

Shane and Lori

Dear Birth Parents,

You are already a daily part of our family. We think of you often trying to put ourselves in your shoes to imagine the road you are walking right now. We think of that little life you are carrying and about the life changing day when he or she enters the world and all of our lives intertwine. We are so thankful for you and this incredible, selfless decision you are in the process of making. Thank you for valuing life and for having the strength to endure 9 months of pregnancy and all the ups and downs that go with that.

Even when we were dating, we planned together about the day that we would adopt. Our lives have always centered around children through family, friends, work, church and babysitting. As we have been privileged to start a family of our own biologically, it became apparent a few years ago that a heart for adoption had been planted in our children as well. We have come to realize that our family is missing an important member who will soon be born in another family. When our children describe our family, the adopted baby is always included in the description. Any time a family picture is drawn an extra little one can be found in the group. God has created in our hearts just the place for you and your baby.

We have three biological children. Our daughter Juhlin was born in 2005. She is bright and strong and generous. Gavin was born in 2006. He is energetic, tender-hearted and has never met a stranger. Ava was born in 2012. She is quiet and laid back and the highlight of Juhlin and Gavin's day! Even with a baby in the house, Juhlin and Gavin spend lots of time hoping for when their new baby will arrive.

Shane is a wonderful dad who works hard to help each of our children prepare for their futures. He hopes they will grow into adults who are confident, strong, God followers who are not afraid to work hard and to go after their dreams. He is very involved in their lives. Not only is he the principal of their school, he loves to play farm, watch cartoons, sing, dance and make pancakes with them. He has even been known to coax them out of bed at 6:00 on cold snowy mornings to get a little sledding in before school! He is looking forward to the arrival of a new playmate!

Lori is a stay at home mom who lives in awe of the fun of her job and the privilege of watching her kids grow! She loves teaching them, planning parties for them, and going new places with them. They have recently been learning Spanish and have been getting the biggest kick out of learning together! She hopes they will grow into responsible, generous, loving adults who are shining examples of Christ. She can hardly wait for the day she gets to hold the newest member of her family.

One day, because of you, our family will finally look like the pictures of us our children have been drawing for a couple of years. Whether you plan on an open or closed adoption, you too will always be a part of us because of the priceless gift you are sharing. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

With love and hope,

Shane & Lori



Fun Family Facts

Views on Adoption

We believe life to be the ultimate gift and consider the privilege of adopting a little life as priceless. We have hoped for this privilege since we were dating and have seen our children become truly inspired by the opportunity as well. Our family has been blessed in ways we don't deserve and could have never imagined. We believe that blessings are given in order to be shared. We can't imagine a more wonderful way to share our gifts than through adoption. We welcome many levels of openness. We want to honor the birth parent's wishes and what is best for the child.

Family Life

Family is our top priority and we love being together! Our extended families live within short driving distances. We enjoy getting together for family game nights or to spend time playing on the farm with the cousins. We love to be outside, to get together with friends, to play high-stakes Toy Story Uno, and to snuggle on the couch for a movie night.



Gavin and Juhlin

Religious Life

We are very active in the church. Lori leads a women's bible study. Both of us help in the children's department as volunteers. Our children enjoy attending Sunday and Wednesday programs as well as VBS.

Home

We live in a family-friendly neighborhood with a large back yard & lots of friends to play with.

Views on Parenting, Education & Discipline

We view parenting as one of life's greatest privileges. This role is one that we approach with constant prayer and wonder! We LOVE being parents and know it is a calling for our lives. We are both educators who try to be their children's biggest cheerleaders as they learn and develop. We make it a priority to provide them with many opportunities to explore their interests. Education has always been a priority in our home. Lori holds a double major in Elementary Education and Psychology. Shane has earned a specialist degree in Educational Leadership/Superintendency. We will encourage our kids to find their own paths while providing them the best support we can from our backgrounds. We approach discipline as a learning opportunity. We feel the purpose of discipline is to teach our children how to love others and to be considerate of them so that they can grow up to be responsible, productive adults.



Gavin and Juhlin can't wait to meet their new brother or sister!



Waiting, with hope, to fill the empty chair in our family



Child Care Plans

While Shane, Juhlin, and Gavin are off at school, Lori will stay home with Ava and the baby.