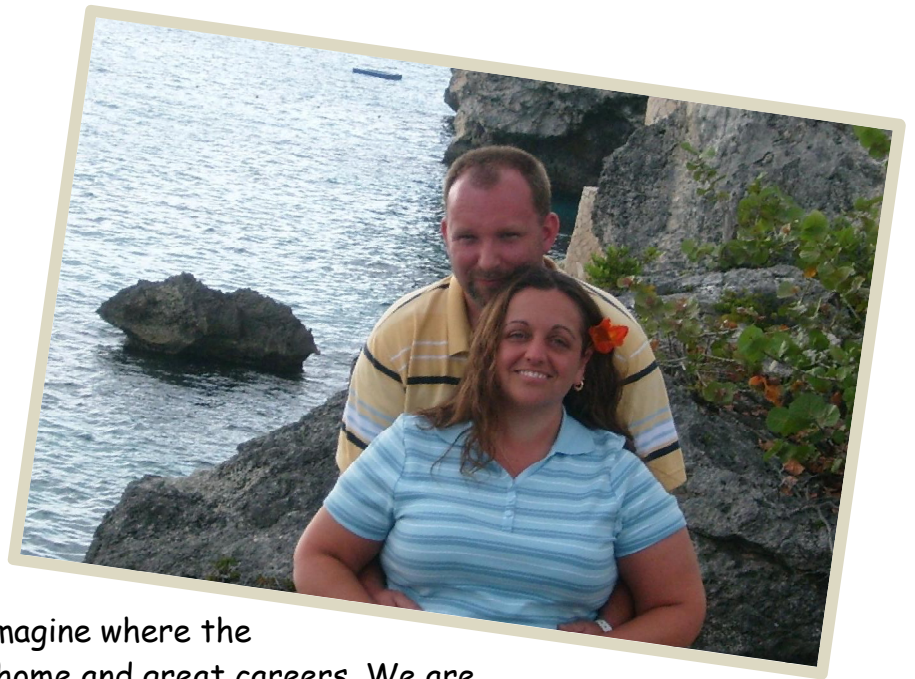


Dear Birth Mother,

To be honest with you this is a very difficult letter to write. While this is an exciting and hopeful time in our lives, we realize the pain and confusion you must be experiencing. We're Stephen, 38, and Amber, 35. We have been blessed with a happy 13 years of marriage -- we can't imagine where the

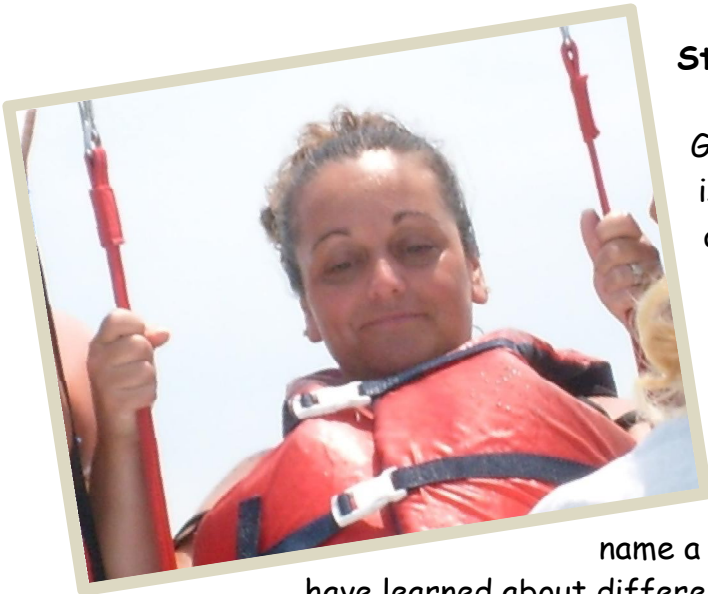
time has gone. We have a nice home and great careers. We are looking forward to adding a child to our loving home. We have always known we wanted to have a family. Early on, we decided that we should build a strong marriage and our careers before we started our family. We wanted to be able, financially and emotionally, to support a child before we became parents. When we were finally ready, mother nature didn't agree. We have been trying to have a child for about eight years using different stages of fertility treatments but have been unable to conceive. This has led us down the path of disappointment and loss. As we weighed our options, we came to an agreement: the most important outcome was to have a loving family. This led us to the decision to adopt, to share all the love we have for each other with a child. Right now, as you are reading this letter, both of us are experiencing a flood of intense emotions. We can't imagine how you're feeling right now as you're looking through profiles of prospective parents, looking for only what is important to you in a family. We wish you well, and we're sure you will make a good decision. We admire you for your brave decision to consider adoption for your baby and, at the same time, give a family like us the most amazing gift of all -- the chance to share our love with a child.



About Steve:

I am the only child of my parents, Steve and Donna, who live in a small town in Western Massachusetts. My father retired from GE after 30 years. My mother was always a homemaker. As a child, I had a very strong and extensive family support system. We got together with my grandparents every Friday night for dinner. My parents never forced me into any after school activities but were always there in support. I played three years of varsity basketball and one year of

varsity soccer. Also, I graduated in the top third of my class. I met Amber on a Friday night at her work. When I saw her, I leaned over to my buddy (who would be my best man at our wedding) and told him I was going to marry this woman. After a few months of nervous chit-chat, I asked her out, and, finally, our relationship began. It continues to grow every day for the last 14 years we've been together.



Steve talks about Amber:

God has blessed us in so many ways. Amber is a Restaurant General Manager. She absolutely loves her job, and the company is family-oriented. We have a large group of friends and family who are excitedly following our adoption journey. Amber's company provides opportunity for travel. We have been to some amazing places -- Jamaica, Bahamas, and Florida Keys, to

name a few. We have been to other countries and

have learned about different cultures and are looking to share our adventures with a child. Amber will make an excellent mother because of the way she takes care of our nieces and nephews. Amber has this way of making a child she has never met feel like they have known her their whole lives. Amber is the "ying" to my "yang" When I met her, I was this shy never-left-my-home town type of guy, and, now, I have been to different countries and have moved away from my hometown to provide opportunities for Amber and our future child.

Amber talks about Steve:

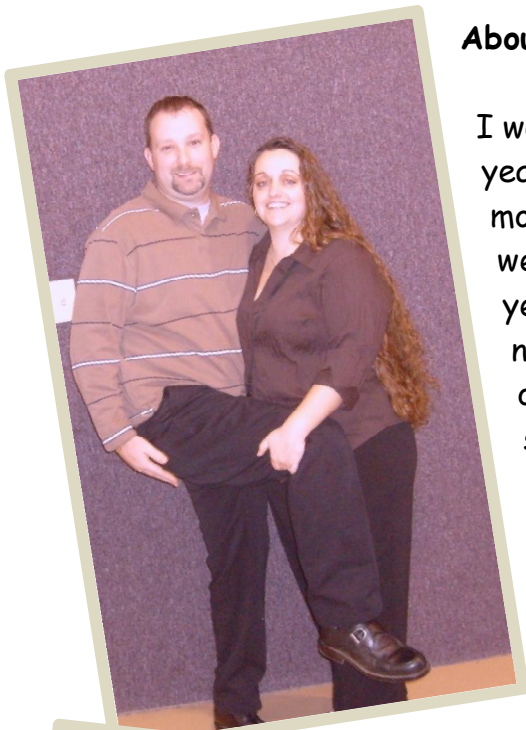
When I was a little girl, I dreamed of having a charming prince and a family with whom to live happily ever. Well, I found my prince. I know I can always count on him. He is mellow in nature. He is always concerned about me. When I'm sick or don't feel well, he always tends to my every need. (He is so cute: if I have a cold, his first stop is to the store buy me fresh orange juice.) He is sensitive and just a nice guy. He is a "fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pant's" guy. You know the last minute type



of person. I'm more of the following the rules and structure type of girl. We balance each other out and that makes us a great team. I love to make his lunch for work and leave notes in lunches with little messages: "I love you", "Thinking of you", or "Here's a kiss for a better day"(leaving Hershey Kisses in his lunch). I always make fun of Steve about his parents. Because they are so close, I call them the "Leave it to Beaver" family. I love my in-laws; they are great people. Since both of his parents are retired, they have plenty of time for us and our family. Steve has a small family, so it's important to him to keep in close contact with them. I know that I am blessed to have found my soul mate.

About Amber:

I was born in California and lived there until I was about 13 years old. I lived with my grandmother mostly because my mother had me when she was young. My grandmother and I were very close and still are. She comes to visit twice a year, and I visit once. I have always respected her. She never had to yell at me. The worst I ever did was stay out to late. All she would have to say is how disappointed she was in me for breaking her trust, and I would just feel bad and not let it happen again. When I was growing up, my grandmother took care of foster kids, We always had many children in and out of our house. I remember once I asked why we have so many different children living with us. She would just say everyone needs a home and someone who loves them. I can remember over the years, at Christmas, people would come out of the woodwork to visit. It would be the children whom my grandmother had helped over the years. Many of them would bring their families and join us for a big Christmas dinner. This made me feel like I had a never-ending family. I have two brothers and a sister. We get together to spend some time with our grandmother, at least, once a year. I have two grandmothers and a grandfather still alive. I have eight nieces and nephews with whom I love to spend time. I guess you can also say I am daring. I am always trying something new like



parasailing, cliff diving, and bungee jumping to name a few things. I am a free spirit. That I can talk to anyone is a trait I got from my dad. Some say I'm too friendly. I think life is too short not to meet a new person each day. Steve and I get together with family members every year for special vacations. This makes great stories for the family reunions.

About Us:

We relish our free time and can't wait to have a child to share it with. We love the outdoors, movies, traveling, and long walks along the beach. There just something about the peace and power of the ocean that draws us to it.

We live in a big city in the Midwest, but you could never tell from looking outside. We live on a dead end street with only eight houses; four on each side. We are the youngest couple in the neighborhood. The average couple has lived on this street for more than 30 years. All the families's grandchildren come to visit on the weekends. We have a block parties and other events including yearly block sales. All of the neighbors know each other by name. It's a really quiet neighborhood.

We have tennis courts, basketball courts and a park in walking distance from the house. We live in a 3 bedroom, ranch style house that has plenty of room for raising a child. We have an enormous, gated back yard with a swimming pool and a hot tub. Behind our back yard is a horse farm. We have been talking to the owner about helping take care of his livestock. (Horses, Llamas, Goats, and Sheep). The kids in the neighborhood love to feed the animals.



Family Values:

We value compassion, communication, honesty and adventure. Through our own life examples, we hope to pass these qualities on to your child. Just as our parents passed them to us. Your child will be raised with strong and consistent values of love and integrity. Our life together while happy, is not complete without the joy of a laughing child to fill our home. Family, friends and especially young cousins eagerly await a new member of the family to be added.. We love each other deeply and are happily being together, but there is a great hole in our hearts where a child should be. You would always be known as the woman who gave a miracle of life, and who gave the greatest gift of love to this family.

Conclusion:

We want to thank you for taking the time to glimpse into our lives during this important decision process. We can't imagine how much courage and sacrifice it takes to make this type of decision. There are so many people, that want and have the ability to love and provide a stable home for children. Please give us that opportunity to provide a home for your child., by making an adoption plan for your, you are truly blessing so many more lives than you could ever know. All we can say is if you choose us, we will be loving, patient and understanding parents. We will give your child a wonderful and bright future. We will be very involved with your child, whether it's a school day, sporting events, or just a PTA meeting. Our work situation is ideal for raising a child. With both of us having flexible schedules, we will not be using day care. This will allow your child to grow up with the active involvement from both of us. We intend to be involved in every aspect in our child's life and would be happy to send you letters and photos, letting you know how your child is getting older, if you wish. If you have any questions please contact Steve & Joel Kirsh at 1-800-333-5736. If you don't get them don't worry they will call back as soon as possible. They answer their phones 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Amber & Steve

