

Tyler & Carolyn

Dear birth parents,

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. Our story starts like many others. We met through friends and dated through much of college. We got a dog, got married, bought a house, got another dog ... but we couldn't get pregnant. We tried fertility treatments over the course of five years but it didn't work for us. Adoption gave us new hope. We explained the process to our families — the interviews, the counseling, making our adoption album — and everyone was extremely supportive. We knew we were on our way to becoming parents. We continued with our “normal” lives of going to work, hanging out with our dogs, going on vacation ... and we waited for the right birth parents to find us.

In early 2011 we got the call of a lifetime — we had been chosen by a birth mother. A short week later we were parents to a beautiful baby girl. Our daughter, Audrey, is now an energetic toddler, always learning, always on the go. We want to expand our family and give Audrey a sibling who will share the experience of being adopted.

In this book we'll share our lives with you — our celebrations, our hobbies, our day-to-day lives — and we hope you'll see the love and respect we have for family. The choice you are making for your child is not taken lightly. We want you to know how much we appreciate you and the impact you are having on our lives. It is because of you that we can build our family. And for that, we are incredibly grateful

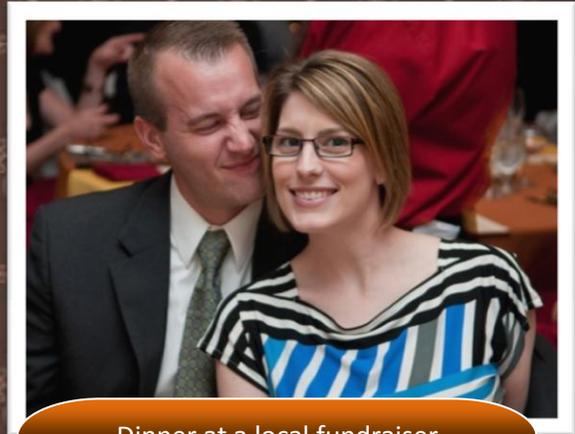
With love,
Tyler and Carolyn



Fun Family Facts



Meeting Audrey for the first time!



Dinner at a local fundraiser

Views on Adoption

When someone talks about adoption, the first thought that comes to mind is respect. We have complete respect for birth parents that choose to make an adoption plan for their child. We know it is not easy, but it is the ultimate act of love and strength. We are proud to be adoptive parents. We had an amazing first experience with adoption and are excited to do it again. We will honor any openness requests that we agree to. We want to have a relationship that is most comfortable to you. We will always talk positively about your decision. We would love to meet you in person and keep you updated on how the child is doing.

Views on Parenting, Education, & Discipline
We are fair and supportive parents. Our children will have freedom to express themselves, and as their parents, we will guide them to make positive choices. We will provide all of the necessary tools to succeed academically. We want them to see learning as fun.



Playing in the snow!



Playtime with our niece and nephew

Family Life

We are both the third of four children. Many of our siblings are married with children. We feel lucky to have grown up with siblings and love spending time with our 5 nieces and nephew.



Cousins at Easter, Audrey leading the pack!

Hanging out with the family



With niece and nephew in Colorado



Zip lining in Hawaii



A family Christmas at our house

Religious Life

We attend a small Christian church near our home. The congregation was really excited when we adopted Audrey. We like the open-minded beliefs of this church but more of our faith comes from the people around us. We look to those relationships for support and guidance.



Child Care Plans

Carolyn plans on staying home with our second child until he/she goes to preschool. Children learn so much from other children. We feel it is important to provide those experiences in a positive educational environment.



Trip to the zoo

Our Home

Our home has 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and sits on a 3 acre wooded lot in a quiet subdivision. We have a large patio and have a big yard for outdoor play.

