

Jason & Katie

Dear Birth Parents,

We are so grateful that you have chosen adoption and are considering us as adoptive parents for your child. Our lives were forever changed and blessed by adoption when we welcomed our daughter, Aspen, into our family two and a half years ago. Each day we marvel at the tremendous love and selflessness it takes for birth parents to choose adoption. There are no words to express how sincere we are in our respect for you and the decision you have made. We cannot begin to imagine how difficult of a decision lies before you and we wish you peace and comfort in the adoption plan you make for your child.

Being parents has brought so much joy to our lives and we are thrilled by the prospect of seeing our family grow. We are excited for Aspen to have a sibling and know that she will love being a big sister. We want you to know that your child will be abundantly loved and cared for in our home. We value family, faith, education and service to others. These values have given so much to our lives and we will strive to instill them in our children.

We also want you to know that your child will be welcomed by a large extended family. Our parents, grandparents and siblings have been so supportive of our decision to adopt and cannot wait to have a new little one to love. Our nephews and nieces (15 so far!) have already begun making plans for a new playmate.

We hope that this album gives you a sense of who we are, the love that we share and our desire to grow that love through adoption. Our deepest gratitude for considering us as parents for your child.

Love,

Jason & Katie



Fun Family Facts

Openness

Open to sharing letters & pictures & to arranging visits



Views on Adoption

We feel that adoption is a good alternative to families faced with an untimely pregnancy and a huge blessing to families who are seeking additional members. We see adoption as a beautiful expression of love and commitment by both the birth and adoptive families. Adoption has been the greatest gift of our lives!

Our backgrounds in social work and teaching led us to a natural interest in adoption from very early on in our relationship. We love children and always thought that we would have some biological children and adopt as well. We soon discovered that we have fertility issues, which made our desire to adopt even stronger. Welcoming our daughter, Aspen, into our family through adoption has surpassed all of our wildest dreams. We are so in love with her and look forward to discovering the plan God has for our family to grow.



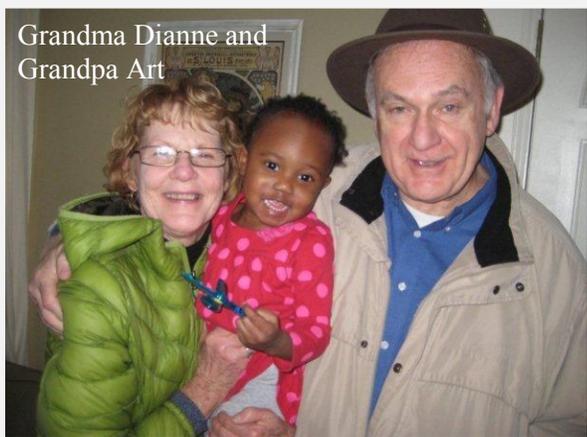
Views on Parenting, Education & Discipline

Parenting requires much love, dedication, and responsibility. It means that you not only articulate good morals and values but also show those values through your example.

Education has played an important role in our lives and has provided us with many opportunities. We plan to encourage and support our children's academic success. We want our children to have ample opportunity to learn and explore what interests them and will bring them joy in a future career.

We feel that having a united front, consistency and follow-through is of utmost importance when disciplining children. We communicate what kind of behavior we expect and voice disappointment with poor behavior. Appropriate punishments are given for undesirable behaviors such as time-outs and removal of privileges.

Grandma Dianne and Grandpa Art



Family Life

We love spending time with one another – playing outdoors, visiting local attractions, taking vacations, enjoying family mealtimes and reading together before bed. We are blessed to have large, close-knit extended families that share in the day-to-day and special occasions of our lives.

Jason's Family



Aspen and her Godmother

Katie's Family





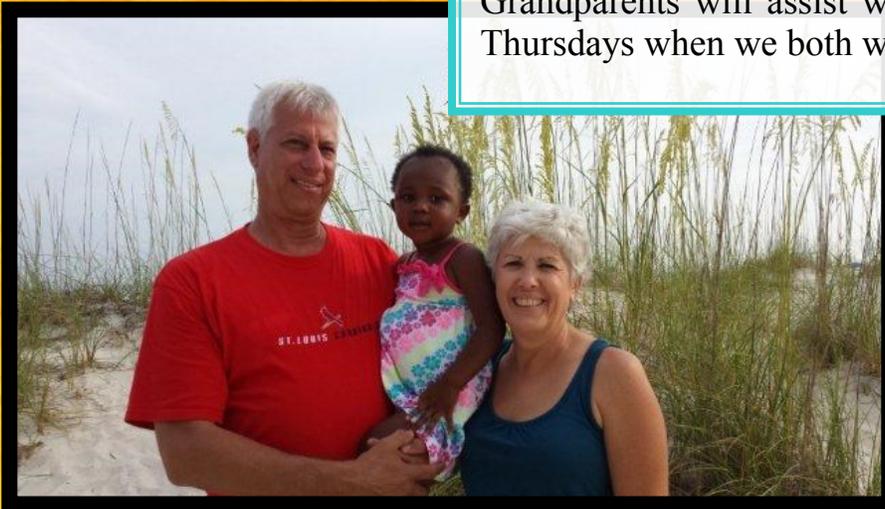
Religious Life

We believe in God and live our faith by dedicating our lives to caring for others, Jason as a teacher and Katie as a social worker and massage therapist. We give thanks to God for the blessings in our lives and trust in God during challenging times. We attend church regularly and pray together at meal times and bedtime.



Child Care Plans

Katie works part-time allowing her to be home with Aspen and our future children three days out of the work week. Grandparents will assist with child care on Tuesdays and Thursdays when we both work.



Our Home

1.5 story home in urban area, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, big backyard

