



Brad

Molly

Job Description:

VP of Sponsor Services for a Minor League Baseball Team

Special Events Manager

Education:

BA in Journalism and an MBA

BS in Organizational Leadership

Favorites:

Hobby

Home improvement projects

Hobby

Gardening

Childhood Memory

Playing Little League

Childhood Memory

Going to the pool

Leisure Activity

Golfing

Leisure Activity

Canoeing

Musical Group

Coldplay

Musical Group

Sugarland

Children:

None

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Qualities We Admire In Each Other

Brad about Molly: I've always loved that Molly is someone who really knows what she likes and wants. When she finds those things, she is passionate about them and pours herself into making it the best she possibly can. She is also so much fun to be around. Whenever she's in a room, people are drawn to her because she has this uncanny ability to make people happy just by being the person she is.

Molly about Brad: The two things that I love most about Brad are his ability to make me feel safe and his knack for making me laugh. Brad is always able to help me see "the big picture" when I feel overwhelmed by something in particular. He is wonderful at helping me come up with a plan and that is why I know he will be a great father. Brad is also very good at making me laugh on a daily basis. His sense of humor is hilarious and I believe that quality will help us be great parents together.

What Led Us To Choose Adoption to Build Our Family

When we decided it was time to expand our family, we expected it would happen just like most everyone else, through pregnancy. After lots of medical testing, it became apparent that it would not happen that way. That is when we discovered that adoption was the way we were meant to become a family. We cannot wait to share our love and raise a child, even if that child isn't ours biologically.

Our Leisure Time

We are an active couple who enjoys spending time together. In our leisure time, some of our favorite activities around home include cooking weekend breakfasts, working on home improvement projects and spending time in our backyard. Other activities we like include riding our bikes, going canoeing and spending time with our friends.

We also love to travel. We take several weekend trips a year visiting family and friends throughout the Midwest. In addition to those trips we also try to take one longer vacation each year. Our favorite destination so far has been to Riviera Maya, Mexico.

Our House and Neighborhood



We live in a historical neighborhood a few miles outside of a large Ohio city. Most of the homes in the area, including ours, are more than 60 years old and have a great deal of character. All of the streets are tree-lined and well cared for. It is a common site to see many of our neighbors on walks with their children or their pets.

We have lived in our home for five years. In that time, Brad has made many improvements and Molly has filled the yard with lots of blooming flowers. We take pride in our cozy home and we cannot wait to share it with a child.



Our Home



The Park in Our Neighborhood

Our House and Neighborhood, continued

We think our neighborhood is a fantastic place to live because there is so much to see and do. Coffee shops, ice cream parlors, playgrounds, a library and an elementary school are all within walking distance from our home. Our area attracts many young families because it is home to one of the best school districts in the state.

The street that we live on is very close knit. Some of our favorite events include the annual Block Party and Halloween night.

Every summer at the Block Party, our neighbors spend the day together grilling out, playing games, and getting to know each other better. There is a "costume contest" for the dogs and a scavenger hunt for all of the children.

On Halloween night, we create a "one stop shop" for all of the trick-or-treaters. Everyone, young and old, dresses up in costumes and gathers in one driveway to hand out candy to the children. Getting all of the candy at one house makes our block a very popular one for trick-or-treaters!

Our Extended Families

Molly: I am the oldest child in my family where I have two brothers and one sister. My parents have been married for over 30 years and they live nearby. We get together often for dinner and to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions. Everyone is looking forward to welcoming a new member to our family!

My favorite family tradition is hosting my parents, siblings and grandparents at our home for a homemade Christmas Eve dinner. After dinner, we open gifts and then gather blankets and pillows so that we can watch a holiday movie. Our favorite is *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*.

Brad: My parents have been married for over 35 years and still live in the house I grew up in just an hour and half from our home.

My older sister lives in Washington, DC with her husband, who is originally from England. Their hobby is gourmet cooking, so whenever we spend time together, there is always lots of delicious food around.

Over the past couple of years, both of my parents have turned 60. For each of their birthdays, we took a trip as a family to explore two big cities. For my Dad's birthday we spent the weekend in Washington, DC during the Cherry Blossom Festival. For my Mom's birthday we spent a fall weekend exploring New York City.

My family can't wait to meet our newest family member!



Molly's Family at Her Brother's Graduation



Brad with Spartacus On the Day We Brought Him Home



Brad's Family and Grandparents at His Sister's Wedding

Our Pet Is Important In Our Lives

Spartacus is the five-year-old black lab we brought home as a puppy from the Humane Society. He is well known in our neighborhood for his gentle nature and big personality. When we take him on walks, we often use the park as our turn-around point. Many of the children playing there will run over to pet him. The kids laugh when he immediately rolls onto his back so they can scratch his belly. We are so grateful to have Spartacus - and all of his goofiness - in our lives!



In Mexico on Vacation

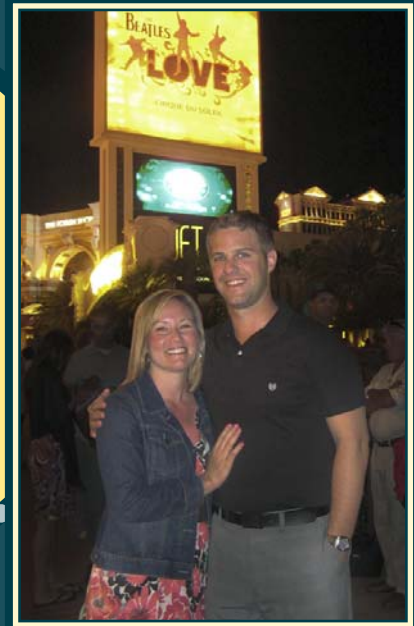


On Our Wedding Day in 2003

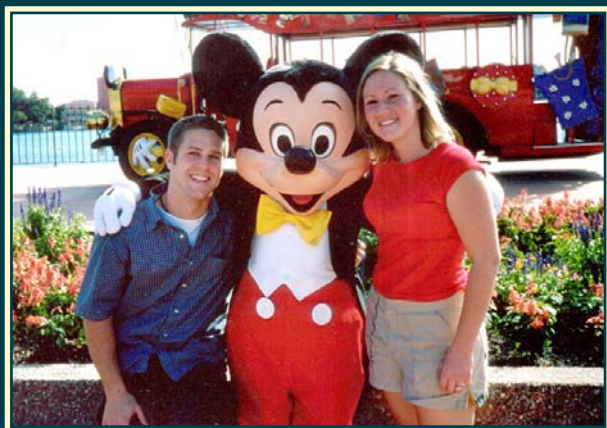


In Times Square, NYC

Brad & Molly



In Las Vegas



With Mickey Mouse During the
Disney Trip When We Got Engaged



In Mexico Along the Beach

Dear Birthparent(s),

A couple of years ago, we had everything planned out.

We'd been married for some time, were finished with our schooling, had bought and fixed up our house, had successful jobs and were financially stable. Our next step was to start a family.

But that next step never came. We discovered we were unable to have a biological child. Our well thought out "plans" had suddenly been thrown out the window. We were sad, confused and upset that things didn't go the way we had always dreamt they would.

In that sadness was a silver lining, though. Because of that unexpected "change in plans" we have been able to learn so much about the incredible gift of adoption. If it weren't for that loss, we would have never gotten to experience the excitement and hope that the adoption process has brought to our lives.

The world of adoption is filled with many incredible, thoughtful people who just like you, want nothing but the best for their children. We can't wait to become parents through adoption, and we sincerely hope you'll consider having your child become the child we will have the opportunity to parent.

Hopefully, you've had the chance to get to know us a little better through this profile, but we want you to know about the promises we'll make to your child should you choose for us to become their parents.

For your child, we promise:

- To let them know you made an adoption plan with their best interests in mind
- To love them unconditionally
- To encourage them to pursue their interests, no matter what they may be
- To lead and teach them by example
- To support the decisions they make
- To travel with them and show them the incredible world they live in
- To promote education as an important part of their lives
- To teach them the importance of a strong work ethic
- To show them how to have fun and enjoy everything they can in life

And there is one big promise for you as well...

We promise that if you choose us to parent your child, you will never have to worry about them. We will love and cherish your child with every ounce of our heart and will provide them with everything they will ever need. They will grow up surrounded by a loving extended family and will forever be at the center of our world.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our letter. We hope that whatever your decision may be (even if it is not us) that you find peace and comfort in it.

Sincerely,

Brad and Molly

