

Dear Birth Mama and Family,

Every child should have a beautiful childhood, where they savor the simple moments as well as the grand. There are memories that each of us carries throughout our lives that are rooted from our childhood. Memories that make us wish that some days, we could go back in life, not to change anything, but to feel a few things twice. To laugh hysterically with our brothers and sisters once again, to run barefoot through the grass on a summer day, to enjoy the family camp fires that smell of burnt marshmallows. As parents, we are responsible for making these childhood memories within the normal rhythm of everyday life. So, as you embark on finding a family fit for your child, you may be asking...

“WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE FOR MY CHILD TO BE A MEMBER OF THIS FAMILY?”

To answer this question and help you understand who we are, this letter is a glimpse of our life as a fun, creative, and intensely loving family.

First, our marriage is at the core of our family. We are partners through the journey of parenthood and life. Our goal is for our children to have a fully colorful childhood. As parents, we bring a playful energy to each day. Currently, some of our favorite family activities include building forts and slides out of every pillow/cushion/blanket in the house, making homemade playdough, wagon rides, or simply making a royal mess on the kitchen floor with Cheerios. As we go through each day, our children may not realize that we are making memories, they just know that we are having fun!

Throughout each day, we work to teach our children how to be compassionate, kind, and to look to God through prayer. Consistency in our parenting is key. We love fostering our children's growth in every way and we love being parents. Their spontaneity, creative minds, giggles, cries, and how they change right before our eyes make each day a true adventure. We also place focus on encouragement. If you could be a fly on our wall, you would hear things like “you can do it” spoken enthusiastically by our oldest child, “great job, you have worked so hard”, “you are strong and capable”. This positive language comes naturally in our home, and will produce children who think and speak positively.

As you attempt to look at the world through your child's eyes, to select a family in his/her best interest, not only are you viewing us as parents, but you are selecting siblings for your child to grow with. We both came from large families, and the highlight of our childhood was that we had our siblings by our side, experiencing our family traditions, adventures, joys, and challenges. There was always someone to play and laugh with, filling our childhood homes with tremendous joy and laughter.

As our family adventure continues, we now look to you to help us grow. If God places in your heart that we are the right fit for your child, we assure you that your child will receive stability, protection, and above all, LOVE. Love that is unmeasurable, unconditional, playful, and unwavering. Love that they will feel. Love from two big (but still little) sisters, adoring grandparents, an abundance of aunts, uncles, and cousins, the love from heaven above, and of course, from two sets of parents – birth and adopted. If you place your child with us, we are forever tied together, and a positive relationship is vital to your child's emotional health.

We know that adopting a child will forever change us. When we welcomed our children into the world, we felt an indescribable sense of gratitude and responsibility wash over us. We can only imagine what we will feel as we welcome the newest member of our family through adoption. We know this experience will be forever engrained in our hearts and minds, as we memorize every detail of the journey.

We recognize the incredible beauty and strength of love that you have for your baby. You are displaying awe-inspiring bravery by placing your child with a loving family through adoption.

With Open Hearts,
Brad & Aneta