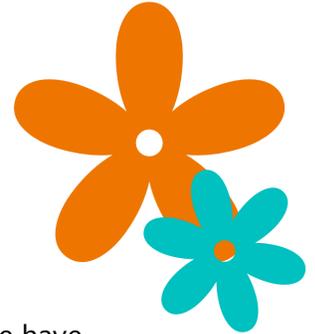


# Andy & Leanne

Dear Birth Parents,

Thank you for considering us for the greatest gift of all! We hope that through our album you can get a glimpse of who we are, our lives, our hopes and dreams, and our desire to continue to build our family. We have been married for 7 years, and though we have four teenage children between us, we believe that we are not done being parents or raising children; we feel called by God to add to our family. We have a strong, loving marriage with four children who can't wait to welcome a new sibling! We have large extended families who are supportive of our decision to adopt, and who will provide love and support to the child who joins our family through adoption. We are both blessed with stable work environments which allow us to spend quality time with our children. Above all, we believe in God and his love; he is our greatest guide and protector. Our greatest hope is to raise a child in a happy, loving home where he or she has every opportunity to enjoy what life has to offer. We will provide your child the space to explore his or her own interests and culture, and to grow into the individual that he or she was meant to be. We will guide your child to become a caring, compassionate, and respectful person, but most of all, we will shower him or her with love. We look forward to introducing you to our family, and we thank you for the opportunity to share our family and album with you.



As a family we enjoy spending lots of time together! We love sports, so family fun can be as simple as hitting the ball around in the front yard, or attending a major league sporting event. We are an active family and often go for walks in the park, or in our own neighborhood. We especially love getting together with our large, extended families, and do so whenever we can. Family gatherings include great food, laughter, fun, and sports!

All four of our children play sports including baseball, softball, football, basketball and volleyball. In the summer we spend lots of time outdoors and enjoy going to our kid's games to cheer them on! We also love to travel during the summer months, and that generally means a trip to the beach, or exploring a new city! In the winter we play lots of board games, build snowmen, and have snowball fights! Our children also love to play video games and spend time with their friends. Family time is very important to us, so we try to eat dinner together every evening.

As parents, Andy and I believe that education is very important. Our hope for our children is that they do well in school and go on to attend college. We believe that education offers choice for future career goals, so we hope that they will consider that option. Whatever their plans, we will be there to offer support, encouragement, and love.

The center of our home is our faith in Jesus. We try to teach our children, at every opportunity, to appreciate all of God's creation. We want our children to grow up with faith in God and to be kind, considerate productive adults.

Thank you for reading this and may God Bless You,  
Leanne & Andy



# Fun Family Facts

## Views on Adoption

Family is the most important part of who we are. We have four biological children, but our desire is to continue to expand our family, and adoption will allow us this blessing! Our entire family is very excited to welcome another family member! Adoption will complete our family and answer our prayers. We are open to meeting birth parents, visits, and exchanging pictures and letters. We are aware of the benefits of an open adoption and we look forward to getting to know you.

We feel it is not only important, but essential to share with our child his/her adoption story. Our plans are to use age appropriate materials and resources, such as book, movies, and the experience of other adoptive families as a way of helping our child understand adoption. We want our child to always know that they are loved by both their birth parents, as well as their adoptive parents.



**Our four biological children:  
Jordan, Molly, Jake & Trey**



**Mount Rushmore trip**



**Andy's Dad with great  
granddaughter**



## Child Care Plans

Leanne will stay home the first several weeks after our child comes home. When Leanne goes back to work, both sets of grandparents will take turns caring for our child. Additional care will also be provided by a family friend who has in-home daycare. We also have lots of friends and family who are looking forward to babysitting for us if needed.

## Views on Parenting, Education & Discipline

We have four biological children: Trey, Jake, Jordan, and Molly. Trey is a Marine and stationed in California. All of our others are young teens still in school. The home that we provide for our children is filled with love, happiness, security, and structure. Our goal for all of our children is to grow up to be strong, happy, secure, and healthy. We will help them make good choices and become educated, productive citizens. Our discipline is consistent, age-appropriate, and tempered with love and encouragement; we praise good behavior and use consequences for undesirable behavior. This includes: "time-out," or removal of privileges. Our belief is to build up our children in Faith, Love, and Family.



**Leanne's Family**



**Andy's brother and family**



**Andy's sister and family**

### Family Life

We do lots of family activities! We love to play sports, go for walks, hang out and hit a ball around, or just visit with our extended families. Time spent with our extended family includes: love, laughter, music, and sports! We also enjoy lots of good food and just being together! Our extended families are also close and enjoy each other's company! We gather together often, and when we are all together there are about 30 of us, but we love a crowd!!



**Leanne's Mom**



**Andy's extended family**



**Leanne's nieces**

## Religious Life

We are Christians and believe in Jesus. We have raised all of our children in Church. At times, our schedules get hectic because of kid's sporting events, so we have to miss a Sunday, but we do believe that faith is important, and staying close to God through prayer will get you through any rough patches in your life. We hope for all of our children to be lifelong followers of Jesus.



**Leanne has traveled to other countries and explored new cultures**



## Diversity

We have thoughtfully discussed adopting a child from a culture or ethnicity other than our own. We recognize the importance of a person's heritage and culture, and believe that it is crucial to his/her emerging and developing identity. We also believe that diversity is not only essential, but necessary, for without it our planet would be a truly boring place! Our plans are to integrate aspects of our child's culture into his/her daily life through school, sports, church, other adoptive families, community and cultural events, and travel.

## Our Home

Our home is a single family, brick ranch located in a great, family-friendly neighborhood!! We have three bedrooms, and two full bathrooms.

The basement is partially finished, and has a bedroom, office, and game/TV room! We have a large backyard and deck, and there is plenty of room for kids to run and play.

