

# Megan & Brian

Dear Expectant Mother Considering Adoption,

Thank you for taking the time to consider us! We cannot image the stress this decision is bringing to you, but we hope to ease your mind with this letter. You are making an amazing and brave choice for your unborn child! We know that with this decision comes lots of questions about us and we hope that this letter and book will help to answer some of them.

We believe that adoption was always in God's plan for us. In taking the steps to conceive and failing, we have discerned His will for our family. Our journey to become parents started as many couples do. When we had trouble conceiving naturally, we sought help from our OBGYN and a fertility specialist. The treatments were unsuccessful, but we were still determined to fulfill the dream of becoming parents.

Since we were young, we each individually had dreams of being parents. Once we were married, we started preparing our lives for child rearing. We completed college, secured good jobs, and bought a house all with our future child(ren) in mind. Every fun, exciting, or enlightening experience that life brought us made us even more excited to share and teach our child about how amazing the world is.

We plan to raise our future child in a loving & consistent home where Megan will stay home with the child and Brian will work to make a living for the family. Both of us plan to be very involved in all that our future child is interested in. We will coach sports teams, lead scouts, and take trips to enrich the lives of our future child.

We are open to having an open relationship with you and your family, should you like to.

Thank you so much for considering us for your adoptive family!

Together we grow,

*Megan & Brian*



# Fun

# Family

# Facts

## Views on Adoption

The desire to parent was actually one big reason we were attracted to one another. So, when traditional conception wasn't successful, and fertility treatments not effective, the natural next step was adoption to help us achieve the goal of parenthood. Adoption is common in our family. Several of Brian's family members have also adopted, so it seemed natural for us. We feel the birth parents are important and we are excited to grow the relationship, if it is something you desire!

We are open to adopting children of all races and cultural backgrounds. Our child's ethnic background is important to us. We will embrace this background through cultural events, cooking, & new traditions the entire family can enjoy! We understand that with being a multicultural family we will face special challenges. Staying in touch with other multicultural families & with friends who share the racial heritage of our child will help us address these issues. We believe the love and support we will provide our child will help develop his or her positive personal identity. We plan on talking to our child about his or her adoption often, regularly, and continually. We will connect with other adoptive families. As our child gets older we'll role play how to handle situations that come up.

We understand the significance of a relationship with you and will encourage this relationship if birth parents desire it.

### Openness

We are willing to have meetings.

We are also willing to send pictures and letters.



## Views on Parenting, Education, and Discipline

We'll provide guidance & supervision but we'll be open to letting our child explore their world and make goals for themselves around what he or she is interested in. We'll spend lots of time together and it's important to make our child's needs a priority. We'll look for many opportunities for our child to find pleasure in play.

We believe that education is an amazing privilege and plan to incorporate discovery in daily activities as well as special events, such as museum visits, cultural events, and vacations. We plan to use the public school system to educate our child and to be very involved with school work, teachers, & in the parent-teacher organization at the school. We'd like our child to be in control of his/her destiny and will nurture any interests that our child has. We hope that our child will choose a college path, but know it's also possible to attain success and fulfillment without a college education. Basically we will support our child's dreams 100%!

Consistency between parents is important when disciplining. We have discussed discipline at a variety of stages of the child's life. For instance, we have discussed how we would address tantrums (ignoring when possible, but if in a public place where it's disruptive, we will remove the child until he or she calms). We have also spoken about how we would address issues that arise during the teen years, like when dating, driving, etc. We feel a time out gives the child time to calm before administering logical consequences. When age appropriate, talking through poor decisions with our child will be important. When appropriate, it may be helpful to allow the child to determine his or her own logical consequence (I wrote on the wall so I must wash the wall.). For very serious offenses both parents will be present for the consequences.

# Hobbies & Interests



## We Enjoy..

**Brian:**  
Movies & BBQing

**Megan:**  
Arts & Entertaining

### Brian

Three Words to Describe Me

- ◆ Outgoing, Kind, Flexible

Occupation: Store Manager

Race/Ethnicity: White

### Megan

Three Words to Describe Me

- ◆ Happy, Playful, Friendly

Occupation: Sales Consultant

Race/Ethnicity: White

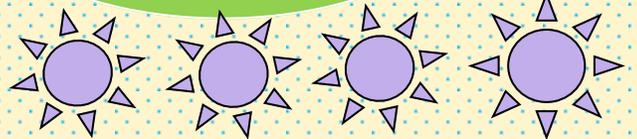


We attend church regularly at a United Methodist Church. The adoptive mother volunteers with the children's ministry, taking photos and enjoys small group. Our families both practice Catechism, which we are open to attending, also, when the opportunities arise. We will raise our child in the church, reading the bible, talking about bible stories, and talking about how Christ's teachings help us live better lives.

## Religious Views

Megan & Brian also enjoy softball!

They are pictured above with their softball team. Megan plays and Brian helps coach and keep score.



# Family Photos

Blake (nephew)

Megan's Mother

Frida

## Our Wedding ♥

Megan's Father

Megan's Sister

Brian's Mother

## Family Life

Family is very important to us. We regularly visit with both sides of our family during religious and non-religious holidays. His side enjoys family dinner on a monthly, or more, basis. Her family is just a short drive away and visits are quarterly, at least with us either driving to see them or them coming to see us. Our extended families mostly meet during weddings, holidays, or graduations and it is a big deal in our family! It's like getting a family reunion each time someone in the family has a fun accomplishment!

Family Weddings

Megan's family on the Beach

## Child Care Plans

Megan will stay home with the child while Brian works full-time during the day. Megan will work in the evenings part-time. When a babysitter is necessary, Brian's sister & nephew (17), and many friends from church will look after the baby.

## Our Home

We have a newly renovated 3-bedroom ranch home.

