



Hi, we're Mitch and Darcie. We believe our home will provide love, support, laughter, and encouragement for your child. Thank you for taking the time to read a little bit about us. We hope this letter gives you a quick peek into our lives and helps you in making your adoption plan.

Mitch

Darcie

Job Description:

Regulatory Affairs Manager

Part Time Process Improvement Specialist

Education:

B.S. Engineering

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Favorites:

Childhood Memory

Wrestling with My Dad

Childhood Memory

Carving Pumpkins with My Dad

Leisure Activity

Watching College Football

Leisure Activity

Yoga & Reading

Childhood Toy

Lego's

Childhood Toy

Big Wheel

Family Activity

Dinner

Family Activity

Walks in Our Neighborhood

T.V. Show

Lie To Me

T.V. Show

Project Runway

Children:

Camille (Age 3)

How We Met

We met our 3rd year in college. We were both in a small major with about 20 other people so we had most of our classes together. We started out as friends and enjoyed each other's company. We found lots of excuses to study and work on group projects to get to spend more time together. Darcie was in denial about how much she liked Mitch, but her friends knew there was something more than friendship between the two by the way she talked about him. Mitch knew Darcie was a special girl and that he really enjoyed spending time with her. We started dating about 6 months later and have been together ever since.

What Takes Priority In Our Lives

Family is the highest priority in our life. Some other things we value are education, church, and being healthy. We are both glad we received a college degree because it gave us more opportunities later in life. We want those same opportunities for the children in our lives. We attend church every Sunday we are in town and take part in a small church gathering every other week with church members our age, all of whom have children that our daughter loves to play with. Last but not least, we like to stay active and healthy. In the summer time one of our favorite activities is walking around the neighborhood and stopping at one of the local playgrounds.

What We Like About Being Parents

We absolutely love being parents and we're both very hands on. We both love reading stories, playing hide and seek, watching movies, singing songs, putting together puzzles, blowing bubbles, and getting good night hugs. The thing Mitch enjoys the most is seeing our daughter learn something new. Lately that includes working a zipper, putting together puzzles, counting, and the ABC's. The thing Darcie enjoys most is watching her laugh. She loves getting tickled and chased around the house by the tickle monster. Watching a child grow is the reward for all the hard work in raising them.



Our House & Neighborhood

We live in a suburb 20 minutes outside a major Ohio city. What drew us to our neighborhood was the overwhelming sense of "family". There are kids of every age which makes for great playmates as well as great babysitters. It is not uncommon to find an impromptu driveway party on Friday evening when the weather is nice. All the adults bring over lawn chairs and munchies while the kids run around playing together. There are always people out walking dogs and riding bikes. We have 2 parks within 3 blocks of our house that become regular stops on our family walks.



Our Home

House & Neighborhood, (continued)



Cami's First Birthday Party

Our Extended Family

Both of our families are very open, supportive, and excited about our decision to adopt. This is very important to us because we want you to know that your child will be loved unconditionally by all members of the family.

Mitch – We are lucky to have all of my extended family in the state of Ohio. I am the middle child and have two sisters, one is a year older and one a year younger. Because we are so close in age, we have always been very close friends. My younger sister lives minutes away and is like an extension of our immediate family. We end up seeing her at least once a week. My older sister, her husband, and their two daughters, ages 3 and 4, live on a farm just outside of the town in which I grew up in southern Ohio. Visiting is great, because we have the opportunity to see the farm animals, hike, swim, and sometimes go on tractor rides. My parents got a divorce when I was in junior high, but continue to maintain a healthy relationship. My mom remarried into a great family that treats us like one of their own and together they have 10 grandkids. My Dad is also in a great relationship with a wonderful woman.

On my side of the family we have several traditions. We spend mid September at my Mom's house where my grandma from South Carolina visits and we have a big pool party. We play volleyball, eat lots of good food, and enjoy each other's company. On my Dad's side of the family we take a trip every other summer to Virginia Beach. We stay right on the water and step out the back door onto the sand. The kids love it!

Darcie – I have 2 older brothers that are both married to great women and have families of their own. We don't live in the same states anymore so we make a concerted effort to get together several times a year for quality family time. Every winter we take a family ski trip to Colorado with my parents, brothers, aunts, uncles and cousins. We spend the days on the slopes and the evenings relaxing in the hot tub and cooking dinner together. Every Labor Day weekend my family (8 adults, 4 kids, 2 dogs and a cat) gets together at my parents lake house. We go out for kayak rides, take lots of walks, the kids play at the beach, the adults play cards in the evenings and we all basically just spend lots of time together.



A Wedding with Mitch's Family



Labor Day at the Lake with Darcie's Family



Virginia Beach Vacation with Camille

Our Daughter, Camille

Our daughter Camille is almost 3 and has a lot of spunk. She loves wearing pretty dresses just as much as she loves playing in the dirt. This year for Halloween she was debating if she was going to dress up as a dinosaur or a princess. Some of her favorite things to do right now are playing "Jump on Daddy", having Mommy paint her fingernails and toenails and playing hide and seek.

One of her favorite sayings at the moment is "Oh my gosh!", but sounds more like she's saying "Oh my Josh". She makes us laugh every day. She loves taking care of her "sick" or "hurt" stuffed animals and baby dolls. We think this is a sign that she might be a doctor or nurse when she grows up. Regardless of Camille's future profession, she is definitely getting lots of practice to be a great big sister!

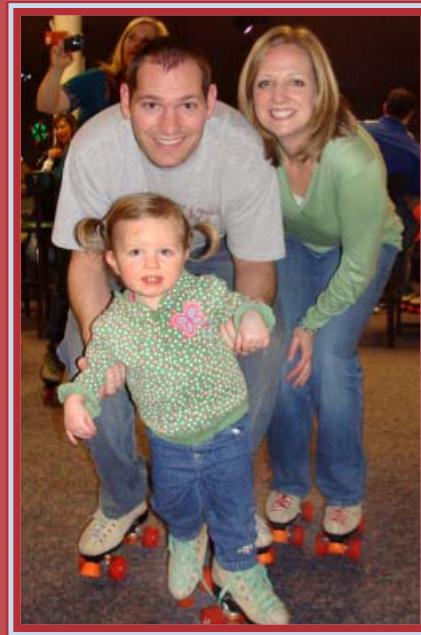


Hot Air Balloon Ride
for Darcie's Birthday

Mitch & Darcie



Christmas Morning with
Cami and Our Dog Waylon



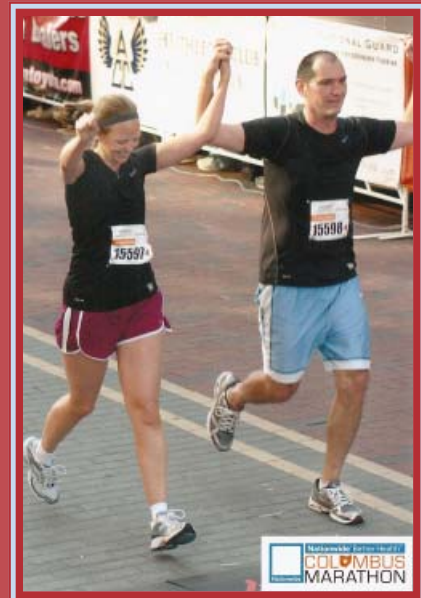
Rollerskating as a Family



Posing as Tourists
in Key West



Annual Ski Trip in Colorado
with Darcie's Family



Running Our First
Half Marathon Together

Dear Birthparent(s),

We admire your strength and courage in considering adoption for your baby. We can't even begin to imagine what you're going through right now. We hope this letter gives you a quick peek into our lives and helps you in making your adoption plan.

Hi, we're Mitch and Darcie. We've been together for almost 10 years. We are more than just husband and wife, we're also best friends. We enjoy doing lots of things together like going for walks with our daughter and dog, working in the yard, getting together with friends to watch college football, and making pizzas from scratch during family movie night. Our personalities complement each other well and we look forward to growing our family.

After graduating college our job search took us to Iowa. We spent 4 years there building our lives together. When we were ready to start a family, we knew it was time to move back to Ohio to be closer to our families. In 2008 we were blessed with a beautiful, biological daughter named Camille. Since then we have been pregnant twice and lost both babies in the second trimester. We love our angels and we are sad that God called them to heaven so early, but we know our family is meant to grow. Our doctors are unable to find a cause and we are not prepared to experience that pain again. We sincerely believe God is steering us to adopt; that He has a baby out there that is meant to join our family.

Camille is excited to become a big sister and she loves to take care of babies (both real and her dolls) by patting them on the bottom, replacing their binkies, and "teaching" them all kinds of things that big girls can do. We value the importance of siblings and we are excited thinking about the special relationship that a new son or daughter would bring to our family. The experiences and life lessons we remember from growing up with our brothers and sisters are priceless and we want the same for your child.

As parents we really work together as a team. Darcie works part-time and Mitch was fortunate to work 4 day weeks for the first two years of Camille's life. It has been the ideal parenting situation for us; Cami got one-on-one time with Mommy, one-on-one time with Daddy, social time with other kids at the babysitter's house and family time on the weekends. We always discuss parenting decisions to keep consistent from how to potty train and discipline, to when bedtimes and nap times will be.

An open adoption is something we hope for, but we understand and respect that the openness of the adoption is your decision. Regardless of what you choose, your child will always know where they come from. We would frequently send pictures and letters so you can be assured your child is getting the love and attention they deserve. If you feel a connection, we would love to meet in person so we can learn more about each other.

Thank you again for taking the time to read a little bit about us. We are praying for you, your baby and the very difficult decision you have to make.

Sincerely,

Mitch & Darcie

