

Jerry & Stephanie

Dear Birth Parents,

We are grateful and humbled that you would consider us as the potential adoptive parents for your child. We cannot put into words how moved we are by your courageous, selfless plan for your child. We can only begin to imagine how difficult the decision is and we know that you are making this hard decision out of love. Throughout our marriage, we have tried for a baby and are unable to conceive. After years of trying we were finally able to hear God clearly and understand that we were meant to adopt. We adopted our daughter, Evey, in early 2013. We are once again filled with joy at the possibility of building our family through adoption a second time.



We'd like for you to know who we are and to learn more about us, both individually and as a couple. What better way to start than through this letter! We met at a restaurant where Jerry would come in every Thursday evening with his cousin. After several months, and many, many hints, we finally went out on our first date. We've now been married for four and half years.

Jerry: I am self-employed managing several rental properties that we own. I love sports, especially softball and basketball. Stephanie: I was an elementary school teacher but recently became a bridal store owner. I love working with people, especially for sweet occasions like weddings and prom. I also enjoy cooking, gardening and playing sports. As a couple: We love to play board games and watch movies after Evey is asleep. As a family we love going on walks, especially with Titus, our dog. We also really love to travel and Evey has already gone on several trips with us.

Family is incredibly important to the both of us and our extended families are a big part of our lives. We have dinner with Jerry's parents often and see them just about every day. Stephanie's parents and siblings live close and we love getting together often. Evey's grandparents are never too far away, and her grandparents and great-grandparents enjoy spending time with her. They are all looking forward to meeting our newest addition. Again, we are excited to continue building our family and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you for helping us find "our baby"- a perfect match for our family.

Thank you for considering us,

Jerry, Stephanie, & Evey



Fun Family Facts



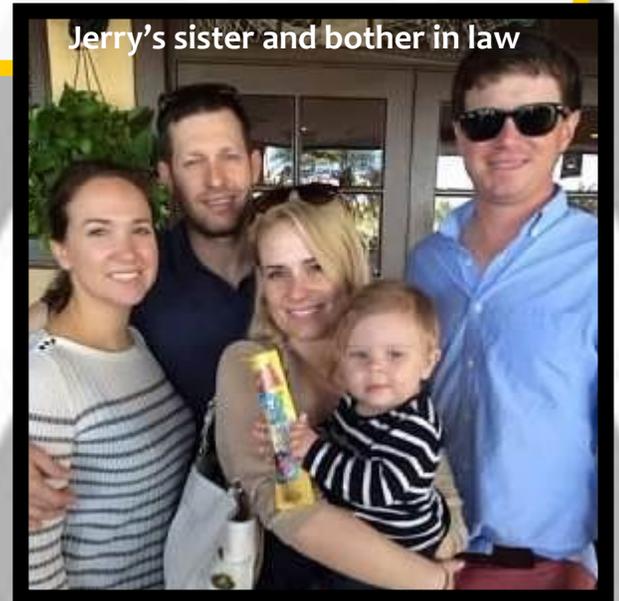
Views on Adoption

We believe that adoption is very much a blessing. We know that the right child will find out family, just like our daughter, Evey. Both of our children will always know their adoption story. Adoption will be explained through books, movies, stories, etc. We are positive that we will support the culture of our children in any way we can including finding mentors of the same culture of race and learning about the cultural traditions. We also want to know what traditions are important to you and incorporate those into our family story. We will follow your lead when it comes to how open you would like to be. The more we can connect and know you the more we can share with our child. We would love the opportunity to tell our child that we were blessed to have known you before he/she was even born. If possible, we would even like a photo to put in the baby's room, just as we have done with Evey's birth parents.



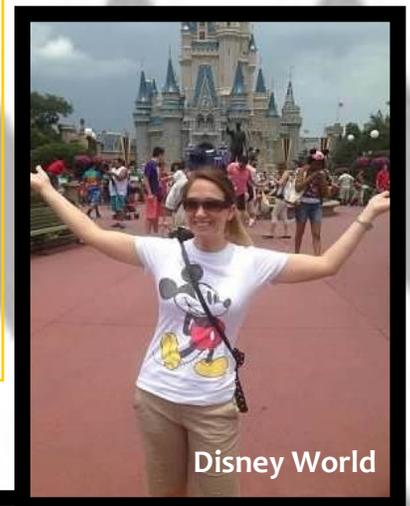
Views on Parenting, Education & Discipline

We are dedicating to educating our child, especially since Stephanie used to be a teacher. We read Evey her adoption story as part of her nightly routine and it's just become part of how we talk about adoption. Continuing education will be encouraged. It is our belief that discipline comes in different forms and starts with the parent discipline to be a good role model. Communication is key in families along with love and guidance to assist the child in developing into a happy, thoughtful adult.



Family Life

Family time is incredibly important to us. We both come from large families. They are all excited to see our new addition.



Religious Life

We both grew up in homes where God was always present and church as a fundamental part of life. Throughout our relationship we have found strength in knowing God has a plan for us and our family.



Evey's baptism

Child Care Plans

Because we are both self-employed we plan on taking quite a bit of time off work after the baby arrives. After we return to work, Jerry's mother will watch the children for several days a week and they will go to a sitter the other two days. This is incredibly important to us that our children have quality care both in a social setting and still have that one-on-one time.



Our Home

We live in a remodeled ranch home with 4 bedrooms and 3 1/2 bathrooms. We have a basement and a large fenced-in backyard with a swing set. There are several neighborhood parks in our town and we are so lucky to live right down the street from one.

