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Curt

Donnamarie

Job Description:

Benefit's Consultant Hairdresser, Part-Time

Education:

Bachelor of Arts / President of Alma Mater's Area Alumni Association Licensed Managing Cosmetologist, Chef Training in French Culinary Technique

Favorites:

Hobby

Skeet Shooting

Hobbies

Cooking and Gardening

Memory with Spouse
Our Trip to New York City

Memory with Spouse
Riding Trigger for First Time

Thing to Cook
Lobster

Things to Cook
Homemade Bread,
Soup from Scratch

Classic Movie
Rocky II

Classic Movie
My Fair Lady

Family Activity
Vacations to Beach

Family Activity
Family Meals

Children:
None

What We Love About Each Other

Curt about Donnamarie: I love how nurturing she is especially with kids and animals. It is simply a part of her being. People are naturally drawn to her; children love her AND listen to her! She is the favorite Aunt, plants and flowers thrive under her care, animals trust her and give affection right away. It is wonderful to watch her in action! I admire her unbelievable patience, and her amazing cooking skills. I also admire her ability to give affection freely and to listen, truly listen, to whomever needs to share their concerns or feelings. I know she gets exhausted by how much she gives of herself, and yet she loves giving, especially to me and our families. Lastly, I respect her unwavering work ethic and her deep inner strength. She is courageous and soft at the same time. I love that she is my wife and future mother of our kids.

Donnamarie about Curt: I love how grounded and steadfast he is! He is a wonderful husband. I love that he knows who he is, and is deeply proud of his family and me. I love his profound commitment to family and friends but especially to our life together. I feel safe with him and know he would do anything to keep me and his family protected and secure. I love that memories and history are important to him, and I love that he can't wait to share so much with our kids. I love that he wants to be a good father! I love that he brings me a cup of hot coffee every morning to wake me. I admire his leadership skills and how devoted he is to helping others, especially people having a tough time. He is physically strong, energetic, and athletic. Curt has a great ability to make people laugh, to make me laugh. He has helped me have more of a sense of humor. I admire his undying love and admiration for his parents. He loves talking about his childhood and is always expressing how lucky he feels to be their son. I respect his determination to always make life better for us. He is my rock and the best thing that has ever happened to me.

A Personal Adoption Story

We have a special story to share. Curt was born in Fairmont, West Virginia, where his mom is also from. It is a beautiful state with rich heritage; Curt and I both are proud of our roots. His mom is the oldest of 5 siblings. While very much loved by her birth parents, extreme poverty made it difficult to care for all. Her Aunt and Uncle could not have kids and "adopted" Curt's mom at the age of 5. They simply took her to live with them in Ohio. This was very hard on her at first; she realized she was the "lucky" one. She felt a loss but did remain extremely close to her siblings. She loved her adopted parents very much. When she became a mom she and Curt's dad were called on to help her sister in West Virginia by raising her two nephews when they were teenagers with Curt and his brother. His parents are an amazing example of what unconditional love really means and this has had a profoundly positive effect on him and his brother. Adoption is very personal for us both and we feel it is a gift we would be honored to receive. We do have a deep need to be parents and want the chance to give a child this same complete unconditional love.

Our House & Neighborhood



We love living in Ohio, particularly in our historic and culturally diverse neighborhood. We feel it is a perfect place to raise kids. Our street is lined with beautiful old oak trees rising far above the rooftops. It creates a warm, protective, and serene landscape. The winter snowfall looks magical; truly a winter wonderland! Fall brings brilliant colors; spring and summer bring fragrant smells and lush green leaves everywhere. We wake up to seeing the wondrous change of season's right outside our bedroom window.



Our Home

House & Neighborhood, (continued)



Our Backyard: Donnamarie's 10 Year Gardening and Landscape Project

The community park is at the end of our street, always lively with kids and families. Our home is a 4 bedroom solid brick Georgian Colonial built in 1924. It's a fortress! We love the house's character and really envision raising children here.

Our fully fenced back yard is our sanctuary and perfect for children to play and feel safe. We are part of a historic area with great shopping and locally owned restaurants. Our neighborhood is known for its summer festivals and farmers markets. There is also a very popular outdoor amphitheater that holds summer concerts, kid's theater programs and art performances, all within walking distance. Three blocks in the other direction is a wonderful library, amazing grocery stores and local movie theater! We are surrounded with families and kids of all ages and our street is extremely dog friendly.

Our Extended Families

Family is one of our most important connections. **Curt's Dad** is a retired school teacher and also owns a fence contracting business. He still volunteers working the scoreboard at high school football games and was Curt's football coach. His mom was in real estate and was completely devoted to her family. Curt and his brother grew up watching their parents constantly give of themselves with an open heart. His brother is 15 months younger and lives in Atlanta with his wife, and kids; two boys and one girl. Curt's brother is his best friend, they talk daily. Last summer Curt and I planned a reunion for his dad's side of the family in South Carolina. 75 people came from all over the country! His grandmother is 90 and was so very happy to be surrounded by all her children (7), grandchildren, nieces' and nephews. Our special dinner was a homemade seafood boil prepared by Curt and me, a huge success!

Donnamarie is the oldest girl of 5 and has 2 brothers and 2 sisters. She too is very close with her family. When everyone gets together you cannot deny their strong bond. Her dad is retired from a successful sales career and loves taking care of their home while her mom now enjoys working for the VA Hospital. Growing up Donnamarie's mom was devoted to raising 5 kids and finished her undergraduate and graduate college education. Family and Faith were the center of their lives. Donnamarie's parents taught their kids to have a strong work ethic and that by serving others you are serving God. Growing up sometimes Donnamarie was mom and some times just big sister, now the roles bounce back and forth between all of them; especially her youngest sister who lives farthest away. They text regularly, at times just to say I love you. Donnamarie has 5 nephews & one niece with her younger brother and his wife expecting their third child! Her family loves spending time together and food is a big part of the celebrations. Donnamarie's brother-in-law made a huge Baked Alaska for our dad's retirement party and everyone was so impressed! Her dad's favorite dessert!

We feel our families are unique because we both came from parents who've been married 40 plus years and were raised with very similar values. Our families understand how much we want to be parents. They are completely supportive of our decision to adopt and can't wait to welcome another child into their lives.



Donnamarie Rides Trigger While Curt Rides Buddy

Experiences We Can't Wait To Share With A Child

Curt has so many wonderful memories of horses growing up. We board our horse Trigger at a really great stable in the country only 15 minutes from Curt's parent's house. They have boarded horses here since Curt was a child. We can't wait to share this experience with a child. Curt prides himself on his skill as a horseman and won many ribbons growing up. He taught me to ride and this is something we both want to share. Trigger is the gentlest horse anyone has ever seen and he loves children! We organize a trail ride every year for our friends and their kids. After the ride Curt makes a big fire in the stone fireplace and we roast hotdogs and tell stories. Everyone has fun!

Christmas is another really special time that we are excited to share. One of our fondest memories with a child is when we took Donnamarie's nephew with her sister to cut his first Christmas tree. Both our parents used to let us kids walk through the fields to pick out "the perfect one" for home. And, in both our families we were able to help cut it down. Taking our nephew was so fun! He loved knowing it was a long standing tradition and we were so happy share that tradition. We can't wait to do the same with a child of our own.



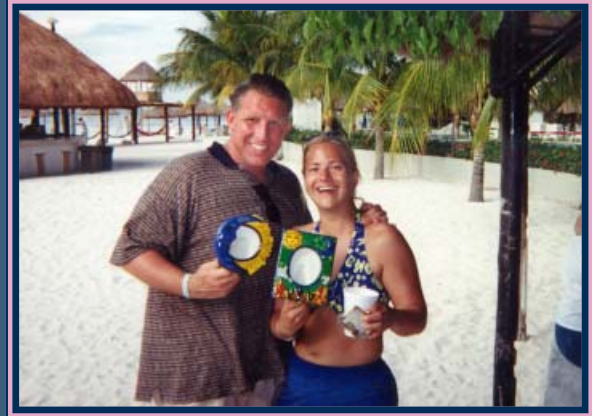
Family Reunion 2010



Donnamarie's Dad's Retirement Party



We Loved Our Trip to Niagara Falls!



Painting Our Own Souvenir
Picture Frames in Mexico



Curt Getting Trigger Ready to
Take Kids on a Trail Ride



Cutting Down Our Christmas Tree
with Nephew



Curt Teaching "Barrel of Monkeys"
to Our Niece and Nephews

Curt & Donnamarie



Nantucket Harbor -
Our Favorite Vacation Spot



Donnamarie Playing with
Our Newest Nephew

Dear Birthparent(s),

This must be a complicated time for you. We hope that you are okay and have the support you need during this difficult time in your life. For this reason it is possible that a bond will be created between you and us. We realize that it is your incredible strength and unselfish love that may make it possible for us to be parents. Thank you for considering adoption and for taking the time to learn about who we are. Please know our hearts go out to you. If you decide to choose adoption, we won't let you down.

We are so excited to tell you about us! We love each other very much; the only thing missing in our life is children. We are ready and excited to be parents. I am working towards being a stay at home mom. Curt's career is secure and he is a wonderful provider.

Our life together began as a blind date! I arrived at the restaurant first to watch him come in. He was handsome and walked with confidence and I remember him smelling good! Not long after sitting down together he complimented me on my brown eyes. I blushed but tried to stay self assured and relaxed. We took time to get to know one another and to discover who each of us were as human beings. It was incredible to realize how much we had in common and how we share the same values. We feel that our bond as a couple and our respect for each other will help us to be great parents.

We believe in God and know that our faith in him makes all things possible. We will raise your child to have Faith in God and to respect others even if they are different. We go to church occasionally, but we also believe that God is in all things, especially nature. We love being outdoors and taking nature walks in our State Parks. We can't wait to go on walks with a child showing them how beautiful God made the world.

Education is extremely important to us. We are fortunate that our community has many different learning institutions. I attended Catholic schools through tenth grade then changed to a public trade school. Curt attended public schools then went to Baldwin- Wallace College. While there, he was voted student body president! Curt loved school so much he is currently volunteering his time as the B-W Alumni President for our community. We are committed to seeking the best education but more importantly the best teaching environment for your child. We will take an active role in your child's learning. We will honor your child's unique gifts and create a nurturing home for him or her to thrive in.

Having fun in school is also important! Curt wrestled and played football, I played softball and volleyball. We were both team captains! I also took guitar lessons. As an adult I enjoyed being on a crew team and rowed in competitions throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania. We feel being involved in extracurricular activities is a great way for kids to build self esteem and form lasting friendships. We can't wait to be at every event or performance! We promise to always listen to your child and respect their feelings. We also promise to share pictures and letters with you, if you choose, so you can know your child is safe and happy.

Our parents and most of Donnamarie's siblings are nearby. Your child will be surrounded by children who can't wait to have a new playmate! We will have help from family. As potential parents we are excited to share special experiences that are meaningful to us. Through these experiences we hope it inspires your child to dream and build goals for him/herself. We will not only support your child by giving positive feedback, but also stay by their side through tough times even into adulthood. We can't wait to share our love of horses and beach vacations. We enjoy our city's Museums and Cultural Centers too and we can't wait to experience these places again through a child's eyes.

If given the chance we will do everything to ensure your child will flourish and become the person they are meant to be. We will show and teach kindness and acceptance to your child. We will love them forever and unconditionally. Thank you so much and may God bless you and guide you to us in your decision.

Curt and Donnamarie

