



**Marty**

**Tara**

**Job Description:**

Sales Representative

Marketing Professional

**Education:**

BS, Secondary Education

BS, Business Administration & MBA

**Favorites:**

**Classic Movie**  
The Sting

**Classic Movie**  
It's a Wonderful Life

**Family Activity**  
Going to the Pool

**Family Activity**  
Going to the Zoo

**Hobby**  
Golf

**Hobby**  
Snow Skiing

**Memory with Spouse**  
Climbing Mountain in Ireland

**Memory with Spouse**  
Hiking in Cape Cod

**Sandwich**  
Cheese Steak

**Sandwich**  
Turkey Panini

**Children:**

Deidre (1)

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**How Adoption Has Affected Us Personally**

We had the privilege of adopting our daughter, Deidre. Many times we think "pinch us". Is this really our life? We have been given the most precious gift from our birthmom. She has already brought us such joy. She has changed our family dynamic. We love spending family time at the pool or at home playing in her room. We had the extra special experience of being in the hospital when our daughter was born. We had the chance to meet the birthmom's family and spend time with them. We talk to Deidre about how brave her birthmom was to make an adoption plan for her. We tell her how lucky we are to have her in our life.

**What it Means to Be Parents and Our Strengths**

We both feel that being a parent is the greatest gift and job one could have. It means the world to us to be parents.

**Tara says:** Not only is our daughter such a gift, it has been a gift to see Marty as a 'dad'. He and Deidre have a special bond; they make each other laugh. I love to watch them down on the floor together. Marty and Deidre took swimming lessons together and spend lots of time playing in the pool. Not only does Marty enjoy 'fun' time with Deidre but he also spends a lot of time caring for her. He has worked his work schedule so that he can take Deidre to day care which allows her to sleep in. He has time to get her ready for the day by changing her clothes and feeding her. Marty loves being Deidre's da-da. I have had the opportunity to witness Marty in action with our older nieces and nephews to get a view into parenthood as our daughter grows with us.

**Marty says:** Tara is an amazing parent. Since we met 14 years ago, her main focus is having children. Tara has all the attributes to be a wonderful mother. She has an incredible gift of relating with children and knows how to make children feel comfortable. She is the kindness and most sincere person I have ever met. Tara is an extremely cerebral person while she is at work but has the ability to leave work at work and be a warm and loving person. Tara and I look forward to adopting a brother or sister for Deidre.

**Our House and Neighborhood**



We live in a wonderful suburban Ohio neighborhood with lots of kids and dogs. We purchased our two-story four bedroom home eight years ago with the intention of raising our family here. We have enjoyed a great time together decorating our home room by room. Spending time creating Deidre's room was the most fun. While waiting for children, we adopted a great puppy, Lucy (now 3 years old). She has brought much joy to our home. Lucy likes to host all the neighborhood dogs in our yard for fun and frolic. She also loves children and plays with Deidre as well as our nieces and nephews. Our home is perfect for family dinners at the kitchen table or bedtime stories in the rocking chair. We love hosting our friends and family in our home for any event from holidays to watching a football game on television.



**Our Home**

## Our House and Neighborhood, continued



Thankful Family on Thanksgiving

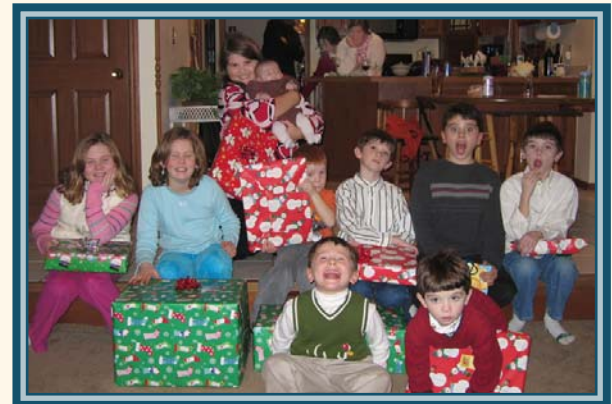
**Marty** is the youngest of four boys. While he was growing up, his mother and father taught him that family is the most important aspect in one's life. He continues to remain close with his siblings. Growing up, he was able to learn many lessons from his brothers. They were and continue to be his role models. Each brother taught him different things that were important in his development. Each of Marty's brothers has three children. There are three nieces and six nephews within a 25 miles radius, we are able to spend time together golfing, boating, or cooking out. All nine cousins are 'in love' with their newest cousin, Deidre. We try to spend the holidays together including Christmas and the annual Easter egg hunt. We host an event every year for Mother's Day to honor not only his mom but all his sister-in-laws.

**Tara** is the middle child of three children and she has a special place in the family because she is the only daughter. Tara's Grandma left home at 18 and immigrated to the United States for a better life. She taught Tara and her other grandchildren the importance of both family and education. Tara admires the courage her Grandma had. Not only did Grandma influence Tara but her extended family did as well. Her Mom had eight siblings and her Dad was very close to his family. Tara grew up with all her cousins. She is still is best friends with her cousins. As soon as Tara could walk, she learned to ski and spent many fun times skiing as a family. Her big brother, Mike and his wife has three children who live in California. Her baby brother, Shane and his wife also live in California and are expecting their second child in a few months. Her Dad is also in California so it is just one plane trip to see the whole family. The family even met in Lake Tahoe for Christmas to ski together. Tara's Mom passed away nine years ago and we miss her every day. Our daughter is named after Tara's Mom.

## Our Extended Families



Deidre's Adoption Finalization with Family



Deidre with Her Cousins at Christmas

## Our Favorite Vacation Spots

**Ireland:** Before our daughter was born, we wanted one last getaway before we plunged into the most important voyage of our lives, parenthood. We decided to take a two week trip to Ireland, which is where both our families came from originally. We set out to just see some sights and be together. We were even able to visit the house Tara's Grandma grew up in. We both look forward in the future to share our experiences with our children.

**Cape Cod:** We went to Cape Cod on our honeymoon and it was our first trip to New England but definitely not our last. There is beautiful scenery on both the Bay side and on the Atlantic. On our several trips to the Cape, we have enjoyed exploring all the towns and hiking trails.

Cape Cod and Ireland are very similar to us. We have been able to enjoy time together in these places. They both allow us to relax. Both are family-friendly places we would like to take our family.



Luau at Hanalei Bay



At a Notre Dame Football Game



Dee's First Indians Game



Mommy's Pride and Joy

Marty  
&  
Tara



Daddy's Little Girl



Tribe Time



Skiing in Tahoe

## Dear Birthparent(s),

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With our daughter's adoption, we created a scrapbook for her birthmom and sent new pages every month along with a letter of all the fun things we were doing as a family. Our favorite part of the letters was the section when we talked about 'firsts': first time to smile, first time to sleep through the night, first time rollover, first tooth, and too many more to name. We made copies of everything so Deidre will have what her birthmom has as well.

We feel it is a privilege and an honor to be parents. To us, it is the most important job there is. We have both benefited greatly from the time and talents our parents shared with us. We love parenting our daughter and look forward doing the same for our expanding family. We think Deidre will be a good big sister. As they grow up, they can even talk about their adoption experiences.

When becoming a parent, one must be willing to be role model, teacher, friend, and disciplinarian all at the same time. To be a good parent, one must be willing to focus their time on their family. We are focused on our family.

Growing up, we both were taught the importance of family. Family has continued to be a very important part of our lives. Our large extended families and friends welcomed our daughter with many many hugs and kisses and can't wait to welcome a new addition to our family. Our dog, Lucy is sure to give many kisses as well. Lucy and Deidre share a lot of fun together. Deidre is always laughing when Lucy is around.

We have had the opportunity to travel and enjoy each other's company. We plan to continue our family vacations. We can't wait to take our children with us to California to be with their cousins. Although far away, lots of phone calls keep us and the Californians connected. Skiing is a big family past time and we plan on teaching our children to ski. Sometimes Tara's family meets on ski trips. We also know trips to the corner ice cream store are as much fun as a trip to Vermont. We want to share in the 'little' things of a family as well.

We love each other very much and we love our daughter. We feel we have more love to share with another child. We want to thank you for helping us on our journey.

Walk safely,

**Marty and Tara**

