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Jimm

Therese

Job Description:

Middle School Science Teacher

Speech Therapist, College Instructor

Education:

BS in Biology

BS in Communication Disorders, MS in Communication Disorders

Favorites:

Childhood Memory

Going to the Family Cottage

Childhood Memory

Family Trip to California

Thing To Cook

Eggs and Toast

Thing To Cook

Lasagna

Dream Vacation

Walt Disney World

Dream Vacation

Alaskan Cruise

Holiday

Christmas

Holiday

Thanksgiving

Children:

None

What It Means To Be Parents

We have always wanted to have children. We both feel that children are a gift from God, entrusted to us to bring up to be happy, healthy adults. As parents, we will always be there for your child with unconditional love, support, and encouragement. We plan to lead by example, just as our parents did for us, so that your child will have not only a strong moral compass, but a sense of self as well. We also know that we aren't perfect, and will try to use those moments as teaching opportunities to show your child that even negative situations can have a positive effect.

We realize that a well-rounded education is important as well. Besides attending one of the top-rated public school systems in our area, your child will also be given multiple opportunities to explore other educational opportunities from sports to science to arts and crafts. We regularly attend Mass, and plan to enroll your child in Sunday school to help them grow as good-hearted Christians. We want a child to experience the things that will help their minds and hearts expand.

About Each Other

Therese about Jimm: I was lucky enough to meet Jimm on a blind date. My good friend worked with Jimm and decided that we should meet. We went to dinner and an improv comedy show. We held hands from the start of the show, and haven't let go since! After 2 years of dating, we became engaged, and married one year after that. I have always admired Jimm for his patience, his optimism, and his intelligence. I love how he interacts with our nieces and nephews, playing games, talking sports, or organizing a scavenger hunt. He makes me laugh, supports me in all of my endeavors, helps me become a better person every day, and is my best friend.

Jimm about Therese: Therese is a person with a beautiful soul. She is a caring person that smiles a lot. She has supported me and helped me through difficult times. She brings me up when I am down, laughs with me in the funny moments of life, and she shares with me the quiet moments. She is great with our nephews, nieces, and godchildren. She helps me be my best and I love her very much.

Our House and Neighborhood



Our home is a roomy, 3 bedroom, 2 and a half bathroom colonial located in a quiet suburb just 30 minutes from a major city. Our home has an open floor plan with the kitchen opening into both the family and dining rooms, perfect for watching the family play games or helping with homework while preparing meals. We also have a finished basement with a rec room and space awaiting the arrival of a playroom.

The house sits on a nicely sized lot (perfect for a swing set!) in the back of a cul-de-sac. There are many children in the neighborhood, and we frequently have kids knocking on our door looking for new friends to play with! The neighborhood is close to several parks (including a Metropark) and a small historical district with shops and restaurants. Every summer, a farmer's market opens here with lots of fresh fruits and veggies to buy.



Our Home

Our House and Neighborhood, continued



Our Back Yard Deck

We also have the "Homecoming" parade, which fills the streets with our high school sports teams, marching bands, and lots of candy for all of the kids. Just 30 minutes away, you'll find the zoo, several museums, a theater district, and the beach.

We are also located within walking distance to most of the schools in our city. Our school system continues to be rated one of the top in our state, and has continually been given "excellent" status. School pride shows throughout the city, in both our hearts and in many of our yards!

Our Extended Families



Christmas with Therese's Family

Therese is the oldest of two children. Her sister is "happily single." Therese's mother (a claims representative) and father (a truck driver) are both retired.

Family has always been extremely important. At least twice a month, we have dinner at Therese's parents' home. Birthdays are a huge tradition as well. Each birthday is celebrated with dinner out, a cake, present opening, and plenty of enjoying one another's company. The whole family participates, and it is a tradition close to Therese's heart.

Since we only live 15 minutes from Therese's family members, it is easy to keep in touch. Therese's sister can't wait to be an aunt and "spoil someone rotten." Therese's parents are excited by our decision to adopt, and can't wait to go shopping for a car seat!

Jimm is the youngest of four children. He has 2 sisters and 1 brother. His oldest sister is married and has 2 boys. His next sister, now single, has 3 girls. His brother is married and the father of 2 boys. Jimm's mother (a college clerk), is retired, but keeps busy babysitting 5 of her grandchildren while their parents are at work. Although he has passed away, Jimm's father remains in our daily thoughts and prayers.

Family togetherness is a huge part of Jimm's upbringing. As a child, Jimm remembers traveling across the county in a van with the entire family (including his grandparents!) We continue that tradition today, traveling to different vacation spots with the whole family (all 17 of us!). Jimm's mother also owns a vacation trailer near a state park, where the whole family frequently converges for a weekend of fun, sun, and food.



Jimm's Family

Jimm's family members all live within 30 minutes of us, allowing for frequent family dinners and impromptu card parties. The whole family is ecstatic about our decision to adopt. Our nieces and nephews keep asking when a new cousin is coming, and his mom can't wait for a new grandchild.

What We Do For Fun



Snowboarding in the Winter

We both have many different individual and common interests. Jimm loves to play video games, walk the dog, and do yard work. Therese likes anything to do with crafting (especially scrapbooking, sewing, and knitting), and cooking. We both enjoy hanging out with friends and family, reading, taking nature hikes, and playing board games.

In the winter, we love making snowmen in the front yard, having snowball fights, and going snowboarding. In the spring and summer, we take nature walks in our local Metroparks, head to the zoo, or sit out on our back deck and barbecue with friends. The fall finds us looking for places to pick apples or driving to the country to watch the leaves turn. We can't wait to share these special things with a child!



Two of Our Favorite Characters

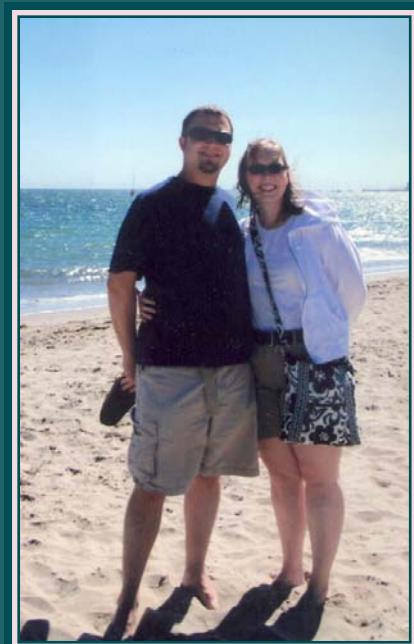


Horse Drawn Carriage Ride

Jimm & Therese



Cheering on the Indians



Pacific Ocean Getaway



Our Dog, Ice and Our Cat, Liza



Walk to Cure Diabetes -
We Do This Walk Every Year!

Dear Birthparent(s),

Thank you for taking the time to view our profile. We know that this must be an extremely difficult time for you. Please know that we admire your courage and selflessness in the months ahead.

We are Therese and Jimm. We met on a blind date set up by Therese's friend several years ago, and have been inseparable ever since. We have been married for almost 7 years now, and are still just as in love. Our friends say that they have never met any two people so different from one another, but so perfect for one another! We suppose it's a case of "opposites attract." We never leave one another without saying "I love you," and truly don't go to bed angry. We are true partners and best friends.

We have always wanted to have children. Family has always been very important for both of us, especially having one of our own. When we found out that we were unable to have biological children, we knew that adoption was God's plan for us. We will try every day to be the best parents possible to your child. We will be there to applaud first steps, reward first A's in school, and cheer first baseball games. We will also be there to kiss scraped knees, wipe away the tears after friends are mean, and give advice for first heartbreaks. We will encourage your child no matter where life takes him/her.

We will also be there to explain your child's story. Your child will know of his/her adoption from the start, in language he/she can understand. We've even purchased story books to help us. We will make sure that his/her adoption is never a secret or a "dirty word." We want your child to know about you, your brave decision, and your love for him/her. It is so important for us for a child to know his/her history, something that we cannot provide without you! We plan to update regularly with pictures and letters to share the child's life.

Family and friends are always number one. Everyone who knows us knows that we will be there when they need us, no matter what! We also know that they would do the same. We make time each week to spend with our parents, whether having dinner, going to church together, or just stopping by to say a quick hello. We also try to keep in touch with our friends through visits, phone calls, and the internet. These people are all so special to us, and we treasure them. We cannot wait for the child to meet them, and they are all extremely excited to meet him/her!

We absolutely love our dog, Ice, and our cats, Liza, Kitty, and Mona. All are rescue animals with incredible personalities! They are important to us because of the genuine, unconditional love they bless us with. Whenever one of us seems sad or upset, Ice will put her head in our laps, or one of the cats will curl up with us. They also make us laugh hysterically at times, as when Mona falls off of the desk after failing to snare a fish from the tank or Ice trips over a turtle when walking in the park! We are blessed to have them as our priceless companions.

We know that being parents is a difficult job, but we are ready for the challenges and joys. We cannot wait to read books, take nature walks, and go to the zoo. We are also eager to share our love of Disney World, Indians' games, Christmas, and birthday celebrations. Our families are also excited about thoughts of a new grandchild/niece/nephew/cousin and all of the new memories that we will all create together. Jimm's mom is especially excited to become caretaker for the newest grandchild while we are at work.

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We cannot even imagine the struggles that you are facing right now, but please know that God will give you the courage and strength in the days ahead to make the best decision for yourself and your child. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

With love,

Jimm and Therese

