



Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We admire your compassion for your child and your courage to consider adoption. We cannot imagine the emotions you are feeling during this time as you plan for you and your child's future.

We have always known we wanted to grow our family and pursuing adoption is the right choice for us. Raising and loving a child is more than just whether you share the same DNA so for us, adoption is a comfortable and natural choice.

Our promise to you is that we will provide your child with a loving, nurturing, and fun filled family life. We look forward to learning more about you as you learn about us.

**Lori and Jason**

## About Us



We met in 2011 through a mutual friend after a powerlifting meet in which Jason competed. We dated for a little over 2 years and were engaged in 2013. In August 2014, we were married!

## About Jason



- **Profession:** IT Sourcing
- **Personality:** Funny, Hardworking, Outgoing
- **Hobbies:** Fishing, Hiking, Woodworking, Guitar, Mountain Biking

## About Lori



- **Profession:** Marketing Manager
- **Personality:** Quiet/Shy, Loyal, Caring
- **Hobbies:** Hiking, Reading, Running, Golfing

## **Diversity**

We want to raise our child to have a complete understanding of their cultural background, including race, heritage, and ethnicity. We plan to do this through festivals, art, music, mentors, and toys that represent their cultural identity. Articles, books, and podcasts on diversity are helping our family prepare for a child of a different cultural background.

## **Religion**

We attend a Lutheran church in our community. We are very active and participate in a lot of events and activities there, including Bible study, choir, helping with Sunday School, and other groups. Our church has a K-8 school that we hope our child can attend. It is important to us that they receive a faith-based Lutheran education.

## **Parenting**

We want to teach our child the values of independence, confidence, emotional stability, courtesy, security, open-mindedness, and compassion. That starts with us exhibiting these values with each other, our child, and anyone else we engage with.

Our future ideas of discipline techniques would include things like time-outs, grounding and removal of certain extracurricular privileges. The discipline will be used to instill that actions have consequences. We also plan on considering the reasons or emotions that may cause our child to misbehave in order to meet all of his/her needs.

We plan to share our child's birth story early and often. We want them to understand their background as well as who their birth parents are and the hard, but loving decision they made.

## **Openness**

We are open to sharing photos, exchanging letters and/or emails and phone calls, as well as scheduling visits. We hope to grow a relationship that allows you to know about our child's life.

## Our Pets

Geisela - 9 year old Whippet Mix

Gunther - 7 year old German Shorthaired Pointer

Franklin - 5 year old Orange Tabby



## Our Home

Our home is located in a medium-sized, but growing town. Our town has everything you could need from shopping to medical care.

We have a spacious, 5 acre yard and pool for fun activities and playing. The neighborhood is quiet with just 12 different families, some with children.

There are playgrounds and parks near our house, along with a walking trail near the Missouri riverfront.

## Holidays

We spend the holidays with our families, especially Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter, plus most birthdays.

2 traditions we like to participate in as we prepare for the holidays are:

- 1) the pumpkin patch
- 2) cutting down our Christmas tree

We are looking forward to our child being part of these traditions.



## Family

Our family is very important to us. We spend time with each of our families doing various activities such as playing golf, playing on the family farm, watching movies, and going to escape rooms, but we also enjoy quality time together at one of our homes. They are all very supportive of us growing our family and can't wait to gain a new grandchild, niece/nephew, and cousin.

