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Joe

Jill

Job Description:

Communications

Preschool Teacher/Future Stay at Home Mother

Education:

Bachelor's Degree in Education

Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education

Favorites:

Holiday
Thanksgiving

Holiday
Halloween

Childhood Toy
Bicycle

Childhood Toy
Strawberry Shortcake Dolls

Hobby
Gardening

Hobby
Painting

Quality About Spouse
Her Organizational Skills

Quality About Spouse
His Giving Nature

Thing To Cook
BBQ Chicken

Thing To Cook
Spaghetti Sauce

Children:
None

What It Means To Be Parents

One of our first dreams we talked about as a couple was parenthood. We knew from the very beginning that we would absolutely love to be parents and share our lives and love with a child.

When we came to the realization that this dream was unattainable through pregnancy, adoption became the obvious choice. We are overjoyed at the prospect of raising your child and instilling our core beliefs and values, which were handed down to us from our parents.

Jill, being a long-time preschool teacher, has invaluable insight of a young child's needs and wants. She is very patient with children and loves to see their excitement when they learn something new. As a future stay-at-home mother, Jill eagerly awaits teaching your child new things each day and sharing in his or her excitement.

Joe is a patient, fun-loving and playful person. He is excited to display these traits through fatherhood. He anticipates calling home on his daily lunch break to hear of the new and exciting adventures Jill and this child will be having.

We truly realize this is a very difficult decision for you. Please be comforted in knowing that your child will be surrounded by loving and caring parents who will have his or her best interest at heart.

What We Do For Fun

In her spare time, Jill enjoys curling up with a good book, painting on canvas or taking care of her flower garden. Joe is a member of two bocce teams that play weekly. He also enjoys working in the yard, tending to his vegetable garden and watching sporting events.

Together, we love to go to our local park where we can enjoy a nice walk with our dog, Oscar. While at the park, we watch wildlife, such as deer and geese, engage in their activities. The park also has a very large outdoor flower garden that we love to visit during all seasons.

We have been to many live professional sporting events and concerts. We most look forward to attending our nieces' and nephews' sports games and special events.

Our House & Neighborhood



We moved into our home 7 years ago. This neighborhood appealed to us because of its quiet surroundings and family-oriented nature. It is located in a suburb of Ohio with an excellent-rated school system, which was an important factor in our decision to move here.

Our house is located in close proximity to several beautiful parks and recreation spots, including a local YMCA, which all provide numerous outdoor and indoor family activities. There is a strong community base that shines through in several local events such as holiday parades, sporting events and family-oriented activities.



Our Home

House & Neighborhood, (continued)



Our Backyard

Our two-story home has a fenced-in backyard perfect for young children's play. Most of the homes in our neighborhood have young children and pets that can be seen interacting and playing on an almost daily basis. We frequently walk our dog, Oscar, and have gotten to know many of the neighbors, their children and pets this way.

We have plenty of space to welcome your child and can hardly wait to furnish a nursery. We look forward to this joyous process and the exciting selections we will be making.

Being born and raised in this area, we feel fortunate to have many family members and close friends nearby. The thought never crossed our minds to live anywhere else because of these close relationships. Our entire families are eagerly awaiting the arrival of this new family member and sharing in this joyous occasion.

Our Extended Families

Hi, I'm Jill and I come from a loving, fun family. I grew up the only girl between two brothers. My parents provided a happy, stable home and my brothers and I always found ways to have fun.

My older brother is married and has three children. I am very close to my nieces and nephew. We go to parks together, play games and have sleepovers. My younger brother is recently married. Whenever we can, Joe and I get together with my brothers, their families, and some extended family members for a game night. There are always tons of laughs and fun and we look forward to the next gathering. Both of my brothers live close by, as do my parents. Therefore, we see each other often, whether it be a birthday, holiday or casual visit. Joe and I host Thanksgiving dinner and a huge July 4th picnic and look forward to these events every year.

My parents, brothers and I love to joke around and tease each other (lovingly, of course). I share a love of nature and birds with my Dad. He's always telling me of some antic that the birds or squirrels displayed on his back deck. And whenever a funny story pops up involving our dog and a heated chase around the yard with one of nature's furry friends, my father is the first one I call.

My family is so excited to share their love and adventures with your child. I'm sure there will be many more stories and funny tales this new addition will experience.

Hello, I'm Joe and my family is somewhat larger in size. I have three older sisters and eight nieces and nephews. Everyone lives in town, so family visits are frequent and numerous. Often in the summer, we spend hot days at my sister's house enjoying the refreshment of her pool.

There is always a niece or nephew participating in a sporting event. We attend many of these with my parents. My sisters and I have a close relationship, and since I'm the youngest, they have been positive role models for me. Having raised several children themselves, I know they will be helpful and supportive in my role as a father.

My sisters and I always joke that no matter how busy our lives get, we will definitely see each other at the many birthday parties and holidays that come with having a large family.



Jill's Extended Family



Joe's Extended Family

Both of our families are overjoyed at the prospect of adding a child to our family. We know that he or she will add and receive more love to an already loving family.

Our Beloved Dog, Oscar

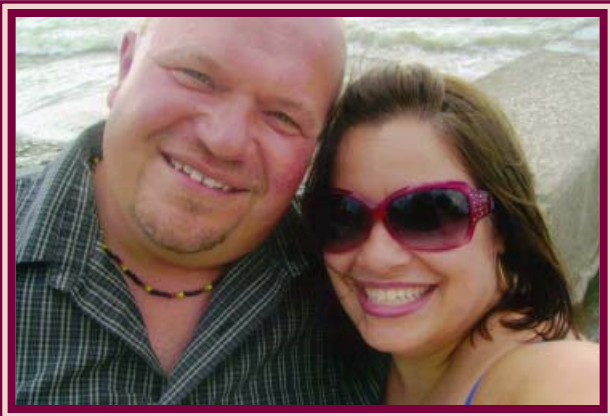


Oscar

Oscar is our black lab mix who is 85 pounds of love and affection. He is now 4 years-old. Joe adopted Oscar as a puppy and gave him to Jill for her birthday.

While Joe was growing up, dogs were a constant part of his family. Jill, being a dog lover herself, always wanted one as a child and never had one. Right off the bat, Oscar was loved so much by us and anyone who met him. He has the best personality and demeanor, especially around young children and other dogs.

Everyday, Oscar does something silly to make us laugh. We feel like he is our "son", and we can't imagine our lives without him. We know in our hearts that there will always be room for a canine member in our family. We also can't wait until he gets to meet the newest member of our family and form that special child-dog bond.



Together at Lake Erie



An Evening in Chicago



Fun at a Friend's Wedding

Joe & Jill



Sightseeing in Jamaica



Having a Nice Dinner



Catching a Show in Las Vegas

Dear Birthparent(s),

We want to first thank you whole-heartedly for taking the time to read about us and get to learn about us. We admire your courage and strength of facing the difficult decision you have to make.

We are Joe and Jill and we have been together for 9 years and married for 6 of those years. We met on a blind date and easily bonded into friendship. After a few dates, we both knew there was something more. We share a great sense of humor. We love to laugh and have fun. When we spent time together those first months, we talked all the time, learning about each other and our dreams.

One of our common and most desired dream is to be parents. Shortly after we were married, we tried building our family. After many failed attempts, we knew adoption was the path God had chosen for us. It was always an option in the back of our minds and we believe everything happens for a reason.

Right from the very beginning, this child will be so blessed because he or she will have wonderful birthparents that love them and want the best for him or her. This child will also have two loving adoptive parents who long to raise a child. There will also be an abundance of love and care poured out on this child from both of our families. With 11 nieces and nephews between the two of us, there are many future playmates and also numerous family events that your child will be a part of. How lucky can a child get?

We promise to you that your child will know immediately about their adoption journey and how difficult a decision this was for you. He or she will also know how much they are loved by you. We would be happy and willing to share photos and letters to show you the happy, healthy lifestyle your child will have. Of course, we know that this decision will be made by you if you are comfortable with it.

Since Jill has had a long career of teaching preschoolers, she looks forward to helping prepare your child for school. But Jill plans to be a stay-at-home mom once the child arrives, and can't wait for the daily adventures the two will have. Joe is ecstatic to teach your child about sports, fishing and looks forward to many days outdoors. Joe is also very family-oriented and his job is flexible enough to accommodate time spent with your son or daughter.

Both of us love to relax in the evening after a long day of work by cooking dinner and spending time together. We know this part of the day will be more special with a child to share it with. We both love to travel and have been to the Caribbean, Jamaica and Florida, as well as several places in Ohio. The beach is one of our favorite destinations and we look forward to building sandcastles and collecting seashells with your child.

One of our favorite events is our annual Fourth of July picnic at our home. All our family and close friends come and we all celebrate the importance of this holiday.

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Again, we thank you for considering us. We can assure you that if this wonderful opportunity is handed to us, your child will be loved so much and we will do everything we can to make him or her happy.

Sincerely,

Joe and Jill

