

Ben & Laura

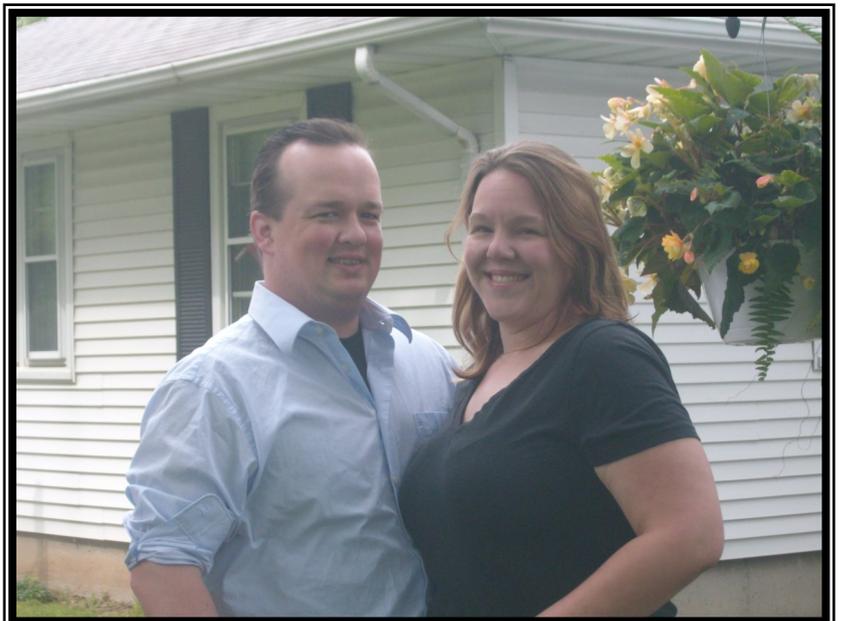
Dearest Birth Parents,

We can't begin to imagine the mixture of emotions you are feeling as you read through albums and view pictures of potential families for your child. The decision you have made is one of tremendous undertaking and selfless love. We thank you for choosing a life for your child, a life complete with all of the hugs, laughter, lullabies and love you desire. By choosing adoption over abortion, you have chosen to do not what is easiest for you/yourselves, but instead head down the difficult yet rewarding path to adoption out of nothing but pure love. We are forever grateful to you, you are making our dreams of a family a reality.

We have been married a little over ten years. We are each others best friends. Coming from rather larger family we have always wanted to be parents, wanted to have a large family. After many years we discovered we had a fertility issue and would not be able to have a biological child. Although we can't have biological children, our desire to adopt comes from our dream to have a family. We want to provide a home to a child to help him/her grow, learn, become strong and proud.

We assure you that any child placed in our home would be given all the love and attention any two parents could give. This child will be surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, great grandparents, and close friends. We view adoption as a huge gift that will give us an opportunity to expand our family by having a child place with us. In addition, we will consider the birth parents as a part of our family, too. We are excited about all the possibility this next journey will bring us. Thank you for taking the time to read our album and getting to know us a little bit. Your decision to choose adoption is truly a gift we are grateful for everyday.

Sincerely,
Ben and Laura



Fun Family Facts



Views on Adoption

We have suffered from infertility for many years. During our infertility journey we knew that all we wanted was to be parents and have a family. We feel that adoption will allow us to achieve our dream of being parents and having a family. We will begin to tell our child from the very beginning about his/her adoption story. We want our child to be aware that we chose adoption because we want to offer a home and family to children whose birth families may not have been able to offer it to them. We want our child to know that birth parents made their decision out of love.



Views on Parenting, Education & Discipline

Our hope for our child is to be successful in whatever they choose to do. We want our child to do as well as they can in school and participate in all the activities he/she chooses like sports, playing instruments, or being in plays. We want them to go on to college and be successful in whatever field they choose. We want to teach him/her values and good character and to love God. Since we hope to adopt a child of any race ethnicity we plan on exposing him/her to his/her culture as much as possible. We believe that the best time to start learning is as a baby, so we will start reading and teaching our child when he/she is a baby. We believe in being patient with children when disciplining them. We believe the rules need to be stated very clearly for them and that if discipline is needed it will be from a love and logic approach with time out being at a "place of grace"



Laura's family at Christmas



Ben and his mother



Ben's family at Christmas

Family Life

We live in a quiet suburb within a block of our family. We love to walk around our neighborhood with our dogs. We go to the movies and out to eat together. One of our favorite things to do is take our dogs to the park for walks.

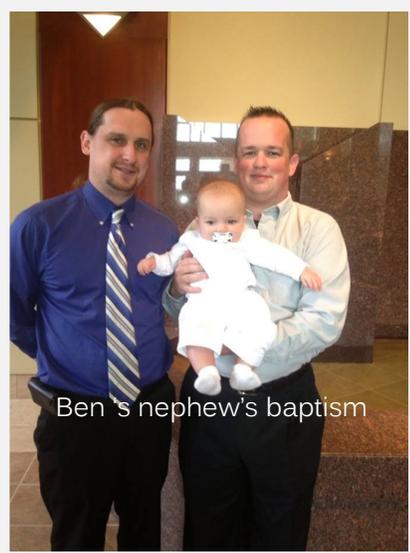


Ben and his siblings



Religious Life

We are religious. Laura works at a Catholic school and attends church weekly with her students. Ben attends church on holidays and occasional weekends.



Ben's nephew's baptism

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Child Care Plans

We work alternating shifts so we will be home with our child. If that is not possible our family lives a block away and will watch the baby while we are at work.

Our Home

2 bedroom ranch
with a fenced in
backyard

