

Dear Birthparents:

The decision you face today is a difficult one but we know your courage and bravery in simply reading this letter is immense, compassionate, and a gift from God. By choosing life, your child is already so loved and we would be honored to be the adoptive parents whom you trust to build upon that love everyday of your child's life.

To introduce ourselves, our names are Adam and Rachel and we are both 31 years old, practicing Catholics, come from a small town in Southeast Missouri, and have close families who love us and whom we love dearly. Adam is the middle child of three to parents who have been married for 37 years. His older sister is also married and she and her husband have two beautiful daughters, ages 3 and 9 months. He also has a younger sister who loves her cats, Scrabble and Monopoly. Rachel is the oldest of four siblings and her parents have been married for 35 years. She has a younger brother and two younger sisters who are all wonderful people in the midst of finding their places in this world. Our families mean everything to us and we know our children will mean everything to them. Everyone is anxiously awaiting the day when they can welcome our adoptive child into the family with open arms.



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Our hobbies and interests are quite diverse. Adam is an Engineer who loves to follow his favorite sports teams, collect sports memorabilia, and enjoys American history. Rachel is an Accountant who loves to create anything from handmade cards to crochet to quilts and she loves to get lost in a good book, TV show, movie, or musical. We also spend lots of time together playing with our dog, Annie, traveling all over the USA, enjoying the outdoors, visiting with family, and cheering on the St. Louis Blues!

With such a solid foundation of family, friends, and home and our careers, hobbies, and faith firmly established, we couldn't wait to begin a family of our own. We wanted to have a child with whom we could share our love, teach to explore, and celebrate milestones. Our plans to have that child changed in November of 2013 when we learned that we could never have biological children. God had a special plan for us – an adoption plan – which has guided us to write this letter today.

All of these details let you know who we are as a couple, but they are not as important as this: God has blessed us with an opportunity to become parents through adoption. He has also created a beautiful baby through you and given you the gift of adoption. Because of this amazing relationship, we will be able to give that child all that we have and raise them as our own to become a wonderful person who will have an impact on the lives of everyone they meet. But that fascinating journey starts with you, their birthparents, and your choice to say yes to adoption.

May God Bless You!