



## Jim

## Lisa

### Job Description:

Account Manager in Sales  
(Works from Home)

Field Sales  
(Works from Home)

### Education:

Bachelor of Science in Business  
Administration, Marketing  
& Logistics

Bachelor of Science in  
Resource Management

### Favorites:

#### Hobbies

Home Improvement Projects & Golf

#### Hobbies

Travel & Exercise

#### Family Activity

Watching Sporting Events Together

#### Family Activity

Going on Walks

#### T.V. Shows

Chuck, Sportscenter, reruns

#### T.V. Shows

Chuck & American Idol

#### Dream Job

Comedy Actor

#### Dream Job

Interior Designer

#### Music Group

Linkin Park, Coldplay  
and more

#### Music Group

Coldplay

#### Children:

Justin; 4 years old

We are good, honest, hard working people that will always put our family first. We have strong values and will raise your child in a home with much opportunity, love and laughter. We know how challenging of a time this must be for you and we thank you for taking the time to get to know us.

### What It Means To Be Parents

Now that we are parents, it means completely putting another person before yourself. It's by far the greatest gift anyone can ever be given. I would say both of us are calm parents. We don't get frazzled when things get challenging. We want to teach our children to be independent, responsible and to be a good person.

**Lisa** is very giving, loving, patient and responsible. Lisa started a tradition where she wrote a letter to Justin on the day we were matched, the day he was born, the day we had our finalization and his first birthday. She will write a letter every year on his birthday and when he is older she will share all of these letters with him. She also created an amazing scrapbook of his first year. This includes all of his first holidays, first time eating, crawling, walking and so much more. She will continue these traditions with the next child we adopt.

**Jim** is honest, nurturing, affectionate and responsible. He is the type of father that is very hands on; he changed just as many diapers as Lisa did. He loves to get on the floor and play with the kids. He is a very capable and loving father. Jim is a great teacher. Whether it is hitting a baseball, teaching them how to count or putting a puzzle together, he loves to see kids develop and learn. You can see it in Jim's eyes how much he truly enjoys being a parent.

### How Adoption Has Affected Us Personally

One of the reasons we were attracted to each other before we got married was because of our strong desire to be parents. We both dreamed of having children and being a family. Our lives would just not be complete if we did not have children. Soon after we got married, we decided to try to have a child. After about a year of trying to have kids unsuccessfully, we went down the infertility road to try to have children. After a number of unsuccessful infertility treatments, we decided to choose adoption. It was not a difficult decision, if anything we were excited and thrilled at what our future held.

We went through the adoption process and today have a beautiful 3 year old son named Justin Andrew. He is the love of our life and means the world to us. We had the opportunity to meet both of Justin's birthparents. By having that opportunity, we were able to learn a lot about them and take photos. After our meeting, we wrote everything down immediately so we could remember as much as possible about them. We did this so we can share this information with Justin one day. We want him to know how much he was loved and how incredibly selfless his birth parents are. We will always want your child to see you in the same positive light.

### Our House and Neighborhood



We have lived in our house for five years. It is a beautiful house and in a great neighborhood near Cleveland. The school district is rated near the top in Ohio and there are a lot of kids on our street. There is always a lemonade stand or a game of baseball being played. We live on a quiet cul-de-sac and the neighbors are all very nice and look out for each other. We are within walking distance of the community recreation center, a public library, the local schools and the community park. There are also bike paths throughout the area. Our house is a colonial and has four bedrooms, four and a half baths and a first floor office. It also has a fully finished basement with a large play room filled with tons of toys and has a second office and an exercise room.



Our Home

## Our House & Neighborhood, (continued)



We have a great private backyard. There is tons of space for the kids to run around and play sports, play hide and seek and just enjoy being a kid.

It is a great home to raise a family and we want to provide every opportunity for our children. We love children very much and look forward to extending our family with lots of love and support and to offer every opportunity for a child to live a fun, fulfilling and meaningful life.

## Our Extended Families

### Our Backyard

We are both very fortunate and grateful to have come from great families and we do not take that for granted. Jim's entire family lives in our city in Ohio, in fact both his brothers and their families live in the same community as us. Jim has two older brothers; both are married and have children. One has two girls and a boy and the other has a girl and a boy, ages ranging from 8-13 years old. We are actively involved in their lives, spending time with them whenever possible, going to their sporting events and dance recitals, baby sitting and more. They bring us so much joy and we see them whenever possible. In fact, they are great cousins and love spending time with Justin. They fight over who can play with him next and can't wait for a new cousin to play with.

**Jim's** parents live fifteen minutes from us. We are very close with them and enjoy spending time with them. They are excellent grandparents of six and look forward to us adopting another child so they can have a seventh grandchild to care for and bring happiness to. We usually see them once a week for dinner at one of our houses.

**Lisa's** family lives out of state. Her brothers live in Maryland which is where Lisa grew up. Lisa's older brother and his wife have two fun loving children, ages six and eight. Lisa's older brother is also married and they have a seven year old daughter who is a joy to be around. Lisa's younger brother is twenty nine years old and is still single. Even though we do not live in the same state as Lisa's siblings, we are very close with them, talk on the phone and visit frequently and enjoy going on vacation with them a few times a year.

Lisa's mother and step-father are retired and live in Florida. Lisa and her mother are very close and talk frequently. She has been a very big supporter of us and our desire to extend our family and we are so thankful for all of their love and support throughout our lives.

We also have another important member of our family, our six year old dog Brandy. Her breed is Lhasa Apso. She is great with children and has a great personality. She loves all people, especially children. When the kids are over playing she thinks she is one of them and is in the middle of the action. She has brought us much joy and we love her very much. She likes to play with toys, cuddle with us on the couch, go on walks down the street and even likes to nap on the deck. She will always be a puppy to us. Justin and Brandy have really started playing with each other lately. They chase each other around the house; play fetch and tug-o-war. They are best buddies.



Jim's Extended Family



Lisa's Extended Family

## Our Son, Justin



Justin with Mom & Dad

Justin was born in July 2007 and is definitely all boy. He is into anything and everything. He is a poster child on why parents need to baby proof their home. He is very outgoing, energetic and social. One time we took him out for ice cream and we were waiting for grandma to join us and he kept going up to everyone that was eating ice cream saying mmmmm, basically he was asking for a bite of their ice cream, it was so funny. We always say Justin is the next mayor because he is so social. Even when we went to the doctor, he went right up to his pediatrician and gave him a hug. He loves music and to dance. Whenever he hears music he stops what he is doing and starts dancing. He constantly has us laughing. He loves to be the center of attention and to make others laugh. We can't imagine life without him and we are grateful for every day he is in our life. He has taught us to love in way we didn't know existed. Justin will make a fantastic older brother to your baby in our family. He loves to play with other kids and is gentle with babies and animals. Justin can't wait to be a big brother!



On a Zip Line in Hawaii

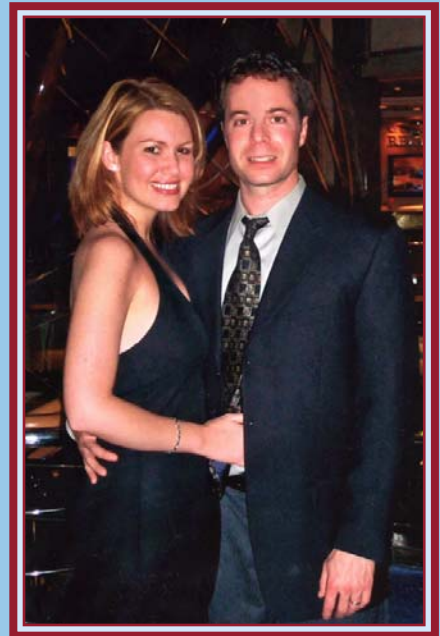


Family Event in Chicago

## Jim & Lisa



Attending a Buckeye Football Game



Caribbean Cruise



Justin Having Fun with Cousins



Our Dog, Brandy

## Dear Birthparent(s),

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile. We are very excited about what our future holds and the opportunity to complete our family with one more child. We are good, honest, hard working people that will always put our family first. We have strong values and will raise a child in a home with much opportunity, love and laughter. We know how challenging of a time this must be for you and we thank you for taking the time to get to know us.

We are Lisa and Jim and we have been together since we met at Ohio State when Lisa was a freshmen and Jim was a Junior. We hit it off from the beginning and dated throughout college and got married in 1999. We planned on starting a family soon after we were married. We both have always loved children and couldn't wait to be a family. We battled with infertility for a number of years and when we were unsuccessful in having biological children, it was an easy decision for us to both choose adoption. We wanted a chance to give a child all of the love we have to offer and to grow up in an environment that offers love, education and opportunity. We are completely dedicated to adoption to expand our family and feel that maybe the reason god has not allowed us to have biological children is because we are meant to be adoptive parents.

Our dreams of becoming parents finally came true when Justin was born in July 2007. We have loved being parents to him and want the opportunity to give him a brother or sister. We both are very close with our siblings and want the same for Justin. In our family, your child will be supported, loved and cared for unconditionally forever by many people. We want only the best for them and to teach them to be independent, to be kind and have good values. We want them to find their strengths and to explore what their passions are in life. We will support whatever their dreams are in life.

We enjoy spending time with our family and friends. We go out to dinner often, enjoy having everyone over for a cookout, playing cards or just a quiet evening in front of the fireplace watching a movie. Both of us are big sports fans. We enjoy going to sporting events together and watching games on television. We both enjoy playing tennis and try to play in the summer time. Jim also likes to golf and plays on a softball team in the summer and enjoys working in the yard. He is very handy. When one home improvement project ends, the next one begins. We love to take our dog on walks as a family and even enjoy running errands together. Lisa also enjoys fashion, interior design and Broadway shows. She is part of a group that attends six to eight shows a year.

We simply enjoy our time together. We like to travel and have been fortunate in life to travel to many places. Some of those places include Aruba, Hawaii and Italy. A few years ago we went on a cruise with Lisa's family. Justin has already been on an airplane four times! Twice to Florida to visit Lisa's parents and twice to go to Bethany Beach, Delaware to spend the 4th of July with Lisa's family. We also like to remodel and decorate our home. We enjoyed decorating a nursery for Justin and will enjoy decorating another nursery in the future.

Some qualities we feel make us good parents are we are patient, nurturing, supportive and fun loving. There is constant laughter in our home. We read to Justin all the time and love to watch the world through his eyes. We love to teach him things and it is so rewarding to see him retain more and more knowledge every day. We love music and it is common to see us on most evenings with the music turned up as we dance and have fun together as a family. We are fortunate that we both are able to work from home. Having flexible schedules is an amazing benefit and we know how lucky we are to have the ability to spend so much time together as a family.

We have a wonderful support system with extended family, and close friends. Everyone is so excited for us to expand our family. We know how fortunate we are and cannot wait to bring another child into our home. They will truly be loved and be raised in a warm and caring environment.

We are open to communication with you and we understand how difficult a time this must be for you. We feel it will be important to always be open with your child when discussing adoption and plan to talk about it with them from the beginning. We will always tell them how much you love them.

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile and for considering that your child to be a part of our family. We wish you the best.

Sincerest Regards,

**Jim & Lisa**

