

Hi! We're Mike and Amy. Thank you...we are so happy you are reading our profile. We hope that as you look through our profile you feel like you know us a bit better.

Mike

Amy

Job Description:

Senior Financial Analyst

Executive Assistant/Coordinator for Pharmaceutical Company

Education:

Bachelors Degree- Agricultural Economics

3 Years State College

Favorites:

Food
Steak

Food
Pizza

Tradition

Brazillian Coffee on Saturday Morning

Tradition

4th of July at My Uncle's Farm

TV Show

The Office

TV Show

American Idol

Type of Music

80's Music

Type of Music

Today's Rock

Sport to Watch

Football

Children:

Lindsay (age 4)

About Us

About Mike: Mike is a senior financial analyst for a pharmaceutical company. He is known around the office for his quick one liners. Mike is intelligent, generous, caring, loving, patient and fun to be around. Wherever we go children are drawn to Mike because he gets right into the action with the kids. He's the only adult who will get on the trampoline and jump around with the kids. Mike is a very down to earth person and someone who everyone likes to be around. He is funny and loves to make people laugh. He enjoys spending time with family and friends. His parents gave him a solid foundation of love and support, which I believe made him the great person that he is today. Mike enjoys golf and has a great love for his 1987 Buick Grand National parked in the garage. If he is ever missing, I always know where I can find him...in the garage!

About Amy: Amy also works at a pharmaceutical company, the same company Mike works for...that's how we met! Amy is a wonderful mother and wife. Amy has a great love for animals and wants to help make a difference in their lives. She has a strong desire and makes heartfelt efforts every chance that she can to help our local animal shelter. She is creative, sensitive, funny, compassionate and patient. The love Amy has for children is reflected in the time she spends with our daughter. She respects all children and recognizes the best in each of them and likes to help them learn and grow. Amy makes our house a home filled with laughter, fun and unconditional love. She wants our children to have the innocent and fun childhood that she had growing up as a child. Amy loves to buy our daughter, nieces and nephews all the fun gifts for their birthdays and holidays, and spends a lot of time thinking up something fun that the kids would love to play with.

About Lindsay

Lindsay is our 4 year old biological daughter. Due to severe health complications shortly after birth, she has cerebral palsy. She is the joy and the love of our lives. She goes to preschool and loves it. She spends her mornings in preschool and the afternoon in a very fun daycare. We are fortunate to have flexible work schedules that allow us to work from home on any given day so we always can be there for special events at her preschool. Every day is a new adventure, a new challenge and full of new discoveries. It has been such a blessing to experience the world all over again through her eyes. She has filled our home with lots of smiles, love and laughter-more than we ever imagined possible. Lindsay is very excited to have a brother or sister to giggle and play with. It will be so great to share all of that again with a new child in the family.

Our House and Neighborhood



Our Home

We live in a great four bedroom 2 story in a neighborhood with local parks and schools all within walking distance. Our home is very close to elementary schools in a very well renowned school district. Our home is located in a suburb of Ohio. It is large enough to take care of all of our needs and will be a comfortable place for a child to grow and thrive.

Our House and Neighborhood, continued



A View to Our Back Yard Patio

We live in a great neighborhood. We are often invited over to one of the neighbor's house to watch a football game, barbeque or just watch movies on a snowy night. There are great parks in our neighborhood where we take our daughter to play. We also visit our community library weekly with our daughter for numerous puppet shows and story time. She loves to pick out new books for each day of the week, and every night we have a new book to read. We enjoy going to movies, football games or having movie night at home enjoying family pizza night.

In our neighborhood, children enjoy playing soccer, football and playing in the nearby parks. We live in a laid-back community where people look out for one another and genuinely enjoy each other's company.

Our Extended Families

We have had very strong role models in both sets of parents. Our upbringing helped us acknowledge the importance of family, hard work, financial responsibility and faith. We spend a lot of time with both of our families. Your child will enjoy many visits to Grandma and Grandpa's house. Our families are anxious to welcome another grandchild into the family and to be an important part of his/her life.

Amy is the oldest of three with a brother and a sister, all of whom live in close proximity. **Mike** is also the oldest of three with two younger sisters with small children. We are very fortunate to live very close to both sets of parents and family. Mike's mom and dad live 10 minutes away and Amy's parents live 20 minutes away. Your child will have many cousins to play with during summer cook outs, holidays and birthday parties.

Mike is Swedish, and along with that heritage comes some Swedish traditions that are included in family holidays. These include Swedish pancakes with Lingonberries, Swedish glogg to name just a couple. We tried replicating the Swedish pancakes last year on Christmas morning, and while it wasn't very good, it was fun trying! We both love Christmas and Amy loves to decorate the house for the holidays. Every Christmas everyone gets a new pair of pajamas and slippers that are wrapped up. It is the one gift we get to open early and we all wear our new pajamas on Christmas Eve. Amy spends numerous hours baking cookies and decorating the house to make it special for everyone. We also go to church on Christmas Eve followed by a night by the fireplace with everyone on Mike's side of the family. We belong to a Lutheran church, which happens to be the same church where we were married and Lindsay was baptized. Nearly all holidays are complete by traveling to each set of grandparents and most certainly eating two meals. During the summer months we spend time at the pool swimming and having fun. We also enjoy hosting barbeques with our family and friends.

Amy's uncle has a farm house where we go every 4th of July and Labor Day for a hot dog roast and everyone in Amy's family attends. Fall is a fun time of year as we celebrate our daughter's birthday in October. Each year we will pick a character theme for Lindsay's birthday and will make and decorate a special cake for her whether it's Elmo, Hello Kitty or Strawberry Shortcake. Trips to the pumpkin patch and hayrides and football parties with family and friends fill our fall weekends. Thanksgiving is one of our favorite holidays where we go to our aunt's house that is filled with, on average, 20-25 people for a great family feast. Great old and new family recipes are all shared and tried by all!



Amy's Family



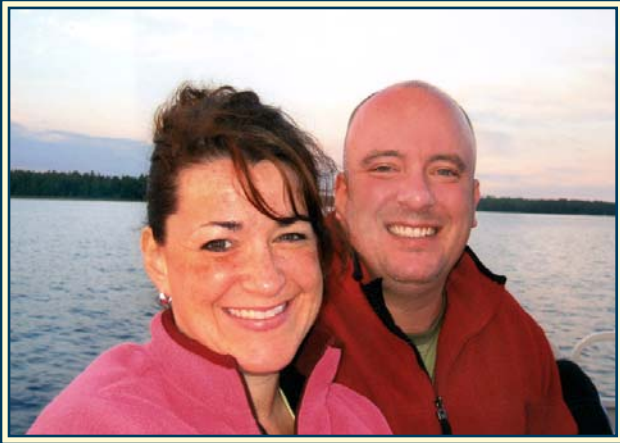
Mike's Family



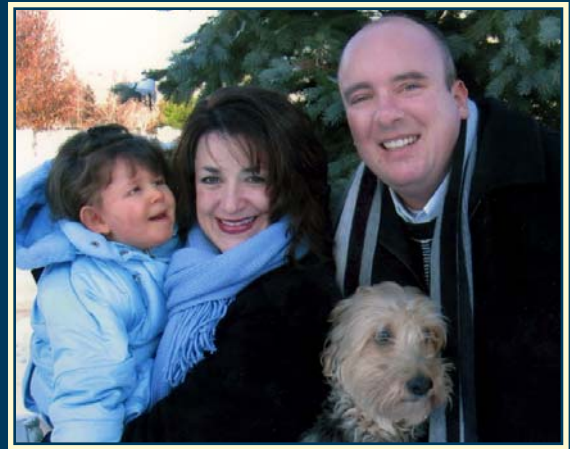
Our Dog Rudy

About Rudy

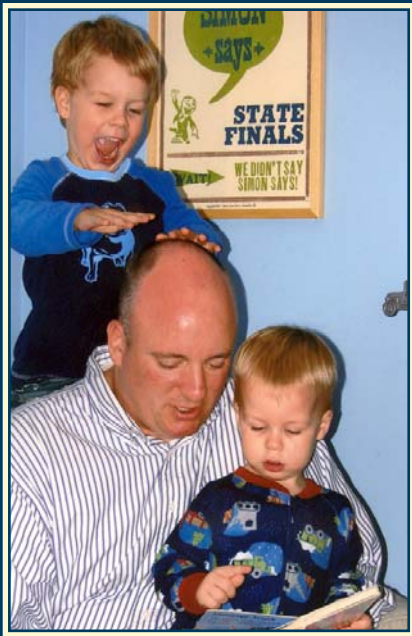
Rudy is our 11 year old dog who is completely spoiled. He is great with people and with children. He looks forward to his evening walk with Mike every night. We live close to a school with a big field where he can run and run. He loves to play with our neighbor's dogs along with all the numerous trips to the bank (where he gets treats) and the post office and on occasion a trip to McDonald's where he enjoys some French fries. He is a yorkie poodle schnauzer mix. He loves to play with Lindsay and everyone he meets.



Boating on Lake Michigan



Our Family



Mike with His Nephews

Mike
&
Amy



Dancing at Mike's Sister's
Wedding



At Our Church



Having Fun at a 4th of July Cook-Out

Dear Birthparent(s),

In your journey to find the right parents for your baby, we are sure that you have read about many different families. You are obviously a special person who is full of courage and love, if you are looking at these profiles.

We admire your love and sacrifice, and our hearts go out to you for this very difficult decision you are facing. We know we can never fully understand the emotions you are feeling, and we hope you find peace and comfort as you consider your options. As you read through this and other letters, we have faith you will find the right family, if not us, another who will love your baby as much as you do.

We've been married for 5 years and we have a 4 year old daughter named Lindsay. We are very devoted, patient and loving parents. We really value family time and enjoy being parents. We laugh a lot, have a lot of fun and work well as a team. Whether it's reading bedtime stories, nursing a cold or flu, playing in the park sliding down slides or singing and practicing ABC's, we are so blessed to be able to touch the life of a child. We cannot wait to witness and embrace the unfolding of another beautiful life of a child. We know that no child comes with a "how to" book and that every child is different in their own special way. Being parents is something that we have never taken for granted nor lightly. It is a gift and a blessing. Suffering through infertility and finally being blessed with the birth of our daughter has given us a whole new outlook and much happiness in our life. We've been able to provide our daughter with a safe, loving, nurturing and compassionate home and will be able to continue that with your child. We see and treasure each day as a blessing and have a very close family bond. We can offer your baby a loving home to grow up in, with two devoted parents and an adoring big sister, Lindsay. We will provide your child with our everlasting love and support. Your child will have a bright future, financial security, a quality education, and countless opportunities in life. We obviously look forward to the large events such as birthdays, the first day of school, holidays and other celebrations. However, what we are really looking forward to is the quiet times together, conversations in the car as we are returning from the grocery store, teaching our child to tie his/her shoes, reading bedtime stories and putting money under their pillow for the tooth fairy for their very first lost tooth.

Our journey to adoption has been a difficult one; however it has strengthened our commitment to becoming parents. We have not been able to have another biological child and have endured many infertility treatments and heartache along the way. We are very excited and hopeful about growing our family through adoption. We hope to be able to let you know as much about us as possible through a few words and photos. Most importantly, we want you to know that having children in our lives has been a life long dream led by limitless and unconditional love we have for each other and the child who will one day share our lives.

While life has its ups and downs, we are committed to staying together as a family to share and help each other through good and bad times. We promise there will always be laughter in our house and always someone to talk to. We plan on giving a life full of opportunities and will teach them important values such as respect, honesty and appreciation. We can draw from our family experiences and commit ourselves to raising children who are loved unconditionally, nurtured and can experience life to the fullest. Your child will grow to understand that adoption is a part of a long family history and is the miracle that brought us together.

To reassure you that your child is surrounded by love and being raised in a happy and healthy environment, we would be honored to continue ongoing contact through letters and pictures. While we are not sure what the future will hold, we embrace building a relationship with you that you are comfortable with. Thank you for taking the time to get to know a little bit about us.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you make your decision.

With warmest regards,

Mike and Amy

