

Longley & Heather

Dear Birth Parents,



While we know this is a difficult and confusing time for you, we hope this album will provide a window into our life and the wonderful, loving home we can provide for a little one. We truly respect your decision to develop an adoption plan and know that it is likely one of the hardest tasks you have ever had to undertake.

Both of us have always considered the possibility of adding a child to our family through adoption. Since determining that we were unable to have biological children, adoption has now become our primary avenue for including a child in our lives. We feel strongly that any child we adopt should have a strong sense of their biological family while also knowing they are loved and supported by their adoptive parents and extended family.

We are currently a family of four: (2) human parents and (2) furry dogs! Longley is a test pilot and officer in the US Navy. He loves his job and currently helps to ensure that the jets purchased by the Navy are of the highest quality. Heather is a pediatric physical therapist, helping special needs children and their families. Max is a (5) year old golden retriever with a playful spirit but cool as a cucumber. He is a certified therapy dog and loves being out in the community. Kali is a spunky, (4) year old rescue chihuahua, who gained her name, somewhat uncreatively, by being adopted in California. She loves to announce to the world whenever she hears any noise whatsoever and spends the rest of her day snoozing under the warm covers of our bed.

We know that pictures and words only tell a fraction of the story, but hopefully they will dictate just how motivated we are to show a child all the wonders of the world. Thank you for considering our family.

Longley, Heather, Max and Kali

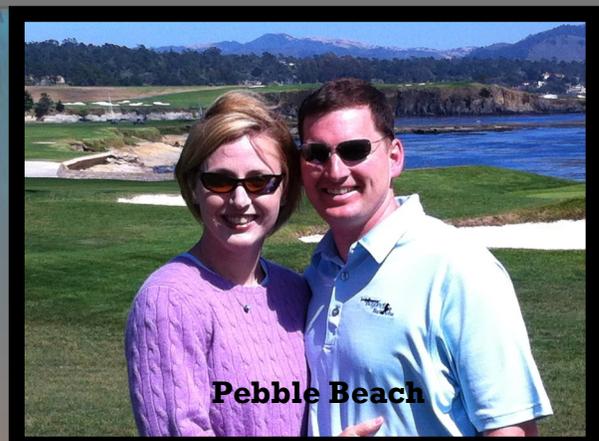


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Fun Family Facts

Views on Adoption

Both of us have always considered the possibility of adding to our family through adoption. Since determining that we were unable to have biological children, adoption has now become the manner in which we hope to start our family. We feel strongly that any child we adopt should have a strong sense of their biological family while also knowing they are loved and supported by their adoptive parents and extended family. We feel it is important for that child to know from an early age that they are adopted and to understand that their birth parents made a difficult decision that was grounded in love.



Child Care Plans

Heather plans to stay home with their child until he/she begins preschool.

Views on Parenting, Education & Discipline

Both of us were raised in loving, supportive families that placed value in personal responsibility, ethical decision-making and education. We feel that we have both been successful in both our personal relationships and chosen careers due to the huge amount of support and motivation provided to us by not only our parents but also grandparents and other extended family members and friends. We hope that we can instill some of these qualities in our child while also supporting their own individual strengths. We hope that our child will be successful in school, complete college and move on to a career that motivates and satisfies him/her. We feel that children need to be allowed freedom to problem-solve and make mistakes (within reason) and learn from those decisions. We feel age appropriate consequences for poor behavior are important learning experiences (such as "time out" or having privileges taken away). We will provide love and support with the goal of our child developing a strong sense of self and personal worth.

Mammoth Skiing



L & H Bridge



Key West



Flying Monterey



Family Life

During our free time we love being active outdoors—cycling and running with our golden retriever as well as taking day trips to explore the areas around where we live. We love to try new restaurants and find healthy options for dining out. We enjoy traveling to new places, but also look forward to our visits with family during the year. We have family in Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and Kentucky and Texas, which gives us many options for places to visit. Being a military family, we typically relocate every (3) years, which gives us the opportunity to explore even more new areas and meet many new friends.

Religious Life

Heather grew up in the Lutheran church and Longley was raised in the Methodist church. Attending church and learning about the Bible were important parts of growing up for both of us and we plan to raise our child within a church family as well. Our military lifestyle allows us to have a unique variety of church experiences! We would like for our child to share in our values--honesty, a strong belief and relationship with God, recognition of the importance of family and compassion and caring for others. We feel that we have been very blessed with amazing role models in our lives--both family, religious and professional-- and look forward to passing down some of that same guidance to our child.



Openness

Open to discussing what the birth parent(s) are comfortable with

Our Home

We live in a 4 bedroom/3.5 BA, 2-story home with a large fenced-in back yard. We live in the suburbs of a large city in a safe and family friendly neighborhood within walking distance to a large park. We have great neighbors and many have small children.

