



Joel & Marinda

Dear Birth Parents,

You are incredibly brave. Before we express how excited and hopeful we feel about adoption, we want you to know that we honor you and your choices, we respect you, and we are cheering you on.

Our journey to choose adoption as the way to grow our family was not our initial plan, yet now feels like our family was always meant to grow this way. We are hopeful to have an open adoption so our child can know and have relationships with you. You will always be a part of our future child's story and heart.

We're grateful for the life that we've been able to build together and can't wait for it to continue to grow through the miracle of adoption.

With Love,
Joel & Marinda

Meet Joel & Marinda (AKA Jorinda)

We've been married since 2017. We don't have any children, it's just us and our dog Wrigley in our little family. Joel grew up in Virginia and Marinda grew up in Oregon and Utah. We are both white and have Norwegian and Scottish ancestry.

Joel

Genuine, easy-going, and funny
General Manager at a Garden Warehouse Company

Loves legos, baseball, movies, and playing the cello

Marinda

Authentic, spunky, and adventurous
Going back to college to become a Social Worker

Loves reading, hanging with friends, sewing, and nature



We are excited to build our family through adoption

Adoption is a beautiful way to build a family. It is not the initial way we thought we would build our family, we struggled to get pregnant, and it now feels like our family was meant to grow through adoption.

We recognize and acknowledge the trauma and pain inherent in the adoption experience for adoptive children and birth parents and want to make sure that we hold space for that pain and trauma. We feel so good and excited about this decision.



Welcome to Our Home

Our home is a 3 bedroom 2 bathroom duplex with a bright kitchen, a 2 car garage and nice backyard. It has great natural light and we've decorated it to be cozy and full of personality — we have a wall of posters from our favorite concerts and shelves full of Joel's LEGOs downstairs!

We live in a great neighborhood with a park across the street that has a playground often full of kids, many people walking dogs, and hosts community events. We love that our area has many restaurants, pieces of art, and shopping all within a 15 minute walk. There are multiple hospitals within 20 minutes where we've both received top notch medical care, which is another big reason we love where we live.





Meet Wrigley!

Wrigley is a 4 year-old mini labradoodle, about 34 pounds, and is the cuddliest pup around. He has a lot of personality. He loves to play fetch and enjoys meeting new people. He's always there if you need some extra love. He's a big part of our lives and is great with kids.



We see our family as a constellation that grows through adoption...

Meaning that we want to have openness with the birth parents and potentially other members of their families. We hope to meet the birth parents before placement and have monthly contact through letter and photo updates. We hope to do in-person visits at least once a year. We would love the birth parents to be a part of our future child's life for them to know the numerous people who love and support them.



We will support your child's heritage and culture

We're grateful to live in a major metropolitan area with great racial, cultural, and ethnic diversity that will help us raise our child to embrace who they are. This is critical to us. We'll have books and toys that reflect our child's race, and continue to watch movies and shows that reflect our child. (Some of our favorite movies are Remember the Titans, Dune, and 42 Jackie Robinson). We will ensure the school they attend has enough racial diversity so our child has a community. We will attend celebrations, festivals, eat diverse food, and take them to a barber or salon that specializes in care for their hair type.

Both our families are white; and thankfully we know they are open to our child looking different than them (and us). We also know they will love our child and their background. We are continuing to provide books and resources for our family to help them understand how they can support us and our future child, especially when it comes to racial diversity.



Thank you for viewing our
album and we wish you all
the best!