



Lloyd

Sandi

Job Description:

Environmental Consultant
Senior Scientist

Stay-at-Home Mom &
Professional Opera Singer,
Former College Professor

Education:

Master of Science in
Ecology & Evolution,
Bachelor of Science in Biology

Master of Music in
Performance & Pedagogy,
Bachelor of Music in
Performance & Pedagogy

Favorites:

Sport

Hockey or Soccer

Sport

Hockey

Subject in School

Music

Subject in School

Biology

Movie Type

Foreign (I don't get to pick the
movies often)

Movie Type

Comedy

Quality About My Spouse

Passion

Quality About My Spouse

Patience

Hobby

Golf

Hobby

Making Jewelry

Children:

Benjamin (age 2)

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Our History Together

We have been friends over 20 years and have been married for 13 years. We have spent the last twenty years on an adventure. We look forward to countless years leading our family on more fun and exciting journeys.

We met and fell in love while in college in Northwest Ohio. Lloyd, still serving in the military, would meet Sandi on the track after dark. We would jog a couple of miles together while talking about everything and anything. Although we each attended graduate school in different states, we stayed together and rejoined each other in Boston, Massachusetts. After a few years, we moved to Cincinnati, Ohio where we were married. Three months after we were married we moved to Germany so that Sandi could sing in Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera. We learned a lot about European culture and improved our German. Two years later we returned to Ohio and have spent the last several years preparing our home and careers to start our family.

About one year ago, we were blessed with the first addition to our family, Benjamin. His adoption started our newest and most important phase of our life together; being parents. We look forward to expanding our family through adoption again. We hope to find an adopted brother or sister for Benjamin. Our friendship and our marriage continue to grow stronger today as we enter this adventure of adoption and parenting. Our relationship is tried and tested and is a testament to our long-term commitment to each other and raising our family. We extend this same commitment and passion to being parents. We hope this will help you make this challenging and important decision easier.

We respect and value different beliefs and believe all people in the world desire happiness and want to be loved. We believe it is our duty and responsibility to respect, cherish and protect all of God's creatures, including each other. We believe that the mind, body and spirit must be in balance for a healthy happy life.

Our Values

We are a household dedicated to learning and improving our world and ourselves. We believe that education, beyond schooling, is critical to a child. We believe that the opportunity for a college education is important and have plans that will allow our children the opportunity to attend college. We believe that we are responsible to help our children learn more than just from books. We believe we need to help teach our children to be respectful of others and to themselves and to grow their compassion, empathy and patience. We believe that this requires the parents, schools and church to not only tell them but to also be good role models.

We believe our relationship is a partnership and we approach parenting the same way. Our child and future children will be loved beyond measure. We will always let them know that they are loved by more than just us. We will always share with them that their Birthmother loves them too.

Our Home & Community



We selected our house and even our dog, a golden retriever who is great with kids, in hopes of bringing children into our family. Dharma, our dog, is without a doubt Benjamin's favorite toy. Our neighbors are very nice and several have children at home. The community is classic American hometown with lots of families and a focus on kids. We are only thirty minutes drive to downtown of a major Ohio city but live in a town with a gazebo and concerts on the town square.

Our house has four bedrooms and is located in a neighborhood built with a minimum of 1 acre of land per house so there is lots of room to play outside and inside. The neighborhood has several ponds and wooded areas. We have a finished walkout basement with lots of room to play up and down stairs. We even have a room dedicated to music with a piano, guitar, violin and enough room to dance and sing.



Our Home



Part of Our Back Yard

Most of our family lives in Ohio but we have family in several other states including Arizona, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Like many families we enjoy getting together for various occasions including birthdays, weddings, graduations and holidays. We think it is important to share that our family is already touched by the love of adoption. Lloyd's father adopted him when he was two years old. Our family knows that "family" is more than just being related by blood. Our friends and family have welcomed Benjamin with open arms and hearts. They will do the same for our next adoption.

Beyond our family, we have friends from all over the country and the world. Because we have had the opportunity to travel and live in so many different places, we have made friends all over. We have friends from college, graduate school and from the many places we have lived and worked.

A House & Hearts with Room to Fill, continued

Although we feel we have a wonderful house, having a good home is more important than a house. We look forward to bringing another child into our house to help make it a better home.

Our Family & Friends



Some of Our Family Visiting After Benjamin's Arrival

Our Lifestyle - A Blending of Science & Art

Because Lloyd is an ecologist and Sandi is an artist/singer, our lives are full of diversity. We love spending time in nature as much as attending the theater, art galleries and festivals. We will offer all of our children the opportunity to experience and to learn about the world of science and the universe of art and music.

We are very adventurous and active together. We like to take vacations where we can hike and explore the natural world. We also have taken our share of vacations on the beaches whether in Cancun, Greece, Florida or even the North Coast of Ohio. But we are not the type of people that just lay on the beach. We also enjoy happy weekends together watching movies and spending time making forts out of the sofa cushions. To be honest, the sofa forts are mostly Lloyd building and Benjamin knocking them down.



Lloyd (behind the camera) Took Benjamin, Sandi and Both Grandmas on a Picnic at Garison Keller's Prairie Home Companion

Being outside, whether it is summer or winter, is important to us. Every weekend we hike 3 to 5 miles along a different trail at a nearby national park. Benjamin and our dog, Dharma, get excited about our weekend hiking adventures. We believe it helps keep us physically fit and keeps us in touch with nature. We cherish being able to spend time together and have the time to feel the changes in the seasons.

Sandi is a professional singer and was a college professor in a music conservatory before Benjamin came home. Sandi has sung in operas, musicals and concerts all over the world. Her involvement with the theater brings lots of opportunities to experience different people, places and types of performances. We decided once Benjamin came home that Sandi would resign her position as a college professor to allow her to be home with Benjamin. Sandi still sings throughout the year and these performances are usually in the evenings or weekends so Lloyd can watch and play with Benjamin. Benjamin has been able to go to the theater to see dress rehearsals of musical shows already. He loves watching the action on the stage and hearing the music.

Lloyd is an aquatic ecologist but was a music major (saxophone) when we first met in college. He now works with lots of different companies to help them clean up pollution left in the soil and groundwater after years of industrial use. Lloyd knows the names of lots of different plants, birds, fish and even bugs and snakes. We enjoy showing Benjamin all the different animals and plants that we have in our yard or see during our hikes.

There have been a few changes with the arrival of Benjamin. We do not get as much sleep. It takes a little longer and a little more stuff to go and do anything. Nonetheless, we have continued keeping our mix of science and art. As we looked through our pictures to prepare this profile, we realized that many of our pictures during the last year were from the same places as two years ago. The only difference was that this time we get to share it with Benjamin. There are a few new things such as swim classes and Gymboree. Sandi is a member of a very active Moms Club where there are fun and educational activities several times a week such as trips to planetariums or just taking the kids to a big playground. We look forward to sharing all these things with another child too.



One of Many Summer Hiking Trips with the Whole Family (except the cat)



Lloyd & Benjamin Showing Off Their Fresh Haircuts



Getting Ready to Trick-or-Treat

Lloyd & Sandi



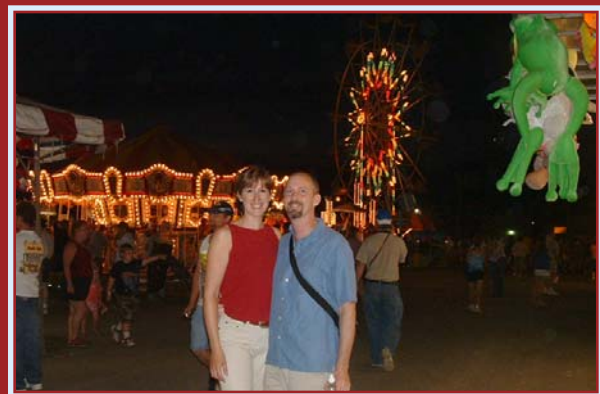
Riding on a Float in the Christmas Parade



Having Fun While Seeing the Ocean Life Up Close



A Cool Day at the Apple Farm



At the County Fair

Dear Birthparent(s),

We have only the deepest respect and admiration that you are considering making an adoption plan. Because you are reading this letter we know that you are trying to decide how to best parent your baby. We share with you this desire to have the best for your child and yourself.

We tried to grow our family for many years but sadly we were not able. However, we believe that the universe unfolds exactly the way it is supposed to. It is beyond us to fully understand how we all have come to this place in our life journeys. Yet here we are strangers, together looking for the best opportunities for your baby.

The few pictures and words we can share here only start to tell about the love and caring we have for each other. What words can express how much Benjamin's adoption means to us. We know the next adoption will be different but just as wonderful. We can only share a portion of the things we have done and the places we have lived and visited. Our lives are full of variety and we look forward to bringing more diversity to our lives by expanding our family through adoption. We would not be able to list but the smallest fraction of all the dreams we have for our family.

In this profile and letter we cannot hear from you. We cannot ask you, how you are doing? What are your dreams and interests? How can we help you in making your decision? What are your dreams for your child? These are some of the things we would like to know. These are things we would want to be able to share with your baby as he or she grows up.

We are at a place in our lives financially and emotionally where we are ready to parent another child. We do not know your situation but hope you will consider us in your adoption plan. We would be happy to meet with you.

The last things we can offer in these few pages are these promises. If you decide to give us the honor and permission to be the parents of your child:

- * We will always show that you and we love them unconditionally.
- * We will create as many opportunities as we can for the child.
- * We will give them freedom to be who they are.
- * We will nurture this child to grow to their full physical, mental and spiritual power.
- * We will inspire and support the dreams of the child.
- * We will teach love, respect and compassion by example.
- * We will share our passion and love for life.
- * We will raise this child to be better than us.

Whether you choose us, another couple or decide to parent yourself, we hope your decision will be guided by your desire for what is best for your baby.

Yours truly,

Lloyd and Sandi

