

# Tyler & Michelle



Dear Birth Parent,

We're so grateful you're taking time to look at our profile. We want to thank you for your courage and strength as you make this very difficult decision. We know you're considering adoption out of a place of extraordinary love and selflessness. We have the utmost respect for you and share in your desire to provide the best future possible for your child.

We hope this book will give you some insight about who we are as a family. We've been together for 18 years, making for a stable and long-lasting relationship. We're best friends, which is one of the greatest strengths of our marriage. We adopted our 2-year old son, Elijah, who is the most beautiful boy inside and out. He'll make a fantastic big brother. We value family above all else.

As parents, we look forward to helping our children discover and pursue their own passions and dreams. We'll encourage them to grow into the kind of people that make this world a better place.

Tyler is a loving dad who values joy and creativity. He'll have your child laughing and thinking outside the box. He's a fantastic mentor and will provide a child with a lifetime of guidance and support.

Michelle is a nurturer and loves the day-to-day moments of caring for children. She's an active and fun mom, who loves to teach and create adventures. She has an enormous capacity for love, and in her, a child will find a lifetime source of love, comfort, strength, and encouragement.

Adoption is a gift for which we'll be forever grateful. Thank you again for considering us.

Sincerely,

Tyler & Michelle

# About Us



We started dating in college in 2001 and married five years later in 2006. We've been together 18 years! As former foster parents, the children we fostered will always hold a special place in our hearts.

We are Christians and regularly attend a protestant church that spreads a message of love, redemption, acceptance, and service. Our church has excellent children's programs that make Sundays fun and exciting for kids while teaching them about the love of Jesus.



Tyler is the President of a non-profit that serves local youth. He is creative, outgoing, and hard-working. He enjoys being a dad, making music, turning junk into art, garage projects, and reading.

Michelle is a systems analyst for an online company. She is nurturing, kind, and adventurous. She enjoys being a mom, travel, anything outdoors, playing the ukulele, reading, music, and gardening.



Elijah is a joyful, loving, intelligent 2-year-old. He enjoys playing outside, animals, books, toys, games, and play dates.



# Why Adoption?



Adoption is part of who we are, and we see it as a normal way to build a family. After struggling with infertility for years, adoption proved to be the greatest blessing of our lives. We adopted our son in 2016. He is truly a gift from God! We are forever grateful and hope to complete our family by adopting another child.



## Family Life

We believe every child deserves a home where they feel unconditionally loved and comfortable being themselves. We hope to raise a confident, kind, and well-rounded child who puts their faith in God. We look forward to helping our new family member grow into the person that he or she will become.



Tyler and Michelle are both very close to their families. They can't wait to meet our new child! Tyler's dad is one of his best friends, and is a wonderful "Papa" to his grandchildren. Tyler's brother and sister both have small kids, and the cousins love to get together to play at Papa's. His mom passed away, and he misses her greatly. Michelle's mom loves being "Nana." Our son loves his weekly date with Nana. Other family members live out of state which gives us a great reason to travel!



We live in a 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in a friendly, safe neighborhood. We have a fenced back yard with a lovely deck, a garden, and lots of room to play. We live in a mid-sized city with access to great schools, parks, health care, activities, restaurants, and shopping.

Holidays are a big deal in our family! Christmas is Michelle's favorite, with an annual trip to Silver Dollar City and lots of music, treats, and decorations. Tyler's favorite is Halloween, and might even include a "haunted" hayride in the back of his truck! We love passing on traditions and creating new ones of our own.



## Childcare

Michelle has four months of maternity leave and Tyler has vacation days, allowing us time bond with our child.

Michelle works from home with a flexible schedule. She'll keep the children with her, with the help of a nanny during the work day.



## Openness

We'll be open, honest, and respectful with your child about you and their adoption story. Your child will know you love them. We hope to share letters, pictures, and possibly more. We have an open relationship with our son's birth mother.