

Dear Expectant Parent,

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn more about us.

We met in January 2010. We went to college together at Webster and had mutual friends but did not actually meet until a few weeks after we had both graduated. We started dating shortly after we met and have been happily married since 2015. We don't have any children but are excited about expanding our family. Dani is from St. Louis while John grew up in Wisconsin. Dani's large extended family is all in the area including her mom, step father, 3 brothers, sister-in-law, and niece. John's family is a bit more spread out with his sister, brother-in-law, niece, and nephew in Washington and his brother, sister-in-law, nephew, and two nieces in Wisconsin. We are able to go visit them often though and they also love coming to St. Louis. John's parents split their time between Wisconsin and St. Louis. They are all very supportive of our plan to adopt!

We have an amazing close group of friends that we see often. Dani and her closest friend are about to celebrate 30 years of friendship. We have four little ones who call us aunt and uncle even though we are not related by blood. We live in south St. Louis which is beautiful and filled with diversity. We are able to walk to multiple parks with playgrounds as well as all the shops and restaurants. We plan to send our future child to our neighborhood catholic school which is attended by many of the children in our neighborhood and is also our parish. We have three cats and a dog and love spending time walking around our neighborhood and hanging out with our friends. John loves to play softball and Dani loves to read. We love to travel together and have been to over 30 countries. We are excited to share the world with our future child. Dani is a dual US and Italian citizen which is also something we are excited to share with the baby.

John works remotely as a career counselor for a university and Dani is a behavior analyst. We are both also professors and John is pursuing licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LCP). John will be able to take off approximately one month after placement while Dani will be able to take off at least three months. Once we return to work, we will still have the baby home with us while we work but will also have a nanny in the home to help out when we have meetings.

Our journey to adoption is not related to infertility. We have always wanted to adopt. This is something we discussed when we first started dating. Through our professional work and education, we have seen how wonderful adoption can be and have always wanted to grow our family through adoption.

We want you to know that with us, your child would be loved unconditionally. We also will ensure that they know how much you love them. We would love to have a relationship with you but are happy to support whatever level of openness you are comfortable with. No matter what, they will know what a great person you are and we will make sure that you, their culture, and their heritage are part of their story.

We have so much respect for you and know the decision you are making is extremely difficult. Please know that your child will be loved by us and so many people.

With love,

Dani and John

