

Dear Birth Mother:

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to introduce ourselves to you as you prepare to make this incredibly difficult and important decision. We can only begin to imagine the courage and love it took for you to decide to pursue adoption for your child, and we promise your child will know what an amazing woman you are to have made this selfless choice. We will pray for you-and thank God for you every single day of our lives.

### About Dan & Julie

We are Dan and Julie and we met on a blind date arranged by a mutual friend. We hit it off right away and knew we were each other's soul mate and began dreaming of having a family. Exactly two years to the date, we got married in a beautiful ceremony before all our family and friends. Along with all the usual wedding traditions (first dance, father daughter, and mother-son dance) Dan and his friends surprised me by sitting me down, surrounding me and serenading me to "You Lost That Loving Feeling." Straight from the Top Gun playbook; he did not have to go to such extremes since he won my heart on our very first date.



Together we are building a wonderful life. We both know how hard it is to find that perfect someone and we are grateful every day that we have found each other. Dan is a funny, caring and sensitive husband who loves and adores his wife. I am a loving, kind, compassionate woman who returns the same love to Dan. Your baby will be growing up in a home that's always warm and welcoming, full of love and laughter.



### Dan about Dan:

I am a union carpenter who learned the trade from my father who worked as a carpenter for 45 years. I am a loyal employee and enjoy doing home improvement projects on the evenings and weekends. I am always available to help family and friends and like seeing the end product of my work. I like to golf and enjoy spending the day

outside and the challenge of the game and different courses.

**Julie about Julie:**

I am a college graduate who works in the nonprofit industry. I am a dedicated and smart employee who has had many promotions throughout my career. I have used my skills in nonprofit management to volunteer for various boards including the Youth Board at my church. I have been involved in youth ministry for over 15 years.



**Our Friends & Family:**

We have family and friends in the area who are encouraging us through the adoption process. They all look forward to welcoming your baby into the family; and seeing us become parents. Anyone of them will tell you about our generous hearts and kind spirits- and why we are the best choice to parent your child.

As we mentioned, we knew from the time we met that our future included a child. We both love children and the absolute joy they bring to life. We have many young cousins, nieces, nephews and friends with children and both of us marvel at what miracles every one of them is. We have great times attending their sporting events, taking them to the zoo and other activities. I am honored to be the godmother to two of my nephews and take that role very seriously.



**Our childhoods:**

Dan- My family enjoyed camping which included fishing, smores around the campfire and other activities. I remember the summer when I caught my first big fish, an 8.5 lb walleye. We used the camp ground in the winter for snowmobiling, and family fun building snowmen, forts and having the occasional snowball fight. My parents were very active in all my extracurricular activities and cheered me on in my wrestling and football games. A highlight of my high school wrestling career was a trip to the state finals were my parents, brother and sister were there to support and cheer me on.

Julie- My family took many family vacations. We went to Minnesota for camping with my aunts, uncles and cousins. We enjoyed swimming in the lakes, paddle boat rides, and other water activates. My favorite family vacation was a road trip to Disney World. It was a blast to visit that magical place with my parents and two brothers. My family was and is my biggest cheerleader and encouraged me in track and cross country in high school. After completing my first race, my parents were at the finish line with flowers because they were proud that I finished. During my college years my parents and brothers enjoyed all the family planned activities for family weekend and it was a joy for me to show off my family to my new college friends.



**Julie & Dan now:**

We are both passionate about the work of The American Cancer Society. We have volunteered for the past three years as team captains for the local Relay for Life event and enjoy supporting our community and raising money for this very important cause.

We enjoy bowling, going to movies and having game nights with friends and family and playing with our dog, Copper. Our favorite time is when we are together and involved with family/friends attending birthday parties, weddings, anniversaries or just the summer get together.

**Our Dog:**

Two years ago we brought home our puppy Cooper, a loving and fun cocker spaniel. Cooper is well behaved and loves playing with our nieces and nephews. He also likes to bathe in the sun on our patio and watch the cars and people go by. He thinks he is the king of the castle; and he is. The unconditional love he has brought to our lives is priceless.



**Our family philosophy:**

We believe there is no greater calling in life than to be a parent and we take that responsibility very seriously. Our journey to become parents included several cycles of infertility treatment before we accepted that we would not be able to conceive and carry a child. Having gone through that experience made us stronger as a couple and taught us to appreciate the gift of a child even more. We both know that surviving that experience – and emerging stronger is a testament to the strength of our marriage and our ability to handle adversity.

We know raising a child is not easy, but we also know we have the strength, wisdom and appreciation for life to do it. We are committed to being parents through all the ups and downs that life will bring, from the baby years through the teenage years and far beyond. You can know with complete certainty that your baby will be loved every single day of his/her life, just as we were in our own families.

We will be devoted and loving parents to your child. The family values instilled in us as children have given us the passion and desire to be the support and encouragement for your child. We believe in the importance of education and the value in participating in social activities. Our community has strong school districts and schools all within walking distance of our residence. The park district offers many activities such as crafts, arts and sports. The town has many family friendly events including a summer block party, movies in the park, a winter wonder land. We have a local new library, water park and many safe playgrounds. Our community was voted by a national magazine in 2010 as the best town in America to raise a family.

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**Our Faith:**

We were both raised with a faith in God. We are very active in our church and attend weekly services. We believe that adoption is the path God has planned for us in family building, and pray daily that through adoption we will know the joys and wonder of being a parent. Thank you for making this difficult and selfless choice and we pray God's guidance on your decision. Julie & Dan

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