

Jacob and Laura

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First, we want to recognize how courageous we think you are for the decision you are making! We understand how difficult this decision must be for you, we pray for you as you make this decision.

The two of us met during our high school years in Bible quizzing. We started our dating relationship the summer before Jacob's first year of college and were married four years later in May of 2002. For us marriage has meant sharing life together as best friends and we feel it is the ultimate companionship.

Jacob brings his calm and relaxed nature to the relationship, while Laura is outgoing and energetic. Together we are the perfect balance for each other. Jacob is very good with numbers, and he is a wonderful accountant and money manager for our family. Laura is the organizer of the family; she enjoys organizing the home and cooking and baking new recipes!

We have lots in common, and even our differences have brought us closer together. Jacob from a young age has had a passion for baseball. Together we have enjoyed this love for baseball. Every year we visit a different baseball park. This time spent together has created a bond between us. We plan ahead and always look forward to our next trip. Laura has always loved the beach! We have visited numerous beaches, and we love to wiggle our toes in the sand!

Another newfound love is our trips to Chicago to see Broadway shows. Jacob introduced Laura to this idea three years ago. We have been to Chicago and New York to see shows. We love going with family and friends! We also love to visit theme parks! Hands down we think roller coasters are tons of fun!

Above all, we love time with family and friends! Laura has seven siblings. Jacob has one brother and four step-siblings. We have nineteen nieces and nephews and lots of friends.

Jacob about Laura: I admire her bubbly personality and laughter. She brings fun to our relationship. I love her ability to be hospitable and caring.

Laura about Jacob: I admire his ability to be calm during chaotic moments. I admire his ability to stay on task. I love his love for children! Especially his willingness to read to them for hours!



Jacob has a Bachelor degree in accounting. In addition, he is a Certified Public Accountant. Jacob works as an Assistant Finance and Administration Director for a company. Laura has an Associate of Arts degree in Business. Laura is an Administrative Assistant for a University. The flexibility in our careers will allow Laura to stay home part-time with our child. The opportunity to be home is a wonderful blessing!

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Our passion to have children has been in our hearts during our entire marriage. Early on we had hoped of having a family through pregnancy. However, we learned our desire would be fulfilled through adoption! Laura was adopted as an infant. She knew as a teenager that one day she would like to give another child the same gift she was given.

Laura was adopted and is able to identify with the difficulty of understanding adoption. She knows it is a gift and a special part of a child's story. As a couple, we will have the privilege of sharing about this wonderful gift with our child. We will be able to share the child's family heritage and their family tree. Laura will have a common bond of being an adoptee.

Our yearning for children comes from a love we have for children. We look forward to having a family of our own. We want to carry on our legacy and traditions. We will raise our children in a Christian home.

Jacob: As a child I went camping with my family. I remember sitting around the fire, going hiking, and playing card games. When I was little we played catch in the backyard. We took a family vacation to Disney World. At Christmas time we would get together with family. Lastly, we took trips to Iowa to visit Grandpa and Grandma on the farm.

Laura: Some of my favorite memories as a child are going to the county fair and eating corn dogs and french fries with vinegar--delicious! I remember frequent family outings to the dairy bar to get a family favorite--chocolate covered bananas! As a family we went on bike rides and shopping trips and we took part in summer library reading programs and had many birthday celebrations. We went on family vacations to Myrtle Beach, and we also visited my aunt and uncle. Each year family gathered at our house to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We are Christians who love the Lord. We are very active in our church. We teach preschoolers and work at the children security check-in desk. In addition, Laura is a greeter, works in the nursery, and is a member of the Women's ministry council. Jacob is an usher and serves on the media team. Each year, we volunteer as teachers of Vacation Bible School.

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Our families are celebrating with us as we endeavor on this journey of adoption. Laura's parents have shared in their own journey of adopting 4 children. Their excitement is overflowing as they take part in our journey. Our parents and siblings, extended family, church family and friends are joyfully anticipating the newest member of our family through the amazing gift of adoption.

Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for the gift that you as a birthmother are giving to us: the gift of family!

Please call us: 815-216-2502

With gratitude and blessings!

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