

Dear Expectant Family,

Thank you for taking the time to read about our family. While we can't imagine what you're going through or what feelings you must be having right now, we know it must be hard and stressful trying to choose the right family to raise your baby. We are interested in having some level of an open adoption and we'd like to decide together with you what level of openness that we are all comfortable with.

Why We Are Adopting:

We have both always wanted to adopt a child in addition to having biological children. I (Ashley) have always felt a strong desire to adopt and Scott's mother is adopted which led Scott to choose adoption as a way to grow our family. We didn't know until we started trying to have children that we would struggle with infertility and we are so blessed that through fertility treatments we were able to get pregnant. We had our son, Lucas, however, we have come to a place that we know adoption will be the way to grow our family.

Our Parenting Style:

We strive to raise positive, happy, and healthy children. We think balance is very important in life and want to teach our children things like healthy eating, how to manage money, and do well in school but we also want them to have fun playing, making friends, experience new places, and try new things. We think it's important to be active, but also have a creative outlet. We have silly times, but also talk about emotions and how to treat each other with kindness. Safety is extremely important to us and we are cautious with the environment or people that our son, and hopefully soon to be children, play around. We are not perfect and know we will make mistakes, but we always try to do what we think is in the best interest of our children and show them they are loved unconditionally.

About Our Family:

Family: is extremely important to us. We both grew up with siblings and a lot of family around and that's something that we want to continue with our children. We enjoy doing things with our immediate family like going to play at the park, playing soccer in our yard, coloring or playing with trucks. We see our extended family often for birthdays, holidays, camping trips, or just playing at someone's house.

Scott: grew up in Vermont but after coming to Colorado for grad school, he got involved in the many outdoor activities Colorado has to offer and decided to stay. He loves rock climbing, hiking, golfing, playing cards and watching football and hockey. Scott studied engineering, but wanted to have a flexible schedule to be home with his family more, so he started his own real estate investment business and works from home.

Ashley: I was born and raised in Colorado. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, reading, baking, and traveling. I work for an agriculture technology company managing marketing and events but have a flexible schedule. As we grow our family, I want to work only part-time and eventually stay home with the kids full time.

Both Scott and I: grew up with lots of music. Scott played the guitar and was in a band, Ashley played the piano and sang at school and church. Our church choir is actually how we met and we both still enjoy participating in musical activities. Our son, Lucas, loves to sing songs and play his mini guitar.

Lucas: is a happy, energetic, thoughtful, and social 2 year old. He loves trucks, trains, tractors and anything with wheels. He enjoys swimming, gymnastics and soccer as well as riding his bike, reading books and playing with his cousins. He will be such a loving and good big brother!

We understand it's hard to get to know a family and know what's right for you and your baby just through a letter and photos. But we hope we have shared enough so that you are confident you are placing your baby in the hands of a family that will love them unconditionally, teach them, encourage them and raise them to be happy. We would love to meet you so that you can get to know us better and that we can get to know you, however, we are sensitive to your comfort level and are open to your wishes and preferences.

Love Scott, Ashley and Lucas