

Dear Expectant Parents,

We don't know you yet, but we want to. We don't know your story, but we know that no one's story is without heartache and challenges. We can only imagine that the decision to pursue adoption was an incredibly difficult one to make, and we want you to know that we don't take that lightly. We also believe that it is one of the most amazing and selfless decisions, and shows such an intentional love! We are so grateful that you are considering adoption for your baby, that you're mindfully choosing their future life, and that you are considering us for the privilege of being your child's adoptive parents!

Our Story

We met in high school in a Creative Writing class. However, we didn't date until later on toward the end of college. We have been married for going on 11 years now! We are best friends, and love spending time together! Our story has been full of love and laughter. Our story has also been full of heartache and loss. We spent many, many years struggling with infertility and multiple miscarriages. The losses were incredibly hard, but because of amazing family and friends surrounding us and helping us, our story was still full of love. As we healed and looked to the future, we very mindfully came to the decision to pursue adoption. We are so excited to become parents, and our families are excited, too!

Our Family

Right now, our family is the two of us, and our two cats. Dannika's parents, brother, sister-in-law, niece, nephew, one set of grandparents, Aunt, and several cousins all live in town. We hang out with her parents and her brother's family every single Friday night for dinner, games, and good time together. We spend many holidays with the rest of her family. Josh's sister and her fiancé live in Denver, his brother and sister-in-law live in Missouri, and his mom in Arizona. We see them for some holidays and other family functions throughout the year. Our whole great big family is ready to give all the love in the world to a new little one!

A Bit About Us

Josh: "I love basketball, and enjoy watching and even attending games. My favorite team is the Lakers, although I enjoy rooting for the Nuggets, too. I enjoy running and go multiple times a week with my friend. I love to write, and am an avid reader. I typically read at least 50 books a year! I like playing video games with my friends, trying new foods, attending concerts, hiking, and more. I've always loved kids, and I have a ton of fun playing with Dannika's nephew and cuddling with her tiny niece. I'm even more excited to share these awesome memories with a child in our home!"

Dannika: "I enjoy all things creative and fun! I love to paint, and have sold several paintings and donated a few to fundraising auctions. I even did a mural in someone's

home! I also love making bookmarks, writing books and poetry, styling poetry and art together on my typewriter, and more. I am also an avid reader, primarily enjoying the Fantasy genre. I am a huge Disney fan, and even run my own small Disney Instagram account. I love kids, and I currently work teaching children. I have studied development and early education for many years, and am excited to use my knowledge with a little one loved in our home!”

We both enjoy finding new local places to eat together, local bookstores and coffee shops, we enjoy playing board games together, and spending time with family! We enjoy exploring new places both near and far, and are so excited to bring a child along on these adventures with us!

What you can expect from us as adoptive parents:

Unconditional Love

We love each other completely and unconditionally, including when we mess up or frustrate each other. Our commitment is forever, and our love is always. This will be the same for our child! There is nothing that could ever change that. Our love will be total and unconditional, always.

Curiosity

In our own lives, we use our curiosity of the world to drive us to explore it and experience it in new and fun ways. We want the same for our child! We will encourage exploration of the world, both out into the world, and in forms of creativity, play, questioning things, and more. We will provide every opportunity we can for our child to experience different aspects of the world, and have a fun and fulfilling life!

Laughter

Silliness is underrated. Life is too serious, and it needs some comic relief! We laugh together constantly, and have so much fun together. We are incredibly excited to bring our child along for the fun ride, laughing and playing games. We are so excited for the silliness of life to include the silliness of a sweet child! We will ensure that their days are full of laughter and fun!

Stability

We have worked very hard to be very financially stable. Josh has a great job with excellent benefits, as well as pursuing professional writing. Dannika has a job teaching, although she will be staying home with our child. She has a small business selling art

and teaching virtual art classes, and is also having her book published soon. We both have invested a lot to ensure we have financial stability, but beyond that, our home is a stable place. We have supportive family around us, good routines at home to provide some stability, and loving and calm attitudes to make a safe space. Our home will remain a place of love and safety, always, for our child.

We are incredibly excited to help our child learn all about their world, where they come from, and to see where they go as they grow. We can't wait to give all the cuddles, play games, explore the world, create things together, learn things together, and grow as a family!

We have thought of you constantly, wanting always the best for you and your baby. Know that we are full of gratitude, yes, but also so much tenderness and love for you all! We don't know your story yet, but we'd love to. We don't know you yet... but we want to.

With so much love and gratefulness,
Josh and Dannika