

Adoptive Family Profiles

Matt and Julie

Dear Birth Family,

We are Matt and Julie. Thank you for taking the time to learn about us as you begin your adoption journey. We live in a mid-size community in central Iowa. Our home is a century old Victorian filled with character. We have been married since 1991. Our two daughters, Sherry and Amber, joined our family through adoption in 2001 at the ages of twelve and eight. We enjoy spending time together as a family. An open adoption was chosen for our girls so they could continue to have contact with their birthparents and grandparents. Having experienced an open adoption already, we feel that it is a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved. We wish you well as you explore adoption and we would love to have the opportunity to meet you.



Mark & Margaret



Hello,

We are Mark and Margaret from Polk City, IA. Polk City is a small community just north of Des Moines by Saylorville Lake. We have been happily married for 5 years. We enjoy spending time with family and friends, traveling and spending time outdoors. In the summer we can usually be found at a local campground camping with our friends. Margaret recently graduated from nursing school and works as a Registered Nurse at a Des Moines hospital. Mark is a computer programmer for a large financial company in Des Moines. We know that you are facing a tough decision

regarding open adoption. We would enjoy meeting with you and getting to know you. We are open to sharing pictures, letters, videos, and visits with you as your child grows. We welcome an open adoption plan at a level which you are comfortable with. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us and considering us in the adoption plan for your child. Please have faith in God that you will make the best decision for you and your child.

God bless,

Mark and Margaret

Carl, Karen, and Jadea

We are Carl and Karen and we have been married for almost eleven years and together for more than seventeen years. Our daughter Jadea came into our family through open adoption when she was born in October of 2004. We were blessed to be present at her birth, and since then we have formed a close relationship with her birthmother and family.

We got married in June of 1996 and wanted to start our family right away, but we have not been able to achieve a pregnancy. Both of us realized that we could have what we wanted most – to be parents – whether we ever experience a pregnancy together or not. Our deep faith in Christ is what sustained us as we came to terms with our infertility. Both of us experienced a great deal of peace when we decided to give control to



God and to let Him decide how we would build our family. We really enjoy our little girl and are so grateful to be her Mom and Dad.

Our friends and family members were all very supportive while we waited to bring a child into our family through adoption, and they are very excited to know that we want to adopt again. Jadea loves being with other kids, and we are really looking forward to seeing her interact with a little brother or sister.

We really respect the fact that you are taking the time to look at all of your options in making such an important decision. Whether you decide to choose a family for your child or to parent the child, we know that you will make the right decision. We are open to developing an open adoption with you at a level that you are comfortable with. We wish you all the best and would love to meet with you.

Carl and Karen

Meggan & Tim



Our names are Meggan and Tim. We met eight years ago at a Habitat for Humanity house while we both lived in Arizona. We have since moved to Des Moines and were married in 2006. Family is important to us and Tim's family lives here in Iowa. We get to see them on frequent basis. We visit Meggan's family regularly in Arizona and Connecticut. We enjoy working on our old house and taking walks with our dog. She is a funny dachshund named Gingersnap. Tim works as a computer programmer and Meggan works as a first grade teacher. Tim enjoys riding his bicycle and Meggan enjoys quilting. We like to do things with our church group like bake cookies, go to the State Fair or go out to dinner. We decided to adopt because Meggan has migraines that

make it impossible for her to get pregnant. We knew if we wanted to have a family we would have to do it in another way. Adoption seemed like a natural choice for us. We welcome you as part of our family and desire to have contact with you in many ways. We respect whatever level of contact you are comfortable with and welcome: visits, letters, pictures, and phone calls. We know that this is a difficult time in your life and we are thinking about you as you make such tough choices.



Marlyn, Amy and Kierstin

Hi,

We are Marlyn, Amy and Kierstin from Jefferson, IA. Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We are looking forward to getting a chance to get to know you too. We would like you to know that we truly respect you for the choices you are making and for giving the gift of life.

We have been married since 2003. Our daughter Kierstin is a bubbly three year old that is the life of any party. Family is what we focus our lives around; we are usually found spending our free time with our

extended families. We enjoy traveling around Iowa going to parks, pools, the zoo and anything else we discover along the way. We look forward to welcoming a new addition to our family. Kierstin is excited to become a big sister.

We will provide a healthy, loving and stable home environment to any child that is brought into our family. We would again like to thank you for considering us for your adoption plan.

Matt, Le Anne, Emily, & Joel

Dear Birthparent,

First we would like to thank you for choosing life. It is an honor for us that you would consider us to be the adoptive parents of your child. We are Matt, Le Anne, Emily and Joel. Our home is 10 miles from Des Moines in a small but growing community. We have been married for 6 years. Matt is a wonderful loving husband and father. He is so proud of his family and we are grateful that he is able to provide for us so that Le Anne can stay at home. Matt enjoys spending time with his family and being involved with their activities. Le Anne is a kind and caring wife and mother who receives so much joy from being a stay at home mother. She likes being involved with their activities and is their biggest cheerleader. Le Anne also faced an unplanned pregnancy 10 years ago. She is very compassionate and understanding to what you are going through. Both of us look forward to growing our family through open adoption and sharing our love. As a family we enjoy activities centered around family, church, and friends. Each of our extended families all live within 15 miles so we get together regularly with them to celebrate holidays, birthdays, or just have fun. Emily is 10 years old and is proud of her big sister title. She enjoys cooking, dance, & school. Having another brother or sister is something that she is looking forward to. She has a kind and loving heart and can't wait to share it with someone who she says will be her "BEST FRIEND." Joel is 3 1/2 years old. God blessed us with him through open adoption. He likes tractors, riding his bike, and dirt. He plays well with other kids and is excited to start preschool to make new friends. Your child would have a wonderful brother who would look after them and give him/her lots of attention. We do not claim to be perfect parents, we can promise you that your child will be loved, cared for, and brought up in a Christian home. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We look forward to getting the opportunity to meet you and would welcome an open adoption plan that makes you feel you made the right decision.



We continue to pray for you. May God Bless You.