



Hello! We are Jim and Erin, and we are looking forward to the day when we can add a tiny bundle of joy to our family through the loving gift of adoption. We promise to love, support and cherish the child with all of our hearts and souls.

Jim

Erin

Job Description:

Sales and Support for an Engineering Software Company

Project Manager for a Large Retailer, Planning to be a Stay-at-Home Mom

Education:

Master of Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Favorites:

Hobby
Computers

Hobby
Sewing

Classic Movie
Caddyshack

Classic Movie
Casablanca

Thing to Cook
Pasta

Thing to Cook
Thanksgiving Dinner

Quality About Spouse
Her Outgoing Personality

Quality About Spouse
His Huge Heart & Gentle Soul

Musical Group
Weezer

Musical Group
The Beatles

Children:
None

Qualities We Love and Admire in Each Other

Erin: Jim is easily the best person I have ever met. He is so kind and thoughtful and he has the most genuine heart. He surrounds himself with great people, and he makes people want to be their best when he's around. He has shown me what it's like to truly be selfless, and being with him has made me a better person than I ever dreamed possible, and I love him so much! Jim is not only my husband, but my role model and my best friend. His sensibility is balanced by his sense of adventure and sense of humor. I am so proud that we have committed to share our lives together, and that we have decided to open our lives up to a little child. Sharing the adventure of parenthood with Jim will be the highlight of my life. I can't wait to see him as a dad!

Jim: Erin is a wonderful person and I was lucky that I found her. She is beautiful, loving, out-going, funny and personable. Her personality is so social and friendly that people love to have her around. She can strike up a conversation with anyone and has a talent for making people laugh. Erin is not afraid to try new things and she encourages me to do the same. She has helped me to push my boundaries and I have found many new things to enjoy thanks to her. Erin makes me a better person and I know that she will do the same with a child that she raises.

Our Leisure Time

In the wintertime we love to ski, which is our favorite activity of them all. We have traveled to many places in pursuit of skiing. We usually go skiing locally and take short trips to Pennsylvania and New York each winter. We also have long-standing tradition of taking one big ski vacation with our friends each year. We are really looking forward to teaching a child how to ski and taking many family trips together.

In the summertime we like to hike, golf, swim, and play in our sand volleyball league. While we are hiking or traveling, one of our favorite things to do is to be on the lookout for "animal sightings." We've been lucky enough to see some amazing things during our treks, including a bobcat, black bear, bald eagle, dolphins, snakes and even a wild goat. Whether it is the winter or the summer, we enjoy spending time in nature.

We love to travel and have seen many parts of the country. We have also been fortunate enough to have traveled internationally to locations including Europe, Mexico and the Caribbean. Throughout our travels we have been able to meet all kinds of people and interact with many different cultures and it has enriched our lives significantly. We have been lucky to share many of these experiences while with our friends and family.

Our House & Neighborhood



We live in a suburb near a large city in Ohio. We bought our 4 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home in 2006 and have been in love with it since the day we saw it. It's in a quiet little cul-de-sac subdivision on the very outskirts of town. We have quick access to all that the city offers and can enjoy the nature of the countryside. We have many dear friends who live nearby, and a child who joins our family would instantly get a big set of honorary aunts and uncles and little friends their age.

We enjoy doing projects around the house and we always have a little something going on. We recently finished decorating our 2 guest bedrooms and we can't wait to get started on a nursery. We have the room all cleared out and ready, we're just waiting for the go ahead!



Our Home

House & Neighborhood, (continued)



Walking in a Park Near Our Home

We have a large back yard with a deck where we like to sit and relax, let our dog run around or entertain family and friends. Our favorite thing is to have all of our friends, their kids, and our families over for dinner on the deck during the summertime.

Each spring we look forward to planting our garden, following examples set by our parents and grandparents. We both have fond memories of helping them with their gardens when we were young. We have a little plot where we grow tomatoes, peppers, herbs, cucumbers, strawberries and zucchini. The garden is something that we both enjoy taking care of in the summer. It's always so great when we can go out our back door to get ingredients for a family dinner.

Our Extended Families

Erin: I grew up in a small town in central Ohio. When I was young, we had a farm house with a duck pond and a couple of cows. When I was in junior high school we moved into town, which allowed my brother and I to be closer to school and activities. My parents are now semi-retired and live in sunny Arizona, along with my aunts and uncles on my mom's side. Even though it's far away, we email nearly every day and talk at least once a week. We trade visits as often as possible. More often, my parents come to Ohio for visits, because my dad is a retired pharmacist and my mom is a school nurse, who gets her summers off, so they have time in the summer to travel.

Each time we are able to visit we always have a huge family get together with all of the aunts, uncles, cousins and their children. There is always a ton of food and even more laughter. Our family tradition is to play a dice game called LCR, usually for quarters. I'm sure the neighbors can hear us laughing and goofing on each other clear down the street. It's the best time you can have with a pocket full of change! My brother, Josh, lives about 5 miles from our house and we see him all the time. Jim, Josh and I enjoy golfing together in the summer and spending time helping each other with projects around our houses. Josh loves children, and they love him. He is looking forward to a little one calling him "Uncle Josh" one day.

Jim: I was raised in a northern Ohio suburb by two loving and supportive parents. They gave their all for my brother and me and we truly appreciate them for it. Our house had a huge yard where my brother and I spent much time playing backyard baseball, football or one of many fun, self-invented games. Most of my parents' extended family lived near us, so we had many aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents to regularly spend time with. School was always important in our family and we did well in it thanks to the interest shown in it by our parents. We always got to go out for a special dinner when report card day came around. I guess we were easily motivated!

My most cherished memories of my family come from our family vacations together. Every year we took a vacation to see new sights and spend valuable time together. We often visited the Smoky Mountains where we loved visiting the park to hike, climb on rocks and explore. Vacations also included lots of mini golf, some theme parks and even a couple trips to Disney World. Exciting family vacations are a tradition that I can't wait to share with children of my own. These days, my parents are retired and still live in the house that I grew up in. My brother lives in the same city as me, so we have the opportunity to see him for different activities. While we live two hours away from my parents, we are still close enough to visit with them for a weekend or meet them half-way for a meal and time together.



Erin's Family Together in Arizona



Jim & Erin with Both Parents & Brothers

We Love Our Pets



Our Dog, Sampson



Maggie



Venus

Our "family" currently includes our cats, Venus and Maggie, and our dog, Sampson. We have had the cats for 10 years and our dog for 4 years. Our pets have enriched our lives in so many ways! They make us laugh all of the time. Our kitties came from the animal shelter when they were kittens small enough to fit into Jim's shirt pocket. We got Venus first and a few months later we were convinced that she needed a friend. That's when Maggie came along, much to Venus's dismay! She eventually came to tolerate and maybe even like Maggie.

We brought Sampson home when we moved into our new house. We got Sampson from an animal rescue group when he was one year old. All we know is that he is part Lab and mostly a mixture of other breeds. All of that makes him look like a miniature black Lab. We couldn't dream of having a better dog. He is so well behaved (okay...sometimes he might get a little antsy for a treat, but who doesn't?) and he is great around children and babies. We trust him whole-heartedly.



Hiking the Red Rocks
Near Las Vegas



Getting Ready to Hit the Slopes

Jim & Erin



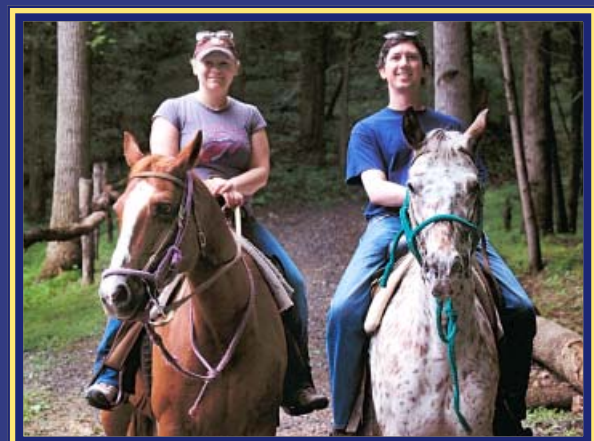
Celebrating Our Friend's Wedding



Holding Our Friend's
New-Born Baby at the Hospital



With Our Best Friends Near
Their House in Switzerland



Riding Horses in Tennessee

Dear Birthparent(s),

Thank you for taking the time to get to know a little bit about us. We would be blessed and honored to have your consideration if you choose to create an adoption plan.

We met in college and have been together ever since, which spans over 13 years. We were married in 2000 and have had a strong, loving and balanced marriage. We treat each other as equal partners and that makes it easy to be considerate of each other's feelings and needs. We enjoy our home together and love sharing it with our pets, which we cherish dearly.

We are excited to become parents and we take the responsibility seriously. We tried to have a child of our own, but have been unable to do so. While the journey that brought us to you had its ups and downs, we are very excited about the future and how adoption will enrich our lives and family. We are very fortunate to have friends and family members who have adopted children. They have been a source of support, inspiration and joy for us during this time.

We would like to reassure you that we will strive to do what is best for the child, always. We were raised by good families that have allowed us to become kind, considerate and caring people. Our families have given us strength, knowledge and independence. The friends and family that we surround ourselves with are good examples for how to raise children. We hope to share these same qualities with a child in our family. We wish to provide a child with a safe, loving and happy home.

We strongly value education and know that it is important that we support the child in their development - socially, educationally and emotionally. We will help them experience life to the fullest and try new things. We look forward to watching the child grow and develop. It will be so exciting to see the child figure out their strengths and passions as they grow. If we can develop their desire for exploration and life-long learning, then they can use to their advantage throughout their life.

We are both young at heart and connect well with children. We love the children in our lives so much and know that it will be love-at-first-sight when we are able to bring home a child of our own. We can't wait to play, go on vacations, and experience holidays as a family. We are going to have a blast being Santa, the Tooth Fairy, and the Easter Bunny!

We promise to:

- Regularly share pictures and letters as the child grows and develops.
- Share the child's history with them and be completely open about their adoption.
- Acknowledge the child's feelings and help him or her understand them.
- Love and support the child with all of our hearts.
- Provide the best education for the child that we can.
- Read to the child every night.
- Be at every baseball game, piano recital, spelling bee, gymnastics meet, science fair, school play and art show.
- Nurture an active childhood that is full of adventure.
- Give the child all of the opportunities that we are able to provide.

We hope the decision that you make regarding this child gives you peace and comfort. The ultimate goal for this and any child is a loving, supportive and safe family. Whether that is with you, with us or another family, we hope that the little one is blessed with many opportunities and love.

Jim and Erin

