

Dear Expectant Parent,

We understand that you want the very best for your child and we pray that we will be all that you hoped for your child. We are grateful to you for taking the time to get to know us. Chris and I met during college and while we did not date then, we remained good friends. In 2014, we reconnected and knew our paths had crossed for a reason. After we married, we immediately started planning our family. Despite our efforts to have a child, infertility prevented this from happening. We always knew in our hearts that we would have a family, and this led us to adopting our son, Andrew.

We live in a Saint Louis, MO in a diverse neighborhood surrounded by many young families. We live within walking distance of a large park that hosts farmers markets, concerts and multiple playgrounds. We were drawn to our home because of the large backyard that serves as a perfect gathering place for family and friends. We loved the feel of this old home that has lots of room for a growing family. We have a Bernese Mountain dog named Bertie. She is a kind and gentle dog who loves walks and belly rubs! She is wonderful with Andrew and tends to be the centerpiece of family gatherings.

Chris is the youngest of five children and Liz is the middle of three children. Our parents, siblings and their families all live within 30 minutes of us which allows for frequent time together. We love watching Andrew play with his cousins, especially our niece Kelly who was also adopted as an infant. In watching our nieces and nephew grow, we appreciate that every child is unique and will love our children as the independent people they are. We also believe that every child and family's story is unique and must be respected. It is our hope to raise our family in a fun and loving home that teaches compassion, faith, and a love of learning.

We pray that you will consider us as parents for your child and are open to sharing more with you if interested. We have spent a lot of time thinking about what adoption means to us and our future children. We believe it is important for your child to know you and as much of your story as you are open to share. They will know your brave heart and the loving choice you have made when creating your adoption plan. We are open to sharing their milestones and successes as they grow up whether in person or through letters and pictures.

We wish you all the love and strength in these coming months as you continue making your adoption plans. God bless you and your baby!

Love,
Chris, Liz and Andrew