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Dennis

Job Description:
Senior Engineer for a Major Corporation

Education:
Bachelor of Science: Electrical Engineering & Applied Physics,
Masters of Science: Engineering

Hobbies
Bicycling, Working in the Yard, Vacating in the Country, and Skiing

Music
Contemporary Pop and Classical

Family Activity
Family Game Night and Dinner

Movies
Batman Begins, Suspense and Action Movies

Mary

Job Description:
Full-Time Mom, Wife, and Homemaker (Previously a Kindergarten Teacher)

Education:
Bachelor of Science: Education, (K-8) Certification: Reading Specialist

Hobbies
Bicycling, Sewing, Cooking for Family Holidays and Birthdays, and Vacating in the City

Music
Contemporary Pop including Journey and Motown

Family Activity
Picnics and Activities in the Park

Movies
Disney's Beauty and the Beast Harry Potter Series

Children:

Michael (Born May 20, 2009)

How Adoption Has Changed Us Personally

The moment the nurse placed Michael in our arms, our hearts pounded open with overwhelming love for him. Michael's smile and affection have brought unconditional love and laughter to our lives and the lives of our extended family and friends.

We have been married for eight years. Our life is full of love, learning, and laughter. Due to infertility, we are unable to have children together. Adoption has given us hope and has opened doors to building a loving family together. We waited 22 months to be matched, and there were some disappointments along the way. Having faith in God's plan and Gentle Care Agency, Michael was meant to be with us, and he has brought our families more happiness than we can put in words. Similarly, we believe there is another child that is meant to be loved and nurtured in our family.

What We Will Tell Your Child About Their Adoption

From an early age, we plan to tell your child about his/her adoption. We find it important for your child to understand that two special families love him/her. And, his/her parent(s) made a very courageous decision out of love and had the best of wishes and dreams for his/her life. A common theme would be stressed is that his/her life is a very precious gift from God. Any adoption questions will be answered with sensitivity and honesty. Our goal would be for your child to feel very open in asking any type of questions and would be treated with a very positive feedback.

Our House and Neighborhood

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We were personally selected by the previous owner's daughter, Jenny at age 4. As Jenny opened the front door to let us in to view the home, her exact words were, "We are moving next door and we get to pick our neighbors." After going thru the home with us, she went on to say "I pick you!". We were lucky that her parents accepted our offer and we have been great neighbors for seven years.

We live in a two-story red brick colonial home. Our home has four bedrooms, a spacious family room with a fireplace for those family gatherings, playing board games, and creating crafts. Our kitchen is the perfect size of cooking ethnic foods or any family favorite and baking. The dining room is often extended into the living room for larger family gatherings. Our finished basement is very comfortable to play with any toy imaginable from Lego's to play dough to playing house.



Our Home Being Guarded by Our Neighbors' Dog, Connie

Our House and Neighborhood, continued



Back Patio of Our Home

Our home sits on a little over a half acre. We have a large backyard complete with green grass and many trees to play with cousins and the neighborhood children. Our home is part of a suburb residential development and it is close proximity to our parish church and school, major hospital complexes, and shopping. Best of all, it is home to one of the best park systems with many miles of biking, hiking trails, and plenty of picnic spots.

Our Extended Families

We have a large local family history and deeply established roots. Dennis has traveled the world, but has lived within a six mile radius his entire life. Mary has lived within a 15 mile radius her entire life.

Dennis is fortunate to have his father and three sisters live within a 10 minute drive of each other. This closeness is great in case of an emergency: someone is always near to help out! Dennis' mother is deceased. His dad weekly comes over for dinner, or we take dinner to his house. He loves his grandchildren and emphasizes the importance of education, sacrifice, and hard work will make them successful. We are fortunate to have a close relationship with our father, three sisters and their spouses, and 2 nieces and 5 nephews.

Mary is fortunate to have both her parents and 4 out of her 6 siblings living in the same area. Mary's dad is a retired baker and her mother is a loving housewife. Mary's dad is still very strong as he helps his youngest daughter with her 9 girls by folding laundry and running errands. Her mother enjoys sharing time with her grandchildren, fixing their broken toys, and sewing. They strive to teach their children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren right from wrong and how important it is to get along with each other.

Both families are very supportive of an adoption and are anxious to share family memories with their new grandchild niece/nephew, or cousin. There will be plenty of love and support for your child.



Dennis' Family



Mary's Family

What We Love About Being Parents

We enjoy everything including getting up during the night for feedings and comfort. It gives us a quiet time for thankfulness, bonding, cuddling, and just admiring the new life in our arms. Often during the night, we say a thankful prayer for Michael's birth mother!

We are amazed at Michael's daily development in his speech, fine and gross motor skills. We always chart his progress. He constantly throws kisses as we clap for his failures and successes. We continue to learn with Michael! Now, we hope to become parents again for the same reasons. As a couple we have a deep desire to love, nurture and educate children, to witness their growth and maturity, and to share in their lives.

Qualities We Love, Admire and Respect in Each Other



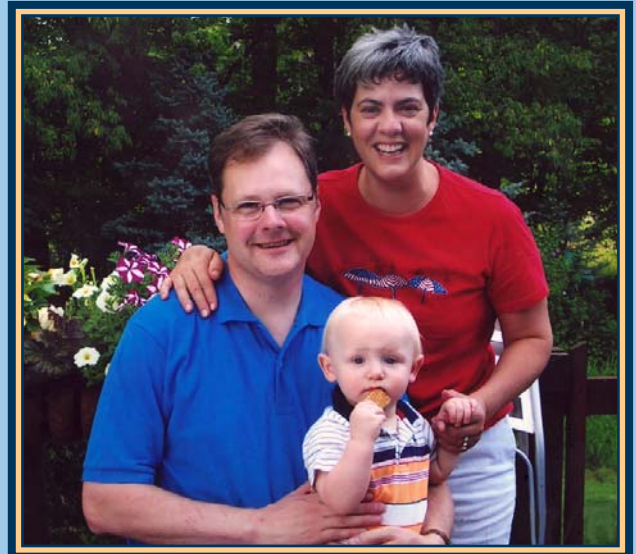
At Niagara Falls, Canada

Dennis was my best friend for many years before we married. Dennis always listens with a compassionate, sensitive, and loving mind and heart. He verbally can finish my sentences or thoughts. His honesty is always welcomed and needed. Dennis is my soul mate and I would marry him over and over again. Our motto is "Live, love, and laugh with patience when life's curve balls hit!" . Dennis says, "You only live life by living it!"

Mary is very passionate with everything she does. She is a very dedicated wife, mother, daughter, aunt, cousin, teacher, and friend. She enjoys teaching others and sharing herself with her time and talents. With her cooking, she loves to share many family stories and creates many memories. She amazes others with her amount of energy! In all her life experiences she is very patient, kind, and forgiving. She is continually at peace with herself, her husband, her family, and with others.



Swimming in Our Neighbor's Pool

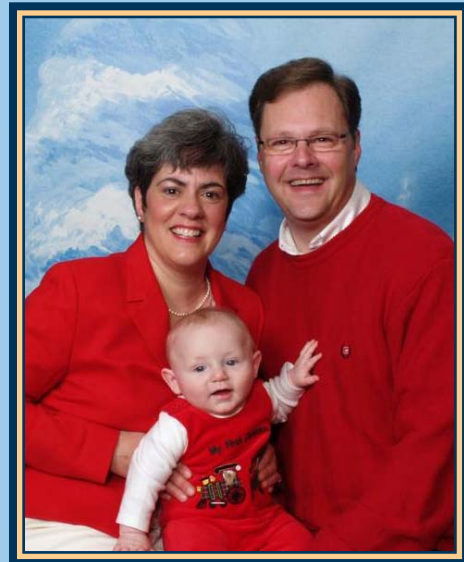


Visiting Friends

Dennis & Mary



Dressed for an Evening Out



Celebrating Our First Christmas



Michael's First Halloween



Laughing at Daddy's Funny Faces

Dear Birthparent(s),

We are typically not at a loss of words. This letter is very challenging to write because dull typewritten words cannot truly reflect the willingness of our hearts to create a loving family. We were really struggling to articulate our innermost yearnings until we realized that this letter is not part of a competition; it is a gesture of kinship. So in this letter, we will do our best to communicate something authentic, some measure of essential truth about who we are in the world and what we might bring to your child's life.

We have been married for 8 years; and we have known each other for most of our adult lives. Due to infertility, we are unable to have children. Children have always been an important part of our lives. We are blessed to have Michael and 34 nieces and nephews. We have taken a continued active part in their lives. We have an easy going relationship and we love to have fun. We support each other at home and at work. You can always see either one of us or both of us playing with Michael or helping with a niece or nephew's project. We both take pride in parenting and in our work, enjoy what we do, and take our responsibilities seriously.

We love vacationing together as an extended family. It is not unusual in the summer to pack up the car and travel to an amusement park or beach. We spend the mornings enjoying the rides and attractions. In the afternoons, we enjoy splashing in the water, building sand castles, and eating ice cream.

One of our favorite holidays is Halloween. Mary's enjoyment of sewing, cooking, and baking is extended to this holiday. Mary enjoyed designing and sewing Michael's first Halloween costume. Our yearly party features many games including Pirate Bingo and bobbing for powered doughnuts. The food and deserts follow the Halloween theme of shapes and decorations.

In addition to enjoying celebrations with our extended family, we enjoy helping them with any aspect of their lives. As an engineer, Dennis has mastered the art of science projects. He is capable of taking complex models and transforming them into simplified science projects that the children can understand and enjoy working on. We don't know if one of our children, nieces or nephews may actually grow up and become a future engineer because they may no longer see science as that dreaded subject that they are forced to take.

We are a loving couple and we have a deep desire to love and raise a family, to witness the growth and maturing of a person, and to share in his or her life. All we can guarantee is our whole hearted intention to allow your child to live, love, thrive, and grow old in the most positive circumstances that we can provide. We are a loving family who will raise your child to be a caring and responsible person. We hope that God will grant you the peace and comfort as you make your decision.

Sincerely,

Dennis and Mary

