

Dear Birth Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our little family, We pray for you daily as you journey through this pregnancy. Thank you for extending the gift of life with the birth of your child.

*Our Story:* Josh and Julia met in college, quickly became friends, started dating based on a deep friendship, and married shortly after college graduation. We have been married for almost 13 years. Our marriage has been filled with many blessing, adventures, and joy throughout the years. The main challenge and heartache we've had was based on the years of infertility we experienced. We've chosen to invest our time and finances into adoption and are so thankful for this opportunity. We are so excited to welcome a baby into our family and see it grow not only in size but in love!

*Our Family:* Our family consists of Josh, Julia, Forest (12 year old chocolate lab), Chevy (12 year old black lab mutt), Tucker (8 year old yellow lab), and Remi (9 month old black lab). Our home is full of love and licks as our dogs bring so much joy and laughter to us! We live in rural CO and enjoy getting outside as much as possible. During our free time we love to get our hands dirty in the garden, our feet muddy on the hiking or biking trail, or be out on the soccer field playing in adult recreation sports. We love being active together and share many common hobbies! Our extended family lives near and far. We are so excited to welcome Julia's parents to the area in early 2018 as they have lived overseas for the past 13+ years. Julia's siblings and their families live in Philadelphia, PA and Fullerton, CA. Josh's mom lives outside of Colorado Springs in the house he grew up in and his sister and her family live in Denver. We love having family 'close' and are able to vacation together, visit the Front Range multiple times a year, and have them visit us often as well.

Even though our family lives not as close as we would like (yet!), we have friends that are like family here. Everyone is so excited to welcome a baby into our family and support us through this new phase of life. Our best friends live a few houses down and just had their first daughter in June. We hope our children will grow up to be best friends as we all are! We have many of Josh's former and current students who are excited to babysit and play with our child during the many sporting events we attend and that Josh coaches.

*A Little About Julia:* Julia grew up in southern California and moved to Colorado when she went to college. Julia is a sweet, caring, faithful, determined, and loving woman. She is currently a Math Instructional Specialist in her school district. She was an elementary teacher for 9 years before entering into this leadership position. In her free time, she loves to read, sew, do crafts, have coffee with friends, yet she also loves to get outside to hike, work in the garden, walk the dogs, hunt, and play soccer.

*A Little About Josh:* Josh grew up in rural Colorado and has lived in Colorado his entire life. Josh is the most kind, loyal, fun-loving, dedicated, patient, and loving man around. He will be an excellent father as he relates to and loves people so well! He is currently a middle school science teacher and coach. He loves to share his passions with his students not only in his teaching but in

coaching both basketball and soccer as well. In Josh's free time, he loves to be in nature. Whether that's planting and maintaining the garden, hunting, hiking, playing sports, fishing, anything he can do to enjoy God's beautiful creation. Josh also enjoys working in his shop building furniture and other things for our home.

We believe that both family and community are an important part of raising our children. As we already mentioned, we have a strong support system here in our community of friends and look forward to raising our children with their love and support. As educators, we deeply value education and understand the importance of children's social, emotional, spiritual, and academic growth. We look forward to providing a home full of love, adventure, and laughter! We can't wait to share our lives with our child and bring them on our adventures and create new experiences together as a family!

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us a little! We will continue to pray for you through this journey!

Josh and Julia