



Dave

Emily

Job Description:

Labor & Employment Attorney

Assistant Vice President
in Human Resources for
a Top Bank

Education:

Juris Doctor Law Degree
Bachelor of Arts, Business
Administration

Bachelors of Fine Arts,
Musical Theater

Favorites:

Bedtime Story
Pizza Pat

Bedtime Story
Love You Forever

Food
Corn Beef & Cabbage

Food
Anything Italian

Hobby
Triathlons, Playing Guitar

Hobby
Reading, Gardening

Movie
Bourne Identity

Movie
Office Space

Performer, Band
Pearl Jam

Performer, Band
John Mayer

Children:

Ethan (3)

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Our First Adoption Experience

On a beautiful, clear Saturday afternoon in June, 2006, we left our front door, uncertain about how drastically our lives would change moments later. That day we were to meet our son, Ethan, for the first time. In an instant later, we found ourselves at the agency shuffling through paperwork and waiting, anxiously, for Ethan to arrive.

When an agency representative brought Ethan in the room, our hearts stopped! He was so tiny, and so precious. Ethan was five days old. He was born 4 weeks prematurely and weighed just 5 1/2 pounds, but his presence filled the room. We both felt an instant, unbreakable connection with him that has only gotten stronger since.

We were lucky to meet Ethan's birthparents at that time too. While we were only supposed to meet for a brief 15 minutes, we talked for over an hour. We were able to get to know each other, answer any questions they had and take pictures that we hope to share with Ethan. It was reassuring when they said how thankful they were for choosing us. We have never been so honored.

We want our child to know of your love and how your courageous choice expanded our family. We welcome discussing with you the level of contact that you are comfortable with. We will be open and honest with our children about their birth families and their adoptions.

Qualities We Love, Admire and Respect in Each Other

Emily about Dave: After our first date I hoped I would be lucky enough to marry Dave. Watching Dave become a father has been among the greatest experiences of my life. He is an amazing father. Dave also has a terrific personality! While he is quiet at times he has a great sense of humor. We have a lot of inside jokes and love to laugh together. He is a wonderful listener who gives tremendous advice. He is friendly to everyone- he takes a genuine interest in getting to know people.

In addition to being a great father and husband, I have never met anyone so determined and hardworking. I am constantly amazed by him and all the accomplishments that he has achieved in his career, especially at such a young age! Despite all his career success, Dave has a sense of balance. He puts his family and friends first and knows what the important things are in life. I am proud to be his wife and build a family with him.

Dave about Emily: When Emily and I married, I thought I could not love her more. Then, I saw how great of a mother she is to Ethan! She is tender and compassionate, but is also willing to make the tough decisions that parents must make. Ethan looks-up to her and loves her so much, I am proud that he has such a great Mom. Emily is very respectful of Ethan and shares her passion for life and humor with him. She is a true teacher to him.

I admire how Emily loves her family without fault, and is loyal to her friends. I love her sense of humor. We constantly joke with each other and really know how to have fun. Emily is very intelligent. Her favorite hobby is to read books, mostly fiction. I am amazed at how quickly she reads and how involved she is with each story. I respect how effortlessly she succeeds at her job and in anything else she does. When we were married, I truly did not know how I could love her more. Yet, I love her more every day.

Our House and Neighborhood



Our home is in a wonderful suburb of Columbus, Ohio, that was recently named by a magazine as "the best place to raise a family in central Ohio." We built our house on a cul de sac six years ago. Most of our neighbors have younger children, ranging from newborns to middle-schoolers. Every day, neighborhood is filled with children playing after school. We are also within one mile of three parks, four wonderful schools and a great bike path. The schools are consistently rated as some of the best in the State.



Our Home

Our House and Neighborhood, continued



Murphy Loves Children

While our neighborhood is great, so is the city. There is so much to do in Columbus. Our son, Ethan, loves the zoo. We have a yearly membership and go at least twice a month. We also have taken Ethan to a local educational museum (COSI), many cultural festivals, football games, and other fun events. Ethan takes swimming lessons and toddler gymnastics are our local community center. The only thing our community does not have is a beach. So, we pack-up twice a year and go to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina for vacation - another one of Ethan's favorites.

We share a 2-story home with our dog, Murphy (Australian Shepherd). He has always loved children and is so patient with Ethan, as Ethan pulls his tail, ears and even sits on him (we think he actually loves the attention). The home has three bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, a loft, dining room, living room, play room and full basement. We have a fenced-in back yard with a swing set and slide, sandbox, two gardens and patio. With all there is to do in our community, our favorite thing to do is spend time in our back yard with Ethan, Murphy, our family, friends and neighbors (and sometimes their dogs). We can't wait to share our home with another child!

Our Extended Families

We are both from large and loving families. While some of our family members live elsewhere in the country, our parents, most siblings, and many nieces and nephews live within two hours of our home in Columbus, Ohio. Having family all over the country does have its perks. It creates a lot of fun vacation spots like Washington DC, Orange County, CA, and Hilton Head Island, SC, to name just a few!

Dave is the youngest of four children; he has two brothers and a sister. The majority of Dave's family lives in Ohio with the exception of his older brother who is in Chicago. Dave has a huge extended family! Because a majority of his family lives in the town he was raised in, family get-togethers can be a huge event! We go to family tailgates before football games, large Christmas parties and "cousins dinners".

Emily is the only girl with three brothers (as you can imagine she was both teased and spoiled!). Emily's parents live two hours away and we see them at least once a month. Emily's oldest brother and his family live in the same area as her parents, but her other brothers and their families are spread out over the country. Because of the distance- family events such as weddings, vacations, and birthdays are much more special because we get to spend them together. When we sit down for a family dinner it can be a loud and rowdy event! There is so much laughter and they all love to share stories (often the same ones again and again) from their childhood.

We try to spend a lot of time with our families- we cherish them and our time together. They have been so supportive of our adoption plans and absolutely adore Ethan. When Ethan was baptized into the Catholic Church we had over 40 family members attend Mass and celebrate his special day! They cannot wait to welcome another child into the family.



Dave's Family Tailgate



Emily's Family in Little Italy

What We Do for Fun

Time together is about family fun! For example, on Saturdays we normally make breakfast together, we then go to the zoo, aquarium or park. Even if we just stay home, we have a great time together. In the evening, we host a back-yard barbecue or go visit friends nearby. Ethan and his friends love to play together in the yard and on the swing set.

Vacation is also a special time for us as a family. We love to visit Hilton Head Island, South Carolina and try to go at least twice a year. While we are there we enjoy the beach, swimming in the pool, family dinners, golfing and just relaxing together! We are truly beach bums! Since our extended family also vacations there, we always have family to enjoy the beach with us.

While we try to spend as much time together as possible, we also have our own interests. Ethan likes to play with his animals, matchbox cars, coloring books and puzzles. Emily loves to read, cook and sing. She has a close group of girlfriends who have become like family and she loves to spend time with them. Dave enjoys biking, running and playing the guitar. Both Emily and Dave also volunteer in the community.



Pool Fun in Hilton Head



Paddleboating in D.C.

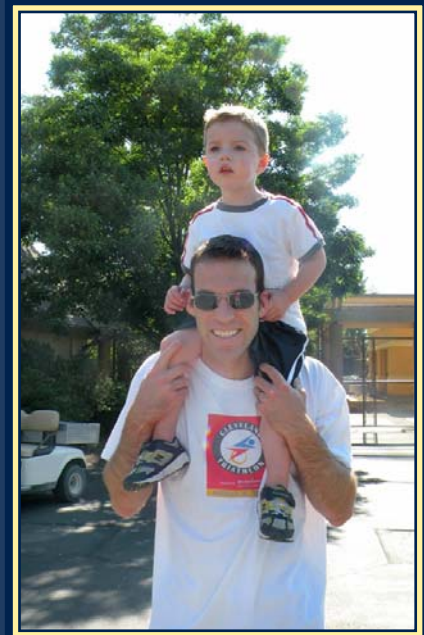


Easter Egg Hunt

Dave & Emily



Attending a Friend's Wedding



Piggyback Ride at the Zoo



Happy Halloween



On the Patio at The Salty Dog

Dear Birthparent(s),

Hi! We are Dave, Emily and Ethan. Thank you for considering us and learning more about our family. We have made many memories together over the past 9 years, but the most precious and happy ones have been since the adoption of our son, Ethan. We are writing to you because we are hoping to make more memories as we look to build our family thru adoption again. We realize that you are up against many challenging and difficult decisions right now and we admire your courage to consider adoption. As you consider your options, we hope that you'll choose to get to know us better as this letter can't possibly convey all that we would like to say! We wish you the best of luck with the path you choose.

Though we both attended the same college during the same time, we met each other after graduation through mutual friends. We quickly became friends ourselves, waiting a few years before dating. After we began dating we knew right away that we were meant to spend the rest of our lives together. We also knew that having a family together would be a very important part of our life. We have now been married for 7 years and together for 9. We have created a loving marriage that is built upon respect, love and laughter. Because we are truly friends- we can communicate with each other no matter what the circumstances. We are very respectful of each other's point of view and can work out any differences that may arise quickly. We are truly committed to each other, our life together and our family.

In 2006 we met an amazing couple who blessed us with the gift of our son Ethan. From the first moment we laid eyes on him, he has been the joy of our lives. It's hard to imagine our lives prior to his arrival and he has brought so much happiness to our entire family. Ethan has taught us so many things about ourselves and becoming parents has been everything we could have imagined and much more. Our family journey has only just begun and we look forward to it.

We both come from large and loving families. We spend a lot of time with our families- we cherish them and the time together. They have all been extremely supportive of our adoption plans and cannot wait to welcome another child into the family! Should you choose us to be the parents of your child you should know that he or she will always be loved unconditionally by us and Ethan, who will be an amazing big brother. Your child will grow up with so much love from so many people

We promise to provide your child stability and a feeling of security by always being there for constant support and true encouragement. We will embrace and nurture their personality and respect their dreams in order for them to achieve a fulfilling and meaningful life. We are able to offer a child many blessings - a home filled with love and attention, a lifetime of awesome opportunities, a loving large extended family, many friends and a big brother who will always be there for them. Your child will never miss hearing "I love you" and will constantly have a stream of hugs and kisses. We promise that they will always know love, affection, laughter and joy.

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