

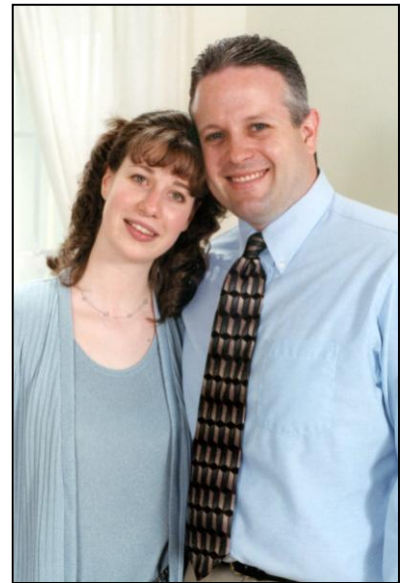
# Christine, Glenn & Glennie

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Dear Birthparents,

We are Christine and Glenn. Thank you so much for taking the time to consider us for adoption. We can't imagine the amount of thought and consideration you must be going through to make this difficult decision. The strength you have, making the decision of adoption, is a blessing, giving a family the gift of a child which they may not have had if on their own. We respect the decision that you will make, knowing you are thinking in the best interest of a child. We would love to share with you the story of us and our family.

Christine is what I would consider to be the sweetest person I have ever met. Christine is truly devoted to her family. Christine is a respiratory therapist, and has been working in the field for over 14 years. She has a flexible schedule and only works part-time. Chris likes to read books, watch movies, listen to music, gardening, cooking, working out and spending time with our families. Even though Christine likes her job, I believe her true calling is motherhood. I've seen the joy and patience she has with our son. When she is not aware of it, I watch her playing with children and I see the joy they bring to her. Chris always plans ahead. Chris is a "Rock" when it comes to stressful situations. Through the ups and downs of infertility, she has always been focused on extending our family. She always tries to remain calm; bring people together and do what ever she can to help in any situation. Chris is a very loving, patient and nurturing person and is a wonderful mother.



Glenn is a loving husband devoted to his family. He is a fun guy that is very outgoing. I consider him to be a "Social Butterfly". He likes watching movies, music, cooking, going to the gym and working around the house. Glenn has been a firefighter/paramedic for over 15 years. Glenn continues to attend many classes that pertain to his job. Glenn believes that you should never stop learning. Never the less, no matter how dedicated Glenn is to his work, he has always put his family first and we have been blessed to have him working for an organization that supports that belief. In all circumstances, Glenn treats all the people he meets the same, with respect and care that they deserve, not passing judgment on anyone no matter their circumstance. It is that sort of belief that Glenn has carried over to his personal life. Glenn is the type of guy who would do anything for you. He is very loving and wonderful dad.

We met 11 years ago working at the same hospital. Glenn worked in the E.R. as a Tech and Christine worked as a Respiratory Therapist. We first met outside the hospital while we were on a break. Glenn knew from the start that Chris was someone that he wanted to get to know better. She was a little quiet, but very sweet, where he is not so quiet, but as

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they say, opposites attract. We would always try to take our breaks and lunches at the same time so we could get to know each other better and we learned that we weren't that different after all. After a short time of spending time together at work, Chris had to ask Glenn out on a first date, she was tired of waiting for him to make his move.

Two years to the day after our first date, we were engaged. We chose to have a small wedding and use our resources to buy a home. We decided to have our wedding out of state and on a beach. So, after all our planning, on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001, one year after our engagement, we were married. We were very happy to have such an intimate and personal wedding. The tropical environment allowed everybody to be relaxed and we were able to enjoy the day. Married life is wonderful and we have plans of expanding our family. But, because of infertility problems, our plans were delayed. In 2005, we decided that the best way for us to have children was through adoption. We are so glad we made that decision.



In December 2005, we received a call asking us if we would be willing to drive a couple of hours to meet a couple who just had a baby boy. Of course we said yes! We left our house at 1P.M. and what should have taken 2 ½ to 3 hours, because of a foot of snow, took us 9. We met one of the nicest couples we've ever met. They explained their situation to us as we did with them and after an hour of talking and learning about our families, they chose us to be the adoptive parents of their son. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, our son Glenn Alan was born.

When we saw and held him for the first time, it was like we knew him all of our lives. It was one of the greatest days of our lives. Chris's parents came with us the day we brought Glenn home from the hospital.

Glennie has grown up to be a wonderful, mischievous little boy. He talks about how he wants to be a big brother. He is very outgoing and likes playing with other children. He is especially fond of Crystal his 9 year old aunt. He calls her his "Best Friend". He can't wait to start preschool soon and likes to read books, ride his bike and play computer games. We correspond with Glennie's birthparents often, sending letters and pictures regularly. Every Christmas and birthday, they send a gift and a letter letting us know how they are doing. It is so nice to keep in touch with them, so when Glennie gets older, we can share this with him.



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## Christine's Family

I have twin brothers that are five years younger. We were raised Catholic and attended C.C.D. We are a devoted family, always spending time together. My dad worked in Chicago for the phone company climbing poles and installing phones, he is semi-retired working part-time. My mom was a stay at home mom, but took a job in the school lunch room when my brothers started first grade. My mom's work schedule was the same as our school schedule. She was always home when we left for and came home from school, and had the holidays off. We always ate dinner together every night and always spent time together as a family. We are very close with my grandmother, aunts, uncles and cousins. My parents have been married for 35 years and they were high school sweet hearts. They are loving, open minded people. They raised us to be kind, honest and understanding, and to treat people how we would want to be treated. My parents taught us the importance of an education. All three of their children are college graduates. They never set limitations, always supporting our interests. Mike, Dan and I have all gone off in three different directions. Mike is an electrical engineer, Danny graduated with a degree in fine arts and I have a degree in respiratory therapy. Even though we went in three different directions, our parents always supported our decisions.

## Glenn's Family

I have three younger brothers, Matthew, Pat and Ivan and two younger sisters Carmencita and Crystal. Ivan, Carmencita, and Crystal are adopted. We were raised Catholic. We are a very close family, now as well as growing up. My father was a mailman and my mom is a housewife as well as being foster parents through D.C.F.S. We lived on my father's route, which he had for 30 years. Periodically during the day, my dad would stop home for lunch or his breaks. It was nice having him close while he was at work. Our mom was at home when we left for school and was there when we came home. Our parents stressed the importance of education. In December of 1988, our dad passed away from complications of the flu. It was a very tough time and was the greatest loss in our life. Thankfully, our mom decided she would continue being a foster parent. If it were not for that decision, our two adopted sisters would not have come into our life. My mother is still a foster parent today.

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## Our Family

Our parents are wonderful grandparents. They have been a great support to us, giving us love and understanding, not creating any other pressures on us during our difficult times of infertility. They have seen the disappointments we went through trying to conceive a child and are thrilled we chose adoption to extend our family. They encourage and support us during the adoption process. They look forward to having many grandchildren in their lives.



We have dogs named Rocco and Abbey and a cat named Sydney. We got Rocco as a puppy in 2007 and he and Glennie grew up together. Rocco is such a comfort because when Glennie is in the backyard, Rocco is always with him watching, protecting and barking at the littlest thing. Sydney is a gentle indoor cat and is comfortable with children. Abbey is a new addition to our family; Glenn brought her home from work July 2009, after a person left her at the firehouse.

We live in a three bedroom home in the southwest suburbs. We have a nice size backyard and our neighborhood is extremely quiet. We have gotten to know our neighbors and we have been told that there are a couple hundred kids of all ages on the surrounding blocks. When we purchased our home, we took into consideration the neighborhood and school districts knowing, we would have children someday. The area we live in is fairly new. As the area grew, so did the infrastructure with new parks and schools. We decided that Christine would be the primary care giver and will be working part-time at the hospital. Glenn's has a set schedule and after his time off, works about 100 days a year leaving the rest of his time to spend with his family. Because of the flexibility of our schedule and our time off, we are able to spend our time with our family.

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We will raise our children to be honest, helpful, polite and considerate towards people. Education will be a priority, supporting them in their studies. We also would support them with any creative activities or sports they would want to explore. Being Catholic, we would introduce them to our religion, but will support them when they get older to make their decision regarding their religious beliefs. We would raise them to be well rounded, appreciating life, not being overwhelmed with one particular part of their life. We will let them know that they are adopted. We will explain to them everything we went through to extend our family, and that a wonderful person blessed us with a child. We will explain the challenges that people go through when having a child and that adoption is like a gift from God. We will tell our child that every family is special in its own way, not better or worse, just unique. We will teach them that when a person you love, comes into your life, you don't focus on how they came into your life, you focus on the joy they bring you and the happiness they have given you.



Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. We appreciate you considering us for adoption. We hope you have found us to be a warm and loving family. We hope that you can find peace in the decision you make.

Sincerely,

Glenn and Christine