

# Mark and Jodie

Dear Birthparents,

We are Mark and Jodie, and we are excited at the opportunity to share our lives with you through this adoption profile. We cannot imagine how difficult this decision might be for you, and we can only dream that our letter might provide some encouragement and hope for you. Should you decide to read our profile and get to know more about us, we can only pray that it will result in a life-long answer to the prayers for all of us. We've been happily married for five years and are looking forward to adopting a baby. After finding out that we were unable to have a child of our own, we realized that adoption will give us a chance to fulfill our dreams of giving a child a wonderful life and a bright future in a loving family.



We are committed to offering your child a life of unconditional love and constant nurturing. We both agreed on pursuing an open adoption. The more we learned about open adoption, the more we knew it was the right path for us. We believe that your child should always know and feel your love and we will do everything we can to make sure of that. We feel that an ongoing connection with the birth family would be the best situation for the child and for everyone involved. As birthparents, you will always have a special place in our family. Your child will always know the love you have for them, and we look forward to finding a level of openness with which all are comfortable.

After reading this letter, we hope you are encouraged to look through the rest of our profile. Our profile will help you learn a lot more about us and our family life. We want to show you who we are, what we enjoy doing, and what your child's life would be like if you chose us to be parents.

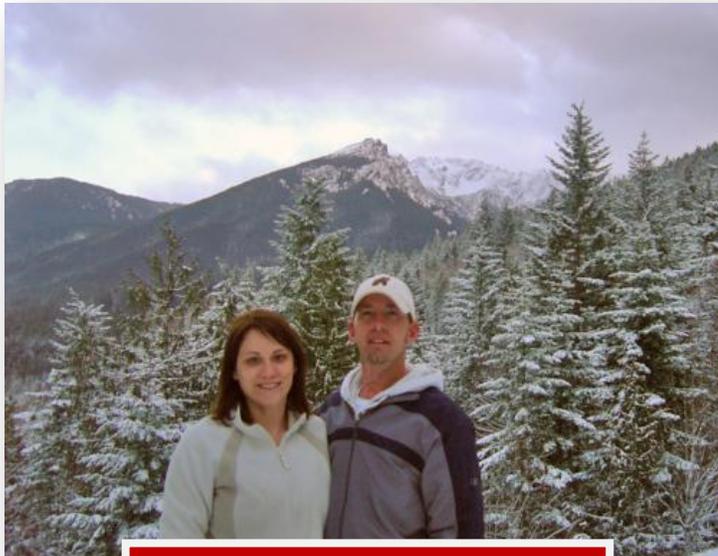
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# Fun Family Facts

## Views on Adoption

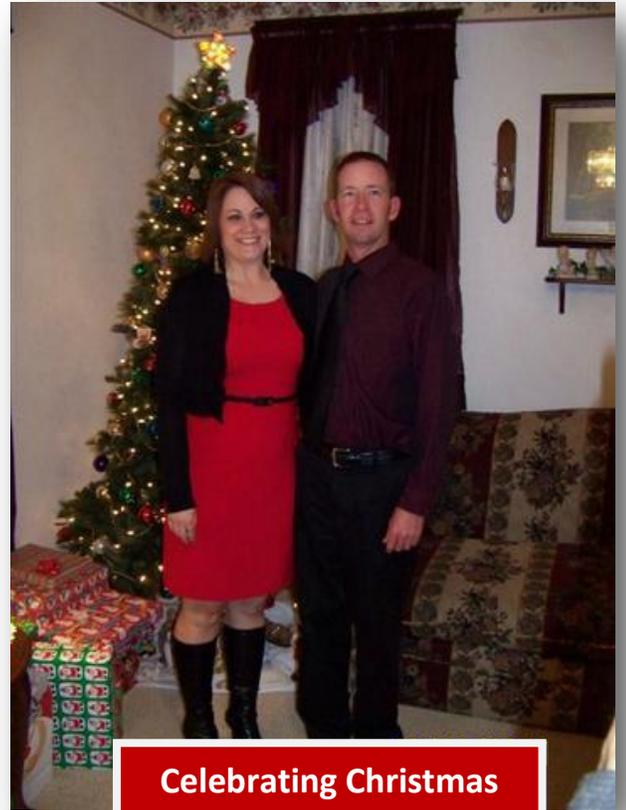
We believe the only way to tell your child about his/her adoption is to simply incorporate it into how they are raised instead of sitting them down when they are a certain age to tell them they are adopted. We plan to support the culture of your child by celebrating significant holidays and events specific to your culture, attend cultural festivals and events, etc. We are pursuing an open adoption and are willing to meet the birthparents along with sharing letters and photos every 6 months.



On vacation in Washington

## Views on Parenting, Education & Discipline

Education is very important to us. We plan to send your child to a Catholic school and take advantage of the free tuition benefits offered by the university where Jodie works. We both feel positive reinforcement is the best discipline technique.



Celebrating Christmas



We've been married 5 years

## Family Life

Mark comes from a large family where he is the youngest of seven. He also has 15 nieces and nephews and a great-nephew. In contrast, Jodie comes from a small family where she is the oldest of two with no nieces or nephews. Mark enjoys watching and playing sports, enjoying the outdoors, and listening to music. Jodie likes to cook, read, and also enjoys the outdoors.



Mark's Family

## Child Care Plans

Both grandmothers will take turns babysitting.



Jodie's Family



We enjoy spending time with all our nieces and nephews





## Home

We live in a 1 ½ story, 3 bedroom brick home located in a quiet neighborhood on a dead end street.



## Our dogs Ozzie and Sadie



## At the zoo

## Religious Life

We attend mass regularly and are active in our parish. We always celebrate Easter and Christmas by attending mass with Mark's family and getting together afterward for dinner and celebration.



## We love watching the Cardinals play!



## Mark playing softball