

On vacation in Hawaii - Jan '10

Dear Expectant Mother:

We are Fran and Tim. If you are reading this letter, we know that you are considering the most unselfish, loving act -- making an adoption plan for your baby. We can only imagine the difficulties, the thoughtfulness and the impossible heartache that have brought you to this point. We pray that you will find peace and comfort as you consider the possibilities and decide what will be best for you and your baby. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for considering us as adoptive parents for your child.

Meet our Family

We met in May, 2000, set up through a friend. On our first date, Fran locked herself out of her apartment and had to wait for her roommate to return, so we had a marathon 7-hour date! It

worked! Two years later, we were married. It was a magical night that started off a marriage which gets stronger every day.

After several years and many doctors' appointments, we learned that we will most likely never conceive a child. Although the news was disappointing, the clearest and most important decision we have ever made was to adopt. A number of our closest friends are adopted themselves or have adopted children, so we knew how inspired adoptions are. We knew that God intended for our family to grow through the beautiful gift of adoption.

One night in February 2007, we received a phone call saying a birth mother had chosen us as adoptive parents. A week later our lives were eternally blessed by the birth of Sam. He is an amazing gift from a wonderful woman, Angela, and we are so thankful to have him in our lives. We love being parents and have no doubt that he is meant to be a part of our family. Just as importantly, Angela will forever be in our hearts and prayers.

Adoption and parenthood have been amazing, wonderful, positive experiences for us. We are so excited to welcome another child into our lives.



Our 8th Anniversary -Aug '10

Tim's Story (by Fran)



Tim's warm blue eyes, dimples and kindness put everyone who meets him instantly at ease. It is easy to know why he is like this when you meet his parents. Tim's Mom and Dad raised 3 wonderful boys in a town near ours. They surrounded their boys with family and friends, raised them to have strong faith in God, unending curiosity, a great work-ethic and genuine care for others. They generously provided for them – education, travel, opportunities to play sports, music-- but never spoiled them. As a result, Tim is truly the finest person I know. He stays in touch with friends from grade school through graduate school, often stealing a minute here and there to connect with an old friend. He played soccer into his college years, which makes him both competitive and a team player – a fun combination when it comes to watching and playing sports. He is a loving and thoughtful husband – often leaving me little notes and cards

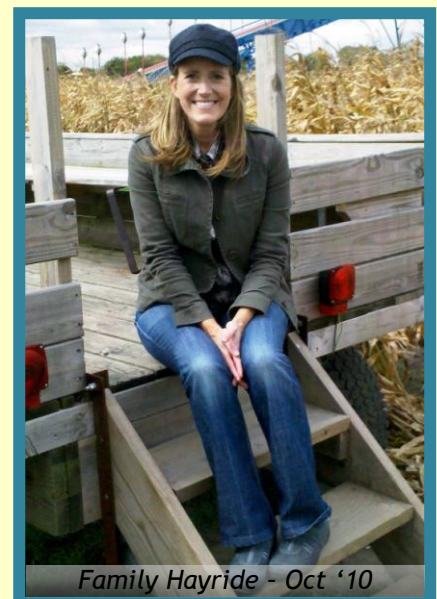
in the mornings before he goes to work.

But I think I am craziest about Tim when I see him as a Dad. Tim is a big, strong guy – 6'3 with broad shoulders-- but he is a gentle giant with Sam. He has such a sweet way – getting right down on the floor with Sam to play, read books, and be silly. He will love to explore new activities and interests with your child, as his parents did with him and as he does with Sam.

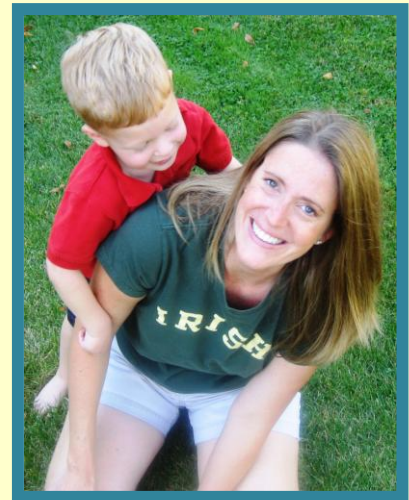
Fran's Story (by Tim)

Ten years ago when I met Fran, the qualities that drew me most to her were her warmth and generosity, and her sense of humor. To this day, I still love these qualities about her. They make her an incredible wife and mother. She is always thinking of others over her self – whether that involves baking my grandfather's favorite banana bread or staying up late after Sam and I go to bed working on a gift for a friend or family member.

Fran's parents really emphasized family time when she and her brother were growing up – they sat down together for dinner every night, and summer and winter vacations often included great family trips out west to a ranch, or skiing, or even to Europe. Occasionally, we still travel with Fran's parents, and some of the best laughs and conversations I have are around her family's dinner table, where we are frequent guests!



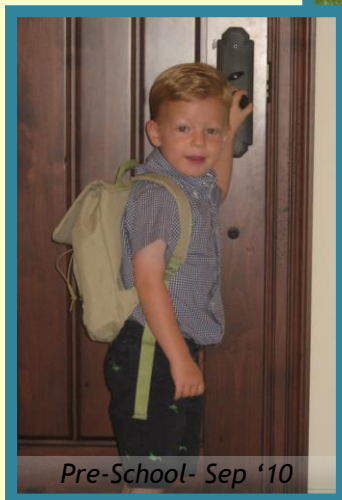
Although her prior job in marketing was very rewarding, she was excited about having the opportunity to be a “stay at home” mom. Watching Sam grow and learn every day is amazing and you can see her excitement about sharing these experiences with a new child. I know Fran will continue to be the mother she has always dreamed of being. I am so lucky to have her as my wife – my very best friend.



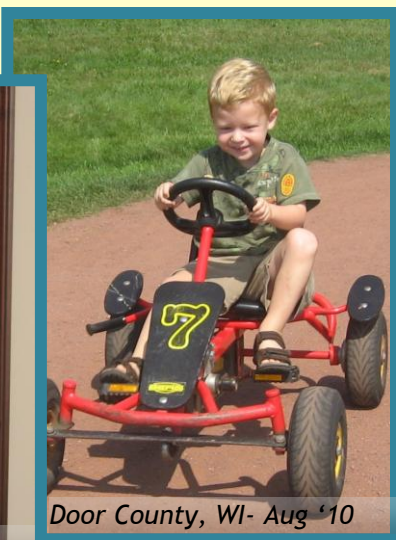
Sam

Everyone who meets Sam agrees that he is the happiest guy around! He makes friends so easily, confidently running up to children at the park or library and saying, “Hi, I’m Sam!” At 3½ years old, his favorite things include riding his Lightning McQueen bike down our sidewalk, pushing his own cart at the supermarket, sitting with us reading book after book about dinosaurs and anything to do with cars, the color orange, or his best friend Jack!

We’ve learned so much from Sam, the most important thing being to slow down and enjoy the simple things like staying at the park just a little bit longer to watch an ant crawl through the grass, reading a book in the middle of a sunny afternoon, building, tackling and rebuilding giant pillow forts in our family room!



Pre-School- Sep '10



Door County, WI- Aug '10

With his easy laugh and gentle manner, Sam will be a caring and protective older brother who shows the world to his little brother or sister.

Sam’s Adoption

We went to the hospital right after Sam was born in February 2007. The sacred, tender feelings surrounding the arrival of this precious baby and the love for him and

his birth mother were greater than anything we have experienced. We were able to meet Angela and spend the day with her in the hospital.

Our first concern when figuring out the “openness” of Sam’s adoption were the feelings of Angela. We made a plan with her about the type of contact we would have. She was comfortable with receiving occasional letters and pictures, so that is what we do. We would like to also approach this adoption in this way, doing all possible to honor the desires of you, the birth mother.

Our Life Together

Tim owns a successful IT business, which allows him the flexibility to spend time with our family, and also allows Fran to stay home with Sam. Last Spring, we built our dream home in a classic midwestern town with great schools, sidewalks for learning to ride bikes and beautiful big trees. Our home is spacious yet warm with 4 bedrooms, a big kitchen which has already been used countless to cook meals with friends and families, and a great basement and yard for children and friends to play.



We are a close, happy family who spends tons of time together doing silly normal things like going for walks into town for ice cream, singing and dancing to our favorite songs and barbecuing in our backyard with our friends and family. We also love to travel – Fran’s parents spend the winter at the beach in Florida so we escape spending many of the cold midwestern days digging in the sand in Florida! We also love to spend time at Tim’s family’s cabin on a lake in Wisconsin – enjoying fishing and boating in summer and roasting marshmallows by the bonfire on crisp Fall nights. It has been so exciting to introduce Sam to new experiences, and we would love nothing more than to have another little one in our family.



Our Extended Family

Our families are incredibly important to us and they so look forward to having another child to love. We have five nieces and nephews, all around Sam’s age and all within 20 minutes of our house, and we gather frequently for big, fun meals with lots of laughing and joking. We are lucky to have wonderful examples of marriage as well. Tim’s parents just took us all on a fun family vacation to Door County, Wisconsin to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary, and Fran’s parents will celebrate their 43rd anniversary in December.

Our Promise to You

We want you to know that we will love your child with all of our hearts. **We promise to:** Say / love you everyday... teach good values... provide the best education... talk about God and raise him/her in a church community... explore the world through travel, music, cultures, sports and arts... go to games, concerts and school events.. provide for him/her in every way... encourage individuality and thoughtfulness... and continue to make a home full of love, laughter, happiness, warmth, strong values and support.

Most of all, your child will know, without a doubt, that you loved them enough to give them life and make this incredibly difficult and courageous choice, just as they will know that we thank God every day for bringing him/her to us.

If you are interested in learning more, we would love to talk with, or meet you, or both. Thank you again for taking the time to read our letter. You can reach our attorneys, Steve and Joel Kirsh, at 1-800-333-5736.



No matter what you decide, we wish you only the best during this challenging time. Our hearts and thoughts go out to you.

Fran & Tim