

Mary, Sarah & Steve

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Dear Birthmother,

With an open heart and an open mind we would like to introduce ourselves. Our names are Steve and Mary. By this letter, we hope to share with you a little about ourselves and our desire to adopt a baby. We also want to express our hope that you experience peace in the decisions you have to make right now. Please know that if you decide we are the right family for your child, we will cherish this gift of life and share your love with your child.



We love each other deeply and are best friends. It's a true comfort to have someone that knows everything about you and cares about you too. We met on a summer camp in Europe during college. Somewhere in between the German Black Forest and the local establishments we became good friends. Our friendship continued to grow, we fell in love and after graduation we got married in 1993. Because of our love for each other, we always knew we would want a family.

We've spent 8 years trying to conceive, but after several surgeries for endometriosis, infertility treatments, and a miscarriage, we decided that adoption would be in our future. We have been blessed to adopt our daughter Sarah in May 2004 when she was 2 months old. She has filled our home with joy.

Sarah is a social and funny little girl, two years old. She is amazingly smart and friendly. We think she'll make a great big-sister. Both Steve and I have siblings and wanted to make sure Sarah had one too, especially one close in age.



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We both come from very family oriented backgrounds. We were both raised Catholic and are practicing Catholics today. Steve's parents have been married for 44 years and Mary's parents had been married for 29 years when her dad died of cancer. Steve has a sister. Mary has three sisters and now a brother (Mom remarried). We have 5 nieces and nephews, between the ages of 2 and 11 years old, who are very

eager to have more cousins. Four of them live within an hour away, so we get to see them often. Holidays, vacation and family gatherings are always great times with our families.



We live in a comfortable house with three bedrooms and finished basement that is now scattered with toys. We have a big backyard with trees, a vegetable garden, flowers and a play area. Our town is a rural community west of Chicago. The elementary school, parks, library, grocery store and our Church all are within walking distance.



We both enjoy going for walks with Sarah, cross-country skiing, and vacationing together. We take frequent trips to Wisconsin to visit family. We also have been able to travel to Wyoming, Arizona, South Dakota, Florida, Jamaica, and Mexico. Our hope is to share our love of the outdoors and desire to travel with our children. We both were able to travel with our families and have carried on that tradition with Sarah.



Steve is athletic, has a great sense of humor, and loves outdoor activities including fishing, running, and hunting. He is quiet and a great listener. He is a patient and caring father and loving husband. Mary is outgoing, enthusiastic, and a nature lover, she likes to practice yoga, cook, and garden too. She is a fun-loving, child oriented, caring



wife and mother. Steve is a Police Officer and Mary is now a stay at home mom. Before bringing home Sarah, Mary taught

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7th grade Science. She now tutors a few students, and volunteers in the environmental education field. Life is very stable for us, with Steve really enjoying his job and Mary is truly loving being home full time with Sarah.

Adoption has become our saving grace. We give thanks for Sarah's birthparents every day for the life and love they gave her. They gave us the greatest gift in the world. We continue to send emails and pictures back and forth to Sarah's birth mom. We feel comfortable with an open adoption. Sarah knows she is adopted (at least we tell her) and we will continue to give her information about her birth mom as she grows older. Adoption has been a great gift in Mary's family. Her niece and nephew were adopted domestically. It has been nice to have that connection.

Our strongest desire now is more children. We believe that there is a plan for each of us. We know there is another child meant for our family. Just as we know God has a plan for your child. Thank you for considering us to be adoptive parents for your child. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your child.

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