

# Meet Our Adoptive Families



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## *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.



## 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

## Tony and Leslie

Hello,  
We would like to introduce ourselves to you. We are Tony and Leslie from Carlisle, Iowa which is located just minutes to the southeast of Des Moines. We enjoy our small community as we both were raised in small towns. We have been happily married for 10 years in 2008. We are now looking forward to growing our family through open adoption. We are both from great families. Tony is from a family of 4, he has 1 brother. Tony is the oldest. Leslie is from a family of 9, she is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest. She has 2 sisters and 4 brothers. We both enjoy playing with all the nieces and nephews. Our vacations are planned to spend time with them as time allows. We currently have 3 nieces and 5 nephews. In addition to spending our time with family and friends and each other we both have a wide variety of interests. Tony enjoys watching Iowa State football, Nascar racing, hunting and fishing. He volunteers on the Carlisle Fire Department. He currently holds the position of Deputy Chief. Leslie enjoys shopping with friends or by herself, watching Iowa State football and she loves watching Nascar racing (especially the number 9 car, Kasey Kahne). Leslie volunteers on the Carlisle Fire Department Auxiliary and on the Ladies Guild at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.



We understand this is a very hard decision for you to make. We want you to know that we would welcome an opportunity to discuss open adoption with you and that we are open to sharing letters, photos, visits and phone calls. We will respect any decision you make regarding the adoption plan you choose. Thank you for taking the time in getting to know us. We look forward to meeting you.

God Bless and our prayers are with you.  
Tony and Leslie

## *Shawn & Christy*

Hello.....we are Shawn and Christy Watkins. We'd like to first start by saying Thank You for choosing life and for taking the time to consider our profile. We cannot imagine how difficult it must be to make the important decision you're about to make, and hope that you have strong supporters to help you through this difficult decision.

We live in Council Bluffs, IA where we both were born and raised. We went to school together but never really knew each other until after we graduated from high school. We dated for about 2 years before we were married in 1997. We have two Labrador retrievers, Drake and Shelby, who make up the rest of our family.

Shawn loves to hunt, fish, and camp, as well as, play softball and volleyball. Christy enjoys gardening, scrapbooking, taking warm baths, and playing volleyball. We truly love spending time with each other being productive or just being lazy and hanging out.

We've got a loving family who is all in town. We like to have family dinners and get together as often as we can. We also have a great group of friends, old and new, who love and support us and who we enjoy spending time with.

We look forward to the opportunity to meet you and be able to welcome you and your child into our family. We hope to offer a healthy, loving, and opportunity filled life for any child we are blessed with.

Best Regards,  
Shawn and Christy



## *Dan, Juliana, & Jamison*



Hi there,

We would like to thank you, first, for choosing life for your child. What a wonderful gift you have given. And thank you for considering an adoption plan, as that is also a wonderful gift you can give. Adoption has played a very important part in our lives, and we thank you for taking the time to get to know our family.

We are Dan and Juliana Reisner, and we live in the little town of Traer, with our son Jamison. Traer is a small town about 30 minutes south of Waterloo. We live on a quiet street and have one of the largest backyards in town, perfect for playing tag or a game of football. We enjoy taking walks through town visiting the park, the pool, the

library, and the playground; we can walk just about anywhere in town. We're an active church family and we all love to sing. We spend a lot of time with our extended family. We especially enjoy celebrating holidays and birthdays together. Dan also enjoys watching sports and playing cards. Juliana enjoys baking and shopping with her mom or her friends. We also love our jobs working with kids as school counselors in neighboring school districts.

We know the joy adoption can bring to a family as our son Jamison was adopted through Catholic Charities, and we have had him in our arms since the day he was born. He is now a curious, funny, musical, independent little 2 year old who would love to have a little brother or sister. He has a special bond with his daddy, because Dan and his identical twin were adopted. Our hope is to share in an open adoption, including letters, pictures, phone calls, and visits; but we respect your wishes and the level of openness you desire. We are committed to offering our happy home filled with love and nurturing where children grow up knowing the love of ALL family members in their lives. We look forward to meeting with you if you feel we might be able to provide the kind of life that you want for your baby.

## *Marty, Jennifer & Lauren*

Dear Birthparents,

We are Jennifer, Marty, and Lauren from Council Bluffs, Iowa. First and foremost, we'd like to tell you how much we respect you and your decision to give your child life. It's the most precious gift you could ever offer.

To let you know a little about us, Marty is a I.T. manager for a large internet company. He is the oldest of 4 kids and grew up on farms in southwest Iowa. He holds dear his roots in the farming community and would love to someday return there. In his spare time, Marty enjoys reading, camping, riding his four-wheeler, tinkering with his classic cars, and spending time with family and friends. Jennifer is an oncology nurse for a large health system in Omaha. She also is the oldest of 3 kids and grew up on farms in southwest Iowa. Jennifer's hobbies include



scrapbooking, baking, sewing, gardening, camping, and spending time with family and friends. The road to parenthood has been a rocky one for us, but on April 19, 2004, we were blessed by the arrival of our daughter Lauren Abigail through the miracle of open adoption. She is now a sweet, sassy, inquisitive, fun-loving 5 year old girl and the light of our lives. She can't wait to finally be a big sister and is looking forward to being a great helper and teaching her brother or sister all about the world. We have maintained contact with Lauren's birthmother through letters and photos and look forward to the relationship Lauren will share with her as she grows thanks to open adoption.

We feel very blessed in our lives and thank God for all he's provided us. We pray that a second child is part of his plans for us. We would love the opportunity to meet with you and would feel very honored to be considered as adoptive parents and sibling for your child. Though we can't imagine the difficulty of the decision you're facing, know that we pray God will guide you to it and stand beside you each step of the way.

Respectfully,

Jennifer, Marty, & Lauren

## *Matt, Le Anne, Emily & Joel*



Hello,

Thank you for considering us for your adoption plan. We are so happy that you have chosen life for your child. We pray that God comforts you during this time & gives you strength to face the decisions that you will be making.

We are Matt, Le Anne, Emily, & Joel. We have been married for 8 years.

Le Anne was a single parent to Emily when we met & also faced an unplanned pregnancy. She can understand some of what you are going through. Joel is a blessing from God brought to us through open adoption.

We live about 12 miles north of Des Moines. Our family is centered around God, family, friends. We have a large extended family that live close by so we are able to get together often for holidays or just because. Being outside is where you will find us most of the time, doing any-

thing from playing in the yard, to going to the lake, or taking in a local event. Matt works for a John Deere Co. close to our home which allows him to be able to participate in the kids activities or come home for lunch. Le Anne is a stay at home mom. This is truly where her heart is.

Emily is 12 & Joel is 5. Both of them are ready to open their lives & hearts to another sibling. Emily enjoys dance & singing. Joel likes playing outside & football. Our neighborhood is full of kids of all ages which makes for a lot of fun times & memories. We would love to welcome you & your baby into our lives & make you a part of our family in whatever way makes you feel comfortable. If you do choose us we don't claim to be perfect but we want you to know that your baby would be loved & cared for in a Christian home. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. May God Bless You.