



adam & amy

# hello,

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Thank you for considering adoption for your child. We cannot even begin to fathom the path that has brought you here. **YOUR STRENGTH AND COURAGE TO EVEN CONSIDER PLACEMENT IS INCREDIBLE.** It is because of you that we are able to dream of possibly expanding our family.

Where to start with a letter like this? It feels like we are writing a dating profile, hoping to create a relationship that will change all of our lives. You are looking for a wonderful home and future for your child and we are hoping to provide that. What makes us different from all of the other profiles you are likely browsing?

**WE BOTH COME FROM VERY CLOSE FAMILIES WHO BELIEVE IN SURROUNDING EACH OTHER WITH SUPPORT, LOVE, FAITH, AND TRUST.** We believe in working hard to earn the things that we want. We believe in open and honest communication about issues, even when they are hard to talk about. We aren't promising to be perfect; we are new to the parenting journey, but have 11 nieces and nephews between us, as well as most of our friends with kids, so there are lots of people to turn to for help and guidance. **YOUR CHILD WOULD GROW UP IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF LOVE.** They will have a home with laughter and dancing as we love to put on music and dance in the kitchen with our pets. They will have opportunities to try whatever brings them joy-whether it is sports, art, music, or science. They will take part in our tradition of traveling somewhere new every year. We will provide a place for them to call home and know there is unconditional love and encouragement.

We hope to maintain an open relationship with adoption so that your child will have full knowledge of their roots-both the ones we provide and the ones they are born with. **IF YOU CHOOSE US TO RAISE YOUR CHILD, WE WOULD LIKE TO FOSTER AN OPEN, HONEST RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU.** This will be one of the most important relationships in your child's life and we plan to honor and respect that. If you are open to it, we would love to learn about your favorite traditions, holidays, foods, etc and work them into our lives so you remain a presence in your child's life. We would like to learn more about your thoughts and feelings on staying in touch and want to create a schedule that works for all of us. We envision weekly text updates during your pregnancy and for the first 6 weeks after birth. After that, we can see transitioning to monthly text/email/FaceTime updates and in-person visits twice a year-in your hometown or ours. We will also have a photo sharing site. After the first year, we can continue with monthly updates and twice a year visits or can discuss how you would like to proceed. **WE KNOW THIS IS A RELATIONSHIP THAT WILL CHANGE AND EVOLVE OVER TIME, AND WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT OF LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR YOUR BABY AS HE OR SHE GROWS.**

Thank you for considering adoption and for reading our letter. Best wishes and blessings to you and your child, whatever decision you make.

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**Adam and Amy**



# how we met

In the back of my head, I (Adam) never really saw myself settling down at a young age like my brothers, both of which got married young (around 20 years old). Fast forward to after college, I was a small town kid in a big city and I finally felt like I was in a good place with where life was. I started dating with a little bit more of an open mind about settling down.



On July 6th 2013, I had some friends visiting for the weekend. We hung out by the pool during the day and decided to go out that night. We liked to dance so we went to my favorite place with a dance floor. I SPOTTED A GIRL THAT WALKED IN, SHE WAS PRETTY TALL AND I THOUGHT SHE WAS GORGEOUS. I went over to talk to her and asked why she was not dancing. She replied that she didn't like that song, I asked her if she liked the next song would she want to dance with me. She smiled and said we will have to see.

FROM THEN ON I KNEW THAT *i loved* HER SMILE.

LITTLE DID I KNOW THAT THIS WOULD BE THE WOMAN I WOULD EVENTUALLY MARRY. We spent the next hour just talking. I gave her my business card and told her to give me a call, she laughed and told me to take her number down like a normal person which I thought was hilarious. The next day, I called her after church and asked if she wanted to go get lunch, she said no and my heart sunk. She laughed and said that she was hanging out with her friend then. So I asked if she wanted to get dinner later then and to my joy, she agreed. I WILL NEVER FORGET WHEN I PICKED HER UP, SHE WAS READING A BOOK IN A PORCH CHAIR AND LOOKED UP AT ME WITH THAT BEAUTIFUL SMILE.

The next several hours were a blur. We talked about everything. I found out quickly that she has the same point of view as I do on a lot of things. I couldn't find anything wrong with her!! I remember getting home that night and telling my roommate that Amy was the real deal.

WE DATED FOR TWO YEARS AND I COULDN'T IMAGINE  
MYSELF WITH ANYONE ELSE.

We have had many calm nights alone together and gone on many adventures.  
We have had so many happy days and there have been sad days too.  
**BUT WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO BE THERE FOR EACH OTHER AND  
WORK THROUGH ANYTHING THAT COMES OUR WAY.**

If we are lucky enough to raise a child, we cannot wait for him or her to be  
included in our lives and be our companion in all our future experiences.

THEY WILL BE LOVED.

THEY WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF.

AND WE WOULD LOVE TO BE A PART OF THEIR LIVES.



*adam about amy*

"We have been together so long we finish each other's thoughts. The more time I spent with her I realized that we were meant to be together. Amy completes me in all the ways that I did not know I needed before. **SHE CHALLENGES ME TO BE BETTER, BUT LOVES ME FOR WHO I AM.** I know that she would be able to love our future child with all of her heart and without hesitation."

*amy about adam*

"**ADAM IS THE PERFECT PERSON TO BALANCE ME OUT.** He is an uber planner and I'm more spontaneous. I can be emotional and he brings me back down to earth. We are very good at talking to each other about things, even when they are really hard. He is also one of the most considerate people I've ever met. I knew I wanted to spend my life with him early on in our relationship."



# *we can't wait to be parents*

WE HAVE BOTH HAD SO MUCH FUN ENJOYING OUR TIME WITH EACH OTHER AND FEEL WE ARE READY TO DEVOTE OUR LIVES TO ANOTHER.

## *adam's point of view...*

When I imagine Amy and I being parents, I just picture Amy standing in silence with her cheek on the baby's head, rocking back and forth. **I KNOW AMY WILL BE AN EXTREMELY NURTURING MOTHER.**

I envision us continuing our active lifestyle and jogging, going on walks, taking our dogs out with our little one in a jogging stroller. I can see Amy reading to our baby ALL THE TIME and instilling a love for books.

Neither one of us are perfect, but I know **WE WILL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO PROVIDE A HAPPY LIFE FOR A BABY** that we are lucky to be blessed with.



## *in amy's eyes...*

Adam is amazing with kids. As a former director of youth basketball, he was able to be silly with them while still teaching them fundamentals of basketball. He can be SO LOUD when needed and kids loved to see him yell and be goofy. **HE HAS SO MUCH PATIENCE AND IS ABLE TO INSTRUCT KIDS IN A WAY THAT THEY UNDERSTAND, ON THEIR LEVEL.**

He is going to be a phenomenal father-he already is to our dogs and cat. I call Adam the Kitty Whisperer because if there is a cat around, even if that cat doesn't really want to be around people, Adam will find it to snuggle and love on.

**I AM SO INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO HAVE THIS MAN BY MY SIDE THROUGH LIFE'S CHALLENGES, BOTH THE HILLS AND VALLEYS.**





# meet amy

I AM A STRONG, SMART, CONFIDENT WOMAN.  
I'M A SOLID FRIEND THAT PEOPLE CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON. I'M WORKING TO ENJOY LIVING IN THE MOMENT, AND DOING WHAT I'M DOING THE BEST THAT I CAN.



I'M AN ACTIVE PERSON who likes running, riding a bike, lifting weights, or taking my dogs for a walk. I grew up playing softball, basketball, volleyball, and cheerleading. I started running in college and have done 3 full marathons, a 100 mile bike ride in Death Valley California, and more mini-marathons than I can count. I've done the Indy 500 festival mini-marathon for at least 15 years.

I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 3, but it is just a part of who I am. **IT DOES NOT DEFINE ME.** Everyone has struggles in their lives, diabetes is mine. I chose to use that and turn it into my work. I am a clinical dietitian at a hospital as well as a diabetes educator.

I love to read and usually have one book I am working on with at least two more waiting on my Kindle. I have pretty eclectic music taste. Some of my favorite concerts I've ever been to are Elton John and Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, Kenny Chesney, Nickelback, and Jimmy Buffett.

I love doing crossword puzzles.

I like to cook and enjoy finding new recipes that Adam willingly eats.

**I LOVE HAVING MY TWO NIECES, GABRIELLE AND ANNABELLE, OVER FOR SLEEPOVERS.** I am also Gabby's godmother. Living close to them allows us the ability to stop by their softball games after work, or run by my brother's house just to say hi and visit for a few minutes.





# meet adam

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A VERY SOCIAL PERSON. I TAKE AFTER MY PARENTS IN THAT WAY. I AM 6'5" AND BUILT PRETTY WIDE SO I USUALLY STICK OUT IN A CROWD. I LOVE TO JOKE AROUND AND HAVE A GOOD TIME AND HAVE A HARD TIME SITTING STILL.

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Most anyone that knew me since I was 10 years old would probably associate me with basketball. I set four high school records and had several full scholarship offers and chose to play at a smaller Christian college. I started all four years and set two records in college and was able to play a sport that I loved while getting my degree.

I have always enjoyed working out. Between lifting weights, running, and playing basketball; **I USUALLY KEEP A PRETTY ACTIVE LIFESTYLE.**

I enjoy cooking and credit that to cooking with my parents growing up. **SOME OF MY FAVORITE MEMORIES INVOLVE HELPING MOM IN THE KITCHEN OR DAD ON THE GRILL.**

These days I love walking our pups and taking them fun places.

**I LOVE MOVIES!** I have always been a fan of super heroes so I obviously like all those movies. Aside from that I enjoy action and comedies and am a huge Star Wars fan.

**I ENJOY TRAVELING AND SEEING NEW PLACES.** With playing basketball and my last job, I had the opportunity to go to many different places around the world. I like learning about different cultures and trying different foods.

I enjoy watching sports while hanging out with friends and will often host gatherings centered around watching football or baseball.

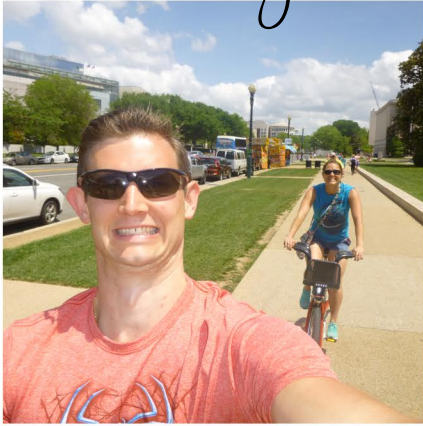
I have always enjoyed a wide variety of music. I am very much a product of the 90s. Now I tend to listen to a little older rock like Queen and I throw on film score music when I am working.

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# things we like to do together!



## WE ENJOY COOKING TOGETHER.

Amy is great at finding new recipes to try and Adam enjoys grilling. Amy is also a fantastic baker and is known for baking a cake only to have one piece and give the rest to Adam and his friends.

## WE LOVE GOING ON RANDOM DAY TRIP ADVENTURES.

We pick a place that we have never been to, drive there, and just walk around, explore, go to shops, and try local beer/wine, or check out their restaurants. One of our favorite memories is visiting a small town in Michigan. While there, we heard that the local Women's club put together a ballroom dancing event so we went without knowing anyone and spent the night dancing.

## WE ARE ALWAYS UP FOR A LITTLE ADVENTURE.

## WE LOVE SEEING MOVIES TOGETHER, WHETHER IN OUR HOME OR AT THE MOVIE THEATRE.

## WE LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH EACH OTHER'S FAMILY.

## WE MAKE TIME FOR ONE ANOTHER.

It is easy to get caught up in the day to day so we like our date nights to just enjoy each other's company.

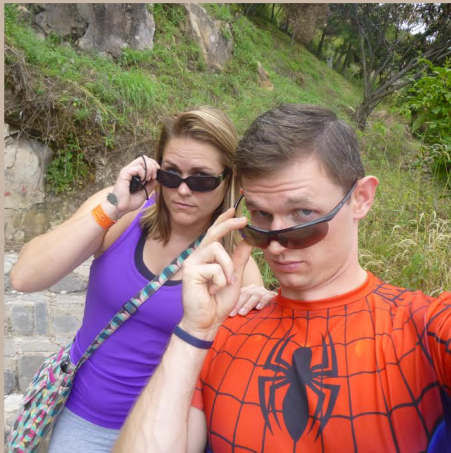
The furthest we have traveled together is Guatemala. We are making plans to visit Europe (Amy has never been) for our 5 year anniversary.

OUR FAITH IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR LIVES. We both feel that faith isn't so much about the exact number of hours logged in a church, but is in following the example Jesus set in how we treat others and how we live our lives.





this is us





# where we call home

We recently moved into a ranch-style, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home. It has an unfinished basement that we intend to finish (ourselves with a lot of help from Amy's family) to include a small bar, half-bath, storage, and exercise area.



IT IS AN OPEN CONCEPT HOME WITH THE FAMILY ROOM, KITCHEN, AND DINING ROOM ALL FLOWING TOGETHER.

There is a gas fireplace that we will use often in the winter time. There is a deck off the back with a couple of stairs leading to our backyard that we plan to fence in soon.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS FULL OF FAMILIES WITH MOST HAVING 2-3 KIDS. THE STREETS ARE LINED WITH SIDEWALKS AND PEOPLE ARE OFTEN SEEN OUT WALKING OR KIDS OUT SAFELY PLAYING. EVERYONE IS VERY FRIENDLY.

## WE ARE PARENTS TO TWO DOGS AND A CAT.

Our dogs are named Peter Barker and Annie Oakley. They are both black and white mixes who love to give kisses, take walks, and meet new people. Our cat is Purlock Holmes, he is a short-haired tabby cat who has a white belly and paws with grey tiger stripes and green eyes. He is a pretty social cat and will follow people around to be part of the group. He does like his naps but is a big snuggle bug when he wants to be. ALL 3 ANIMALS GET ALONG WELL WITH EACH OTHER AS WELL AS OUR YOUNG NIECES AND LOVE TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND KIDS ON WALKS.





# meet amy's family

I AM EXTREMELY CLOSE WITH MY FAMILY AND GENUINELY ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH MY PARENTS AND MY BROTHERS, AS WELL AS THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS.

My older brother is the most level-headed hot-head I know and gives thoughtful advice on almost any issue I have. My younger brother is one of the wittiest people I've ever met. **I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON BOTH OF THEM NO MATTER WHAT.** Between them I have two nieces, Gabrielle (age 10) and Annabelle (age 6).

My parents met in college and have been married for 42 years. They both worked full time when we were growing up, but never missed a game or school event. I remember my dad showing up at a softball game in the ambulance and the entire other team thinking there was an emergency.

I am blessed to still have two living grandparents. Both of my grandmothers are still alive and in good health. My dad's mom lives about a half mile from our house and my mom's mom lives in Evansville.

**MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY WITH MY FAMILY IS DEFINITELY THANKSGIVING.** We always have a big turkey fry in the morning at my parents' house, where all of the neighbors and our friends come over and everyone gets a turkey fried. Afterwards we usually get a game of six-handed euchre started and people will rotate in and out of teams.





# meet adam's family

I AM VERY CLOSE WITH MY FAMILY  
EVEN THOUGH I LIVE A THOUSAND  
MILES AWAY.

My parents have been married for more than 45 years. I speak to them several times a week over the phone. My two brothers were 8 and 12 years older than me. Between them, I have nine nieces and nephews. Ned has 5 kids and Matt has 4.



## VALUES MY PARENTS INSTILLED IN ME:

Having a strong work ethic  
The importance of family  
Unconditional support  
Importance on education  
To take vacations  
Make memories  
A love of playing cards

I had a grandmother figure named Nan. My Mom worked with her and their relationship became much like a mother daughter relationship. When I was born, Nan retired and she cared for me while my parents both worked. Nan truly taught me the meaning of kindness. **BLOOD RELATION COULD NOT HAVE MADE NAN AND I ANY CLOSER.**

Some of my favorite traditions growing up include waking up on Christmas and opening presents and then eating the same breakfast casserole each year. And then at some point we would go to the movies. We also celebrated everyone's birthday with a big dinner and at least 2 birthday cakes made by my mother.







our friends...



# Why we chose adoption...



INFERTILITY IS  
SOMETHING  
NEITHER OF US  
IMAGINED WE  
WOULD EVER  
BE DEALING  
WITH.

Getting pregnant was not an issue for us. Keeping the pregnancy has been the issue. We have had 4 miscarriages, at varying stages of development. With each one we tried to avoid getting extremely attached as we had a history of loss, though subconsciously it is impossible to not have some hope growing. Amy has Type 1 diabetes and also has endometriosis and has had surgery to help with this. Adding a stress of pregnancy on her body increases risks for complications to her body (though she currently has none) as well as to a potential baby. **WE BOTH FELT PULLED TOWARDS ADOPTION TO GROW OUR FAMILY.**

We both feel that no matter if you birth a child or not, you feel love for them when you make eye contact with a baby or hold a toddler in your arms or talk with a preteen about whatever topics preteens have running through their minds. **AND THAT THIS LOVE AND BOND WILL ONLY GROW AS WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO BE A PART OF THEIR LIVES.** We know that we will be forever indebted to the woman who makes the selfless choice to place their child for adoption and chooses us.