

Dear Expectant Parent,

First of all, thank you for choosing life and considering adoption. We genuinely believe that adoption is an incredibly selfless and honorable choice that you, as a parent, can make for your child. We cannot imagine the difficulty and courage it takes to make such a loving decision. We appreciate you taking the time to read this letter and learning a bit more about our family.

Before we were married, we had always dreamed of being young parents and having a large, active family. When our journey to starting a family did not go as anticipated, we felt called to pursue adoption. We are firm believers that there is a higher plan for our life and that everything happens for a reason. Our experiences, both positive and negative, with growing our family rooted us deeper in our Catholic faith and taught us to trust in God's plan for our lives. We were blessed to be chosen as parents to our daughter, Claire, and our son, Benjamin, by their Birth Moms. They were each adopted as infants in 2016 and 2019, respectively. We have a deep love for both Claire's and Ben's Birth Moms and are fortunate to have varying levels of openness with them. As with any loving relationship, we pray that both continue to grow. Our family has so much love to share and we know that despite the emotions that are a part of the open adoption triad, it is truly a blessing and benefits everyone involved: birthparents, adoptive family, and most importantly, the child. Claire and Ben will make incredible big siblings for another baby, especially one who is also adopted, because both will be able to understand the feelings of being an adoptee.

We cannot thank you enough for choosing life for your child and considering us to be part of your family. It shows true love and respect for the precious gift of life that you have made. We promise you, as adoptive parents, that our child will be loved and cared for each and every day of their life. They will also know as much about you as you would like them to, and that your choice of an adoption placement was selfless and made entirely out of your love for them. We appreciate you taking time and getting to know a little about us and look forward to sharing more with you in the future.

With prayers and love,

Matt, Lauren,

Claire + Ben