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Qualities We Admire In Each Other

Tim is really funny. His sense of humor is one of the first things I liked about him. He has a real sense of adventure. He is smart, generous and kind. It is evident through his words and actions each day that Annabelle and I are the most important people in his life. Tim is most happy when he is with his girls. He loves us so much and is always showing his feelings in different ways, like bringing home flowers or making up funny songs. Tim makes family time together a real priority. He plans fun, family adventures like camping trips and trips to the zoo. He also organizes activities like popcorn and movie night. It doesn't really matter what we are doing as long as we are together and enjoying one another, he is happy and so are we.

Kate is awesome! She is a wonderful person and an amazing mom. She is funny, smart and driven. She can always make me laugh, usually when I least expect it. Kate is adventurous and open minded. She is always eager to try something new. She is a very caring person with a lot of love to give. She is always willing to go out of her way for others, even when it is not convenient. Kate makes even the small and routine things more enjoyable. For example, she makes dinner time a special event each day. She loves to cook and often tries new recipes she thinks we will like. Annabelle loves to help her mom and Kate finds ways to include her, like counting the napkins or serving the bread. This is how Kate is with everyone, she always finds a way for each person to fit in and feel important, no matter where she may be. People really like to be around Kate because she has a way of making others feel good.

What We Look Forward To Sharing With Your Child

There are so many activities we enjoy. Sharing our interests with a child has allowed us to experience them in a whole new light. Gardening and cooking are two of our hobbies that we now enjoy with Annabelle. There is a vegetable garden in our yard and several patches of flowers. Tim dug holes with Annabelle's help; she threw in the seeds and covered them with dirt. Watering the garden and watching for new growth are daily rituals. We really look forward to picking the vegetables and eating them. Things seem to taste so much better when they come from a garden.

Every year we use the tomatoes, basil, and peppers to make spaghetti sauce and pesto. We make a lot and freeze it, so we can enjoy these favorites throughout the year. Annabelle really likes to help in the kitchen and Kate enjoys including her in the process. Sometimes Kate gives her jobs she can work on independently, like cutting vegetables with a butter knife and other times they work together. Annabelle always seems so pleased as she adds ingredients and stirs them into the bowl. We make all kinds of foods. A few of our favorites are pizza, cupcakes, and waffles. Annabelle is so proud when she serves something she has helped to prepare. It makes us so happy to share our hobbies with her and watch as she develops new skills while having fun with mom and dad.

Our House & Neighborhood



We love our home and our neighborhood. When Tim found this house was for sale, he acted quickly because he always wanted to live in this neighborhood. Our street is charming with many old homes and wonderful families situated in a diverse community outside of a major city. It offers many resources and opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds. So much is so close, so we often ride bikes in the mild weather. Tim works close to home. Some days, Kate and Annabelle like to stop by his office after swim lessons and take him to lunch. Living and working the same city has been a real pleasure for us. We really appreciate our community and all it has to offer.



Our Home

Tim

Kate

Job Description:

Investment Consultant School Psychologist, Part-Time

Education:

B.A. in English B.A. in Psychology
M.Ed. in Special Education
Ed.S. in School Psychology

Favorites:

Olympic Event **Olympic Event**
Hockey Figure Skating

Quality About Spouse **Quality About Spouse**
Her Drive His Sense of Humor

Subject in School **Subject in School**
English Math

Family Activity **Family Activity**
Going to the Beach Going to the Zoo

Sandwich **Sandwich**
Philly Cheese Steak Peanut Butter and Jelly

Children:

Annabelle, age 3

House & Neighborhood, (continued)



Our house is an old, four bedroom colonial located directly across from a private, neighborhood beach. We have a nice big yard with lots of trees. The swing set in back has provided hours of fun for Annabelle and her friends. She also enjoys the long driveway where she is learning to play hopscotch and ride her bike. We are so lucky to have a beautiful beach right across the street. We get to enjoy all the beach has to offer and we do so all year round. We are often the only people on the beach in the winter, but we have lots of fun making snow angels and climbing on the snow drifts.

The summer is a very special time. We have so much fun with family and friends that join us for cook outs and swimming at the beach. We regularly enjoy amazing sunsets before heading up for the night. Annabelle absolutely loves it down there; she builds in the sand, splashes in the water and plays at the park. More than anything else, she loves playing with other children at the beach. She often asks to invite her cousins to come with us. It is so sweet to watch her interact with other little ones and develop friendships in this unique setting.

Working in Our Garden

We feel blessed to be a part of a very large extended family. Tim is the youngest of seven and Kate is the oldest of six. Most members of each family live in the area and we see one another often. We always look forward to trips to visit our out of town family members in Chicago, Washington D.C., New York and Boston. This baby will have twenty two aunts and uncles and eighteen cousins.

Something special about our family is that there are already four cousins who have been adopted and everyone is so excited to welcome the little one about to join our family. We are very close with our families and feel fortunate to be surrounded by such caring and generous people. We have learned a great deal from one another over the years and these experiences have bonded us in a special way. We really enjoy spending time with our families; we have so much fun. We celebrate birthdays and holidays together and frequently enjoy unplanned visits to each other's homes. On Saturday mornings, Nana hosts waffle parties. She makes homemade waffles and anyone that can stop by for breakfast does. We really look forward to this regular opportunity to spend time together.

During the summer, Tim's family spends a lot of time at their cottages on Lake Erie. There is always something fun going on out there and we know we can stop by anytime and join in the fun. We play at the beach, ride bikes and cook out, but most of all it is just so wonderful that everyone can be together in such a relaxed atmosphere. Our brothers and sisters are very important to us and we look forward to expanding our family to include a brother or sister that will share happy times with Annabelle.

Our Extended Families



Vacation with Tim's Family



Kate's Sister's Graduation



Sailing On Our Boat

What We Do For Fun

We like to stay active and enjoy the outdoors. Sailing, biking and ice skating are some of the things we do together for fun. We have a sailboat that we dock across the street. This makes it possible for us to enjoy it quite regularly. Annabelle had her first ride on the boat when she was seven months old. Since then she has grown more and more familiar with it and looks forward to outings with mom and dad on the boat. We also like to take the dinghy up the river and look at all the other boats. Sometimes we stop for ice-cream and watch the fishermen or feed the ducks.

Biking is another activity we like to do as a family. Annabelle rides behind dad or mom and points out all the things she sees on the ride. We bike all over, to places like the park, the coffee shop, Nana's and even to church. In the winter, we like to ice-skate and go sledding. Tim has discovered some outdoor ponds that freeze over and are safe for skating. We can only skate outside for a short time in the cold, but we also skate at the local rink. Tim plays hockey on a team with his brothers. Kate and Annabelle, along with some of her aunts and cousins, always make it to a few of the games to cheer on the team.



Our Yard in Bloom



Happy Easter

Tim & Kate



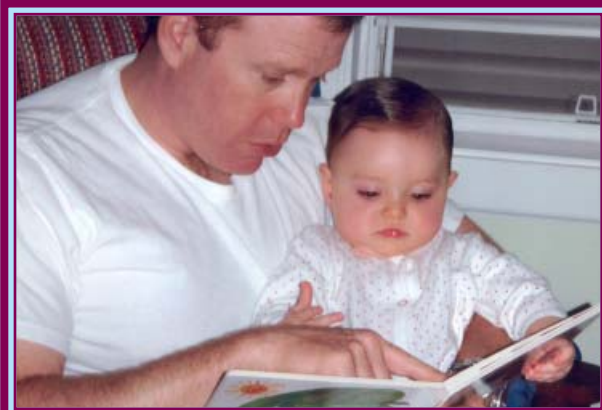
At a Family Wedding



On the Boat Dock



Camping in New York



Reading Before Bed

Dear Birthparent(s),

We are Tim and Kate. We would like to express our admiration and respect for you. Your courage and strength in considering adoption for your child is truly remarkable. Thank you so much for choosing to read our letter and taking the time to learn a little more about us. We understand a monumental decision lies before you and cannot imagine the thoughts and questions that must fill your mind during this difficult period. Please know, we will continue to pray for you and your baby as you search for the right family for your child.

We have been married for four years and are very happy together. Kate's sister first introduced us. She and Tim had been friends for years and she knew we would hit it off. She was right! When the time was right, our relationship grew, quite quickly. At first, we were surprised by how much we had in common; we both like to travel, enjoy outdoor activities and appreciate new experiences. Coming from large, Catholic families, we also share many similar family experiences, life lessons and values, most notably, the importance of family and faith. We were so excited to be married and start a family. We really have fun together and laugh a lot. Each day we make an effort to enjoy the opportunities life presents. We both see life and all it brings as opportunities from God and strive to express our gratitude each day through our thoughts and actions. We hope that by watching our example, our children will learn to do the same.

We enjoyed many adventures together while dating and after we were married. However, our biggest and most rewarding adventure began with Annabelle, when we became parents. We have been amazed by our little girl each day. She is the light of our lives and has brought more joy than we ever imagined. Becoming parents has really helped us become better people because we more clearly understand what is most important in life.

Annabelle is really excited about the new baby brother or sister that will join our family. She has recently started putting some of her toys and other items aside for the new baby. She is going to be a wonderful big sister. She is loving, smart and funny with a great imagination. One of her favorite things to do is dress up as a fairy princess and grant wishes. She also likes to play restaurant and work on art projects. Most recently, she loves to finger paint. We have so much fun with her and treasure this special time while she is young. She has a caring and nurturing spirit about her that makes those around her feel good. She is often the first to offer a hug or make an encouraging comment.

Kate works part-time for a school district. She has a flexible schedule and enjoys holidays and summer break at home. On the days Kate works, Annabelle has fun with the friends she has made at the home daycare she attends. She especially enjoys the fact that her cousin is there, too. Tim works close to home which is great. He is able to stop home for lunch some days and is always home before six o'clock. We have dinner together every night and talk together about our day and plans for the next. Dinner is followed by one of the best parts of the day for us, bedtime. Our bedtime routine started when Annabelle was just a baby and has become a cherished ritual. Time in the tub is always fun. Now that she is older Annabelle likes to pretend she is a mermaid, play with her boats and even wash her hair. After she is clean and dressed for bed, we say prayers and then read some stories. We love to snuggle up and read together. Her favorite characters right now are Curious George and Clifford.

Before we were married we talked about our dreams for a family and the kind of parents we hoped to be. We both grew up in large families; Tim is the youngest of seven and Kate the oldest of six. We have so many fond memories of childhood with our brothers and sisters and continue to enjoy true friendships with each of them as adults. This is what we hoped for our own children. When we were told it was unlikely we would have any more biological children we knew that God must have something else in store for us and we eagerly considered adoption. It is hard to believe, but we actually talked about this before we were married. We knew that we both really wanted a family and that adoption was something we were both comfortable with. At that time, Tim had two nieces that had been adopted, so it was a subject we had some familiarity with. Since then two other couples in our families have pursued adoption, as well.

We will be a family that talks openly about the blessing of adoption and of you, the mother who so selflessly chose the best life she could for her child. We would be honored if you chose us to be the parents for your child and assure you that your child would be surrounded with a loving, supportive family as well as unlimited opportunities for growth. We would be happy to exchange pictures and letters throughout the child's life so you will always feel connected.

We wish you and your child the peace and happiness you deserve.

With love,

Tim and Kate

