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Jeff

Carrie

Job Description:

Occupational Therapist and Manager of Two Nursing Homes

High School English Teacher

Education:

Bachelor's of Science in Allied Health, major in Occupational Therapy

Bachelor's of Art in English, Spanish with Secondary Education Program, Master's Degree in Mass Communication and Journalism

Favorites:

Hobby
Sports

Hobby
Reading

Family Activity
Bike Rides

Family Activity
Going to the Park

Subject in School
Math

Subject in School
English

Shopping Store
Kohl's

Shopping Store
The Buckle

Children:

Tabitha (age 2)

What We Admire In Each Other

Carrie about Jeff: My husband and I truly complement each other. I really love his easy-going nature. He is calming, fair, supportive, and nurturing. This is evident in Jeff's parenting. He is the best father; he has always taken a hands-on approach when it comes to raising our daughter, Tabby. He changes diapers as well as plays house and tends to meals. In addition, he is never rattled and can approach any situation with a certain objectivity without losing compassion. I also really admire his intelligence, his logic, and his attention to detail. There is never a time where I feel that we haven't examined a situation without considering all sides. However, what I love most about my husband is his sense of humor. Jeff can make me smile in any situation. When I am down, he encourages me see the lighter side of the situation. In all cases, he is my best friend and the brighter side of my day.

Jeff about Carrie: My wife is a special person who complements me in every way. There are so many qualities in her that I admire. First, she is a hard working person who values all of her roles. She juggles her roles as a mother, educator, and wife with an unmatched passion. Her typical day involves working as an English teacher, coming home and playing with our daughter until bedtime then either performing household duties or grading her student's papers. What makes her so special is the way she attack all of her roles. She is not satisfied just finishing a task; rather, the activity must be completed to the best of her abilities. But the thing I admire most is my wife's commitment to family. Despite her multiple roles and duties, she always puts her family first. The energy, passion, and loving spirit she brings on a daily basis is truly inspiring.

What We Like About Being Parents

Parenting has truly changed our lives. In fact, we are not sure what we did with our free time before Tabby. Our days are now filled with love and laughter as we watch her sing her favorite Miley Cyrus and Taylor Swift songs, tell dinosaur stories, and put on her "lipstick". We love to foster an environment where she feels safe to grow as an individual. Tabby is definitely her own person. We also love to encourage our daughter as she develops and tries new activities. The satisfaction we feel with just the smallest of achievements or when she hits certain mile stones is truly overwhelming. Tabby is now a master at painting her plaster figurines; we have kept them all. We are also impressed when our daughter practices the more important lessons, values, and etiquette that we practice at home. We couldn't have been prouder when our daughter said, "Thank you," without cue after receiving each Christmas present from her aunts and uncles. Besides, the more that we teach our daughter, the more we learn. The old saying that a parent's love is unconditional is true. Even when times are stressful or discouraging, she is the best part of our day. This love and pride is what we hope we can bring to your child. An addition to our family could only be another positive in our already blessed family.

Our House & Neighborhood



We have recently complete construction on a 3-bedroom colonial in a relatively new community that we moved into at the end of October 2009. We planned our house to meet a growing family's needs, including a lot of closet space and area for leisure pursuits like playing and watching TV. The second floor has a great bonus room where we are able to work while Tabby and your child can play. The design of our house is very open which allows sight between rooms and it is decorated and furnished in a contemporary, functional fashion. We also have plans to put in a play area in the backyard and to finish the basement for additional space.



Our Home

Our House and Neighborhood, continued



The Playground in Our Neighborhood

We absolutely love this neighborhood since it is beautiful, safe, extremely close to our family, and located behind the community park. This recreational area has a mile long running/biking track, along with multiple sporting fields for baseball, football and soccer. In addition, a large playground highlights this park. This is ideal since Carrie is a teacher and enjoys her summers by taking walks with her daughter in the park and to her parent's nearby house. All the houses in the development, which forms a small circle, are newer homes and the neighborhood tailors to families. In fact, almost all of our neighbors have school-aged children and the community is constantly a buzz with youthful action. Your child will have plenty of companions with whom to play.

Our community also has numerous activities for children such as sport leagues, dance studios, libraries, youth programs, museums, parks, festivals, and sponsors events such as: the Fourth of July parade, the Turkey Trot, and the Annual Christmas tree lighting. More important, our school system has been rated Excellent with Distinction for several years and offer vocational training as well as college-prep classes with various electives.

Our Extended Family

Our family enjoys the love and support of our relatives. We often see Jeff's sister at family gatherings and when we take jaunts to Columbus. Auntie keeps abreast of all the latest happening via the phone. Jeff's mom, who lives in a near-by town, often spends weekends and holidays at our house. She is an excellent "Grammy", and absolutely loves spending time with Tabby, our daughter. Reading stories, playing house, blowing bubbles are just a few of the duties that Grammy performs for hours-on-end. We often wonder who loves the play dates more. In addition, Grammy is our go-to babysitter and a consistent support for both of us. Holidays and birthdays with Jeff's family are very relaxing and traditional. They typically start off with a small family dinner and are followed by a larger gathering with extended family.

Carrie's parents and siblings, for the most part, live within the minutes of our home. Carrie's younger brother, lives with his family in Maryland and stays connected by phone, e-mail, and monthly visits. We get together with Carrie's sisters, brother, parents, and our nieces, and nephews on a weekly basis. The best part about our family gatherings is just the randomness of the events. It could be any given Tuesday summer afternoon that all of us will meet at Grandma and Grandpa's house to swim or a sunny fall afternoon that we decide to get together to have a cookout so the kids can play. We also love to watch our niece dance and our nephews play soccer and baseball. We wouldn't miss such occasions for anything. Our family also makes a point to take outings together (and even an annual family vacation). Some of our common ventures include: the Greek Festival, apple and strawberry picking, and the county fair. We have recently taken the entire family to a water park. The children were hilarious as they braved the waterslides. These moments are some of the most important ways that we celebrate being a family.

Holidays and birthdays with Carrie's family are often an extravaganza just with the multitude of people. Some of our most memorable moments are watching our daughter, nieces and nephews open presents at Grandma and Grandpa's house. It is always momentous, loud, chaotic, and a great deal of fun. It is especially comforting to have family watch our daughter while we work. We drop Tabby off daily at my sister's house where our niece, watches her and her cousin.



With Jeff's Parents



Carrie's Family Reunion



Spending Time as a Family

What We Do For Fun

We have several interests. Of course, we both love to spend time with our daughter, Tabby. Bike riding, swimming, and playing at the park are a regular part of spring, summer, and fall. During the winter we love to read and play computer and board games. Sharing time with our daughter is especially rewarding to both of us. In addition, we enjoy cooking, spending time with relatives and friends, going to comedy shows, attending the theater, and traveling. We hope to take Tabby and your child to various state-side and European destinations. We believe that experiencing life first-hand is a great teaching tool. Jeff also has an interest in sports, cards, and golf. Carrie has an interest in old Mustangs, likes to read, attend concerts, play soccer, and run. Carrie intends on running a half marathon in the spring.



Relaxing by a Waterfall



At the Golden Gate Bridge



Hawaiian Honeymoon

Jeff & Carrie



Jeff and Tabby
on a Bike Ride



Volcano Crater in Hawaii



Riding a Pony at the County Fair

Dear Birthparent(s),

Hi, we are Jeff and Carrie and every day our excitement grows as we progress on this adoption journey. We realize that you are facing difficult choices right now and we hope that you find serenity in all your decisions. Considering adoption is such a caring act and we really appreciate you taking the time to get to know us. If given the opportunity to share our lives with your child, you can be certain that your child will know what a selfless, strong and loving individual you are.

Although it seems like it was yesterday, we met at Carrie's sister's wedding about nine years ago and have been married for almost seven years now. Carrie is a high school English teacher and absolutely enjoys interacting with her students. Jeff is an occupational therapist and the director of rehabilitation at two nursing homes. He has endless patience and the ability to motivate even the most resistant client. We have a daughter, Tabitha, who is a bubbly and active two year old. She is our priority and our joy. During the work week, our niece, who attends college during the evening, watches our daughter. Besides the daily play dates with our daughter, in our free time, we enjoy cooking, reading, exercising, and watching "The Office."

We are looking forward to being parents again through adoption. Although we have faced difficulty with infertility, we were blessed with our beautiful daughter. Now we are ready to expand our family and give our daughter a sibling with whom to grow and experience life. In fact, we are eager to endure the sleepless nights, the diaper changes, and the constant feedings once again. In addition, Tabby longs for another child with whom to play; she asks for a brother or sister daily. Your child truly would be an amazing gift enabling us to complete our family and fulfill our dreams.

Know that if you should choose us, we will be open and honest about the adoption with your child. You can expect letters and pictures from us so that you may share in your child's life if that is what you desire. We would also be willing to speak with you by phone or meet with you prior to the birth if that would interest you. We will honor you by revealing whatever information that you pass along to us about the adoption story and your extended family from the very beginning and will make a "life book" for your child.

The enormity of the decision you face, if you choose adoption, is unimaginable. Therefore, we wish to provide you with some principles we will share with our daughter and hopefully your child.

First and foremost, your child will be loved unconditionally and given our support throughout his/her life. We believe that a parent's job is never done. We will provide a safe environment where your child can grow into a confident, unique individual. Moreover, we will continue to love and guide your child into adulthood. We feel that a parent's advice and reassurance, when needed, can be exceptionally helpful to a child of any age.

We also value family. We are committed to one another and strive to make our marriage and our daughter our priority. Our family unit grows stronger everyday as we cherish the small moments like family dinners, movie nights, and bedtime stories. Our house is typically filled with laughter and Tabby will make an excellent big sister. She is willing to share almost all of her toys and loves to have tea parties. Our extended family is also involved in our lives on a daily basis. They are a consistent source of support and will love your child as much as we will.

Education is essential. Your child will be encouraged to reach to his/her fullest potential. The school systems in our area are exceptional and we will work with your child to achieve academically. We will assist your child's career choice through post-secondary schooling or training. Moreover we will ensure that your child is well-rounded by supporting whatever interests (music, art, athletics) sound appealing.

We have strong Christian beliefs. Every night before we sleep, our family says our prayers; it is absolutely wonderful to listen to our daughter pray. We hope to inspire our daughter to have faith in God, to treat others with respect, and to act with honor. Essentially, we wish to give both our daughter and your child the knowledge of right and wrong and to appreciate the opportunities that God has provided us.

Thank you for taking the time to read about us. We know that we will open our hearts to your child and always be grateful for the gift that you have given us.

Sincerely,

Jeff and Carrie

