. We spent most holidays together and went on weekend trips. My Dad was originally from South Dakota. We made many trips to visit my grandparents. I have such good memories of those trips. I always knew when we were there by the sound the gravel made under the tires. That meant we were at Grandma and Grandpa's farm. Grandpa would take me for rides on the tractor. I would help Grandma pump water from the old hand pump, and Ryan and I would play with Grandpa in the barn, corn crib and silo. There was so much exploring to do. It seemed like they were always working, but they always included us and made it seem fun. The only bad memory I have of the farm comes from touching the electric fence and getting a little shock. I had failed to listen to my parents' warning. Every year during the summer, my family would take a trip to Myrtle Beach with my Aunt Eileen and her family. We stayed in a beach house together. We would go to the beach for hours, fish, shop, putt-putt and eat great seafood.



My parents still live outside Indianapolis. Mom likes to go antiquing. She volunteers at Hospice and also baby-sits. Mom is very social. She is always having dinner or playing cards with the girls. Dad still works for the same company since 1976. I don't think he will ever retire. In his spare time, he is a marathon runner. He has run all of the major marathons including: Boston, New York,

Chicago and many minor ones, as well. I really admire his dedication to the running at his age of 65. Even though I don't live near my parents, we still talk several times a week and visit each other four or five times a year. They are very excited about the prospect of us adopting and giving them their first grandchild.



My brother lives in Florida and is a park ranger in the Everglades. He just finished his Master's Degree in December, 2008. He moves around every few years with the park service and has yet to be married.

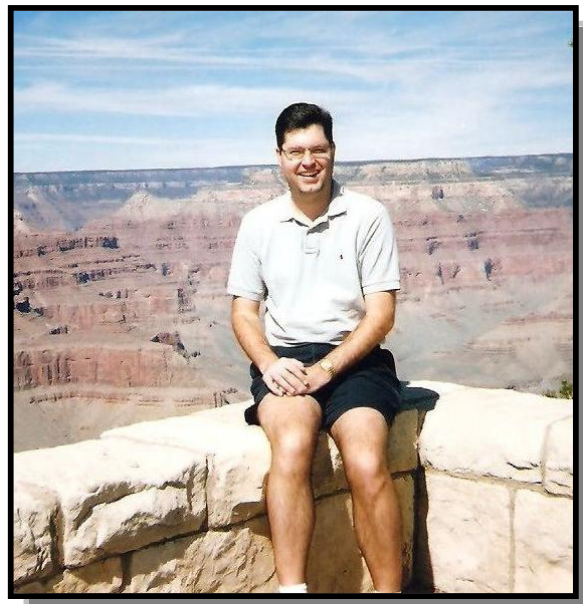
Drew

I am the youngest of four children. I have one brother, Dan and two sisters, Cindy and Nancy. My childhood was fairly typical. Like most boys, I

liked to play sports outside with the neighborhood kids. We actually had a basketball court in our backyard, which took up the whole backyard. Only in Indiana would you find that! This became the neighborhood hangout. My parents appreciated that they were able to keep an eye on my friends and me. During school I played soccer, basketball, baseball, took piano lessons, and was on the chess team. My parents attended all of my games. My Mom was the team chauffer, and my Dad was in charge of keeping the referees on their toes. I still have a love for sports and have developed quite a large amount of useless sports trivia. I also enjoyed collecting baseball cards. I would mow lawns in the summer for the money to expand my collection.

My parents are big believers in the value of an education. My father made it a priority to save enough money to send all of us to private high school and college. School, I loved it! I was competitive and wanted to be the best in the class. This determination led to advanced classes in high school, in which I did very well and continued my education through college.

My parents still live in Indianapolis. They have been married for 54 years. Dad retired in 1989. He became a little bored so he took a job as the bookkeeper at a church and continues to do this at the age of 78. He is also still very involved with his



church. Mom decided after raising 4 children, she wanted to get her nursing degree. So at age 60 sporting braces, her backpack, and her new hairdo she started back in school. Two years later, we all attended her graduation. After graduating, she decided not to join the workforce but to use her skills volunteering with Hospice and spending time with her 5 grandchildren. Nothing would thrill my parents more than to be able to make that an even number of 6 grandchildren.

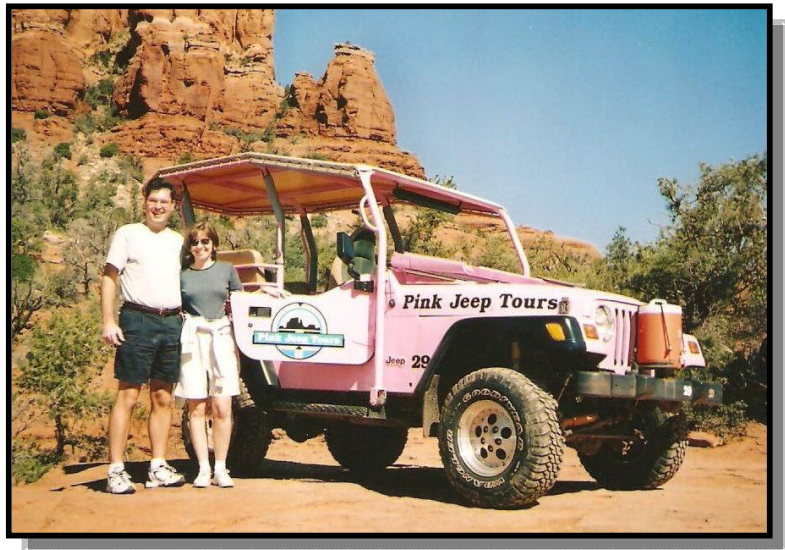
I still remain close to all of my siblings even though distance separates us. We treasure the small amount of time that we have together as a family. The influence of Grandma Kathryn still lives in all of us. We play games at all of our family gatherings. Each year all of the family comes together for the Indianapolis 500. It has become a family tradition.

How we met

On the first day of French class Drew was junior year of high school, the teacher told the class to speak only French once they entered the classroom. He quickly realized that this class was not for him, so he transferred to Finite Math where he got to know me.

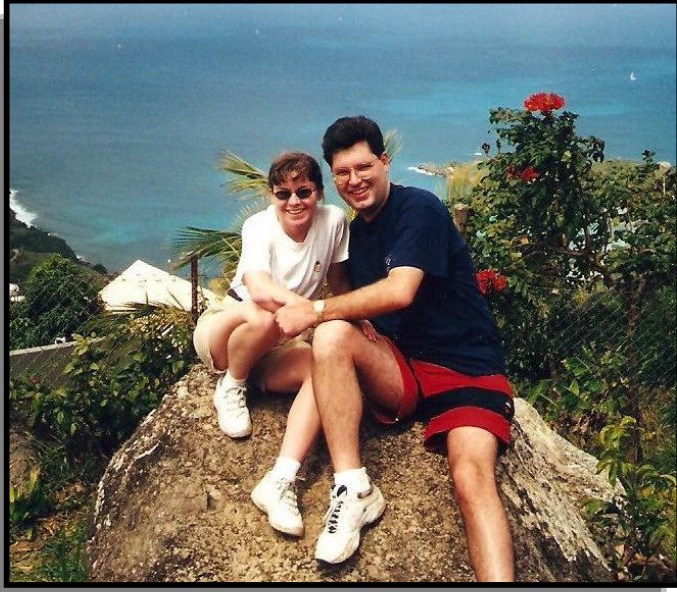
Drew sat behind me and tied my shoe strings to the desk and pulled on my hair. He was such a flirt! It is funny,

but I knew he was the one for me. On our first date we went with his family to see the Broadway show "Cats". That summer we spent a lot of time together: going to movies, out to dinner, talking on his parents' cool porch, really getting to know each other. That fall I went off to college. Through the next five years while we were both in college, we managed to stay together. We were able to see each other on holiday breaks and weekend road-trips. We talked frequently on the phone and used that time to learn to really talk to each other. Distance makes the heart grow fonder, and we appreciated our time together so much more. We were married the summer after Drew graduated on June 12, 1993. He was so handsome in his tuxedo. Drew got a job as a cost analyst for a publishing company, I worked in the children's department of a local chain store, and we began our life as a married couple. .



Drew as a Daddy

Drew will make a great father because he is sensitive and has a great sense of humor. I think you need those qualities to make the most of life. We used it to survive our fertility treatments, moving away from family, and building our relationship. He is a gentle giant with children. They climb on him like a jungle gym because he is so tall. He loves to wrestle with them, play games, joke around, and just be silly. He is strong with discipline



but lavishes them with love. They know they can hug and love on him, too. Homework help will be his area of expertise. He is intelligent and did very well in school. We were both raised to be ethical and moral people. I believe our similarities in background will be our strongest strength in raising your child. It's amazing how, in life, everything goes back to how your parents raised you, the older I get the more I realize this.

Stacey as a Mommy

Stacey will make a great mother because she is sensitive, energetic

and organized. She never stops. She will be able to keep up with the energy and vitality of a child. She is not afraid of an adventure and loves just to be with children. When I see her around kids, she has that motherly glow. I can actually picture Stacey climbing on the jungle gym in the park, because I have seen it. She has a childlike quality that draws children to her. She always has open arms and big hugs in return. She will be the super mom that all the children crave. We both believe in the same ways to raise a child. We both believe that a child should have loving, caring parents who not only love their child, but love each other.

Thank you for reading our letter and getting to know us. We would gladly answer any questions you have, talk with you by telephone, or meet you, in person. You can reach us through Steve and Joel Kirsh at 800-333-5736.

In closing, we know this is very difficult for you. We want to do what we can to help. Likewise, we would be happy to send you letters and photographs, letting you know how your child is getting along, if you wish.