

Rob and Lisa

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Dear Birth Mother:

We are grateful that you are taking the time to read our letter during what must be a very complicated time. Neither of us can image what you are going through at this moment, but we can identify with the courage you have to consider adoption for your child. We would like to reassure you that we will provide a loving home for your child and will make certain he/she is raised to know the circumstances in which they joined our family, especially as to how brave you were in making this decision.

Meet Rob & Lisa

Rob and Lisa met through mutual friends over four years ago. Rob was living in Washington DC at the time, and Lisa in Chicago. Our relationship began with hour-long phone calls and the promise to see each other every 3-4 weeks. As the love between us grew, we knew in our hearts that we could no longer be apart and chose Chicago as our home.

Last November, we said our vows before God, friends and family in a beautiful, intimate ceremony on the beaches of Puerto Rico. It was a dream come true for both of us; the sun, the ocean, our close friends and family, and finally becoming husband and wife. You spend your whole life hoping to find that one person to share your life with – and we were both blessed to have found that in one another.

Our Marriage

Our marriage is built on living life to its fullest as best friends and partners, with laughter and plenty of love. We do nearly everything together, as we enjoy so many of the same things; we both love to travel, enjoy the ocean and scuba diving. We have the same passion for baseball and football games, although not always for the same teams. We love to ski, and try to make it out to the Rocky Mountains at least once a year and we plan to continue to experience the world with our family. We both find it important to share the experiences life has to offer with children.

Our marriage is also built on trust and open communication. And although we have already experienced some difficult times, we can both be certain that the other person will be by your side in times of struggle or when life isn't so easy.

About Rob – written by Lisa

Rob is my best friend - my soul-mate. He is the most generous and caring person I know, with a heart that gives so much; not only to me, but for everyone he cares about. Rob is the type of person that makes everything in the world seem brighter, always able to find the positive side of things. He holds this optimism for life that is so contagious; it can only bring you hopes for the best. His strength and confidence only makes me want to be a better person.

Rob has energy and excitement for life that enables children of any age to gravitate toward him and he truly enjoys this. He has this undeniable way of becoming the entertainment for children when we get together with our families. Rob is such an amazing and special man; someone I can guarantee will be a fabulous father.



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Rob has an entirely unique view of our future together with children, with kindness and generosity that will provide a positive role model and someone for our children to look up to. I am so proud to say I am his wife, and can't wait for him to become a Daddy.

About Lisa – written by Rob

My wife, Lisa, is the love of my life and my best friend. The day I met her, I knew she was special and I felt the need to get to know her better. Every day thereafter, I fell more in love with her which continues to this day. If people were really made for one other, then Lisa and I were meant for each another.

Lisa's beauty, intelligence and sense of humor are all traits a man looks for in a wife. Most of all her passion for life and the love she expresses to those close to her will make her an exceptional mother. To watch her interacting with all our nieces and nephews is amazing, showing them each their own special attention. The loving and caring attitude she expresses toward them is unsurpassed.

Meet Cassidy

Cassidy is our family dog and our baby at the moment. We adopted Cassidy when she was 4 months old from a nearby animal shelter. Cassidy is a sweet, mixed black Labrador and absolutely adores children and other animals. She has been around our nieces and nephews since they too were young, as well as her 3 other doggie cousins. We know that Cassidy would love to have children around the house, especially when she can follow the trail of food left behind.

Our home

We reside in a wonderful area of Chicago, with a lot of trees and parks. The neighborhood we live in is very kid-friendly and pet-friendly, with parks for both within walking distance. When we were looking for a place to call home, we immediately fell in love with the neighborhood and the great school district. We both just love how we can walk to nearly everything; shops, restaurants, public transportation – it has to be the best part of living in the City. The most special part of where we choose to live is the friends we have made, for some of our closest friends live nearby or just a few short blocks away.

Why we have chosen to adopt – what brought us here today...

The love we share for one another could only result in the love we would have for a child. Since the day we met, we have dreamt of starting a family, building a loving home and watching our children and our grandchildren grow. For nearly two years, Rob & I have tried to start the family we have both hoped for. Unsuccessful with fertility treatments, we knew there were other options and that having a biological child was not the only opportunity to have a family.



We both agree that there would be a piece missing in our lives if we didn't have children – that is why we have chosen to adopt. We are thrilled with the idea of providing a good life for a child; one that needs the love and comfort of a family. We hope to adopt again in the future, to provide a sibling for them to grow and play with.

We would be blessed to adopt, and look forward to grow our family the way we have always imagined it would. We are very excited to become parents and to be able to raise and love a child as our own in a home that he/she would feel loved, safe and grow up happy.

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Our Families

Rob was born in Virginia to a small, close-knit family as an only child. His family also extends further to his Aunt, Uncle and cousin; who is more like a sister than a first cousin. Rob's Father passed away when he was only 18 years of age and he continued to be raised by not only his Mother, but with the love and support of his Aunt and Uncle.

Rob is very close to his Mother and considers her to be one of his heroes. The strength and love she has shown while raising him under the circumstances is truly amazing and appreciated. It has shown him how to express love for others and be the man he would like to be as a father. Although Rob's Mother still resides in Virginia, we speak to her often and visit as much as possible.

My family wouldn't be complete without mentioning my best friend, who I have known for over 20 years. He is more like an older brother to me and Lisa and I both consider his 2 little girls as our nieces.

Lisa comes from a close family with 3 older sisters and 9 nieces and nephews. Her parents will be married 50 years next year and are the pillars that keep her family strong and close. Without the love and support of her parents, Lisa doesn't feel she could be as confident a person as she is today.

Lisa's sisters are her best girl friends and do everything together as friends and as family. We take vacations together, go camping and celebrate birthdays and holidays. Lisa has grown up watching her nieces and nephews grow and gone to see them at dance, cheerleading competitions, playing football, hockey and soccer. Lisa is also God-mother to 2 of our nephews. Her family is one of those things she is most grateful for and appreciates every day.

Raising a Child

Rob has a BA degree from George Mason in Virginia and is currently working as a Trader in Chicago's Loop. Rob has a passion for his career and Chicago makes an ideal location for this industry. Rob's hours are convenient and because of the close proximity to home, never tends to spend long hours away from home.

With an MBA in Business Management, Lisa currently works in Marketing for a telecommunications company here in Chicago. She is fortunate enough to have a fabulous career with the support and understanding of her team for a life-work balance.



Both of us share all the same dreams and plans for raising a family. The love and attention we were shown growing up has only made us better people and we both hope for children who can have a future full of excitement, enjoyment and a truly fulfilling life.

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Both Rob and I can't wait to continue to create a wonderful life together – a life which includes children. We both wish to thank you for your courage and will raise your child to understand the circumstances behind this adoption. We can't stress enough how the gift of a child to our family would be the greatest gift of all.

Warmest regards,
Rob & Lisa