



Tom

Amy

Job Description:

Owner of T.A.C. Construction,
Builder/Contractor &
Future Part-time Stay-at-Home
Dad

Autism/Low Incidence
Disabilities Administrator

Education:

Trade School

M.S. Special
Education/Supervision

Favorites:

Childhood Memory
Baseball with Dad

Childhood Memory
County Fairs with Family

Family Activity
Camping

Family Activity
Cookouts

Hobby
Cycling

Hobby
Exercising

TV Show
Friends

TV Show
Dancing with the Stars

Type of Music
Rock/Contemporary Christian

Type of Music
Contemporary Christian

Children:

None

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What We Do for Fun

We love to spend time together! Above all else, we enjoy participating in outside activities such as riding bikes, hiking, taking walks and spending time on the water. Some of our fondest memories are hiking the Rocky Mountains and riding miles of bike paths throughout Ohio. Yet, we also like to snuggle under a blanket with a bowl of popcorn (ok, maybe two bowls) while watching a movie or a college football game. Let it be known, we are avid college football fans! Go Buckeyes!

We also have great fun spending time with our friends, all of whom have children. Whether it is celebrating birthdays, exploring the Metro Parks, spending the day swimming at a nearby lake, playing corn-hole or riding roller coasters at amusement parks, we love being with our friends and their children. Laughter always seems to be present when we get together with friends. We are proud to admit that we are frequently asked to babysit, not just by our friends but also by their children.

Amy is an exercise enthusiast. She loves running, cycling class, cardio activities and weight lifting. Exercise is part of her daily routine. However, she makes sure that she also has time to frequent the mall or local department stores to investigate sales.

Tom likes to spend time hanging out with his high school buddies, whether it be playing basketball, watching The Ohio State Buckeyes or playing pool in our "rec" room. He is also passionate about riding his road bicycle. Watch out Lance Armstrong....here comes Tom!

Our House and Neighborhood

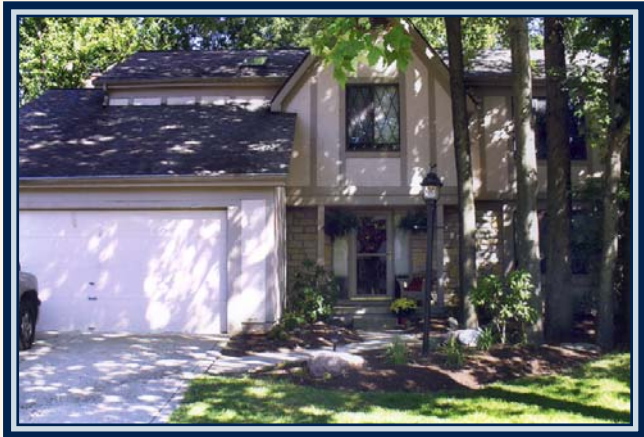


We purchased our home over two years ago with the intentions of having a family. Our home has four bedrooms, one of which was designed as a nursery off of the master bedroom, two and one half baths, a kitchen, dining room, living room, family room and den. The finished lower level is a "rec" room.

The community is an extremely welcoming place to live. Our home is located in a residential development filled with diverse families and cultures. There are couples that are starting their families as well as families who have grown children who are frequently visiting with children of their own.

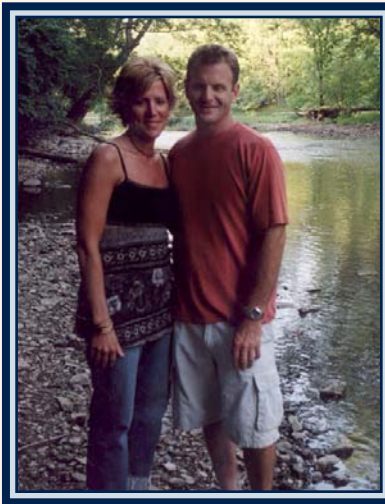
Our neighborhood is a very active place to reside. During the warmer months, children are riding their bikes up and down the streets, families are taking walks, and the smell of barbecues fills the air. It is not uncommon to hear the laughter and play of children coming from swing sets or swimming pools. Decks and yards often are host to neighborhood cookouts. During the colder months, snowmen and snow angels fill the yards.

We are very fortunate to live in a community that offers both recreational activities as well as a superb educational system. Our neighborhood is very close to several Metro Parks and a community center. It is not uncommon for us to escape to the parks and enjoy a picnic or a day of hiking, biking or walking the miles of paths while listening to the wildlife and looking at the beauty God has created.



Our Home

Our House and Neighborhood, continued



We Love the Outdoors!

Our home is approximately fifteen minutes from a zoo, a water park, sport stadiums and arenas, a children's science center and museums. There is always something to do within walking or close driving distance. It is also located in a school district that has earned the rating of Excellent for the past six years; "A" for academic quality, class sizes, and breadth of programs.

Our Extended Families

Amy is a middle child...an older sister, a younger brother...siblings, yet her closest friends. Her sister is married with one daughter, who is often referred to as "Amy Junior", as she reminds the entire family of Amy when she was a child. Amy's "little" brother, who towers over her in height, is single yet will one day make the most wonderful husband and father.



Amy's Family

Amy's father is the manager of a property damage appraisal company, owned by her brother-in-law and sister. Her mother, now retired, worked for many years as a school librarian. She loved reading to children and encouraging them to explore books.

Growing up, Amy's parents instilled in her the importance of education, "active" play-meaning playing outside and not sitting in front of the television, honesty, loyalty, loving unconditionally and most importantly, having a relationship with God and living a life pleasing to Him.

Some of Amy's most memorable times with her family include family vacations, holiday events such as Christmas Eve reading the Christmas story, Easter egg hunts and trick-or-treating as well as birthdays, cookouts and Sunday afternoons watching football games with her dad and brother.

Amy and her family continue to be very close. Everyone lives within five hours of one another, which lends to several visits each month. Whether it's birthdays, her niece's dance recitals, holidays or just time to get together and go to dinner, we make time for family! When we shared with them our decision to adopt a child, they were so supportive and excited and immediately began talking about how much love (as well as baby clothes, toys, books....) they are ready to share with a new addition to the family.

Tom, too, is the middle child. He is one of three boys. Neither brother is yet married so his parents were thrilled when we shared with them our plans to adopt a child. They anxiously await a grandchild to spoil!

Tom's mom and stepfather are both retired and reside in Maine. They enjoy spending time at their cabin in Canada during the summer months and Florida during the winter months. We, too, enjoy these "vacation" spots and anxiously await sharing these family get-aways with a child. Tom's "Gram", who also lives in Maine, is already planning the arrival of a great-grandchild. She is 89 years old and is always the life of the party. She plans to accumulate frequent flyer miles to Ohio when the baby arrives. Tom's father and stepmother are retired and live in Florida. They enjoy their days riding bikes, soaking up the sun and meeting new people.

Tom's favorite memories as a child include spending summers at a lake house, Cub Scout camp with his dad, playing on the baseball and basketball teams on which his dad was the coach, and pool parties with friends and cousins at their home in Maine. These same cousins live just a few minutes from our house. They now have children of their own and are very excited about having a new cousin join the family. Although his parents live several hours away, phone calls occur on a daily basis and visits take place several times a year. When family gets together, board games and picnics are a given!



Tom's Extended Family

Qualities We Love, Admire and Respect in Each Other



A Sailboat Ride

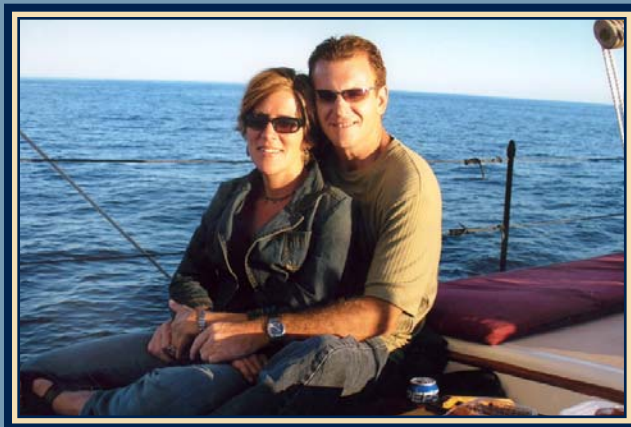
Amy about Tom: Tom is the love of my life and my best friend. He is a wonderful man who has such a gentle soul. He is very kind, hard working, loyal, honest and patient. He has the ability of being very sensitive and tender yet strong. He believes very deeply in the word commitment and demonstrates that in our marriage as well as in his relationship with his family and the friendships he has had for over twenty years. Tom is a wonderful uncle and adores our niece, and in return, she loves her Uncle Tommy. He makes it a point to shop for her birthday and Christmas on his own, and not surprisingly, buys presents that she loves. He attends her dance recitals, organizes trips to the zoo, water parks and miniature golfing and enjoys playing board games and teaching her how to play pool. I am absolutely, positively certain that he is going to be the best dad!

Tom about Amy: The quality that I love the most in my wife is her caring spirit. She is someone who truly puts others' needs before her own. I adore watching our friends' children gravitate toward her and the way she interacts with them. She has such a special way with children. She is so natural with children and will be an exceptional mother. Even more, I love the fact that she has such a passion for working

with children with special needs and their families. It's an amazing thing to witness how her face lights up when she is interacting with a child with special needs. I also cherish her honesty and how she believes very strongly in honesty. For instance, she planned a surprise birthday party for me and was almost in tears over the fact that she had to hide it from me and "make up" stories to keep the party a secret. I love my wife...her kind heart, her love for family, God and me.



Enjoying the Sun & Sand
in the Caribbean



A Sunset Cruise in Kennebunkport, Maine



Our Beginning

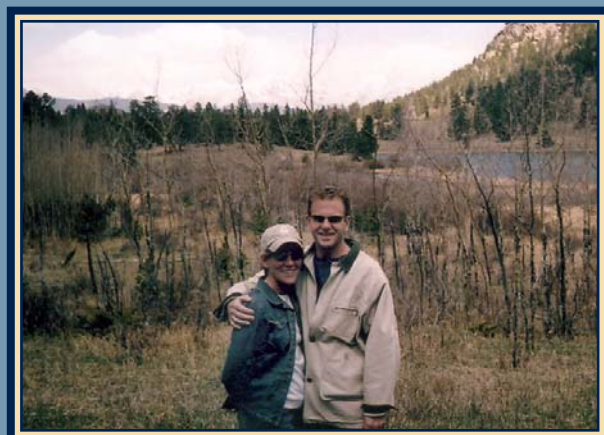
Tom & Amy



A Quiet Night Out



Enjoying the Lakeshore



Hiking the Rocky Mountains

Dear Birthparent(s),

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We truly believe that love should be the foundation on which to build a family and that it needs to be expressed and shown daily. Every morning we leave one another with a kiss and an "I love you" and every night before we go to sleep we do the same. We believe that loving one another through words and actions is very important in a relationship and will do just that for your child. Your child will be smothered with kisses and hugs and will be told on a regular basis how much we love him/her. We promise you that this child will always feel loved!

Without a doubt, we feel that being parents will be the most rewarding and most important part of life. We look forward to every stage of development....three hour feedings, 1st birthday, graduation from Kindergarten, middle school (yes, even middle school), first date, graduation.... at every stage, we will be there for this child. We will love, comfort, cheer, provide guidance, support, and be strong, moral role models. We promise to welcome his/her individuality and will always encourage him/her to believe that he/she can achieve any goal or dream. We will teach him/her the importance of respecting others, being thankful for God's blessings, sharing with those who are less fortunate, and embracing education. We will be your child's loudest cheerleaders and his/her most dedicated fans!

Amy will stay home initially with the baby but plans to return to work. Her boss is not only supportive of her taking some time off, but is very excited about our adoption plan. Tom owns a construction business and has flexible hours. Without hesitation and with much excitement, he plans to be a part-time stay-at-home daddy. He looks forward to planning activities such as going to the zoo, the park, the library, play dates with friends, Kindermusik, and many other fun-filled places. Both of us believe that children need the opportunity to learn through active exploration and therefore plan to provide this child with a life filled with exciting opportunities and adventures.

We both had a wonderful childhood and want to provide your child with a life that will be filled with great memories as well. We look forward to family vacations such as going to the beach to enjoy the sun and sand (and Grandmas and Grandpas), to the mountains to ski and hike, and to historic locations in the U.S. to learn about our country (fun can include learning). We also are very excited about doing everyday things that make the best memories, such as baking cookies, making play-doh, riding bikes, watching movies, playing games, and reading bedtime stories.

After two years of infertility, numerous treatments and various surgeries, we believe that God has chosen the path of adoption for us. We are certain that we can give a birth family a sense of peace and understanding that their child will be raised in a loving, caring home. We will provide an environment that is financially stable and one that promotes open-communication. We will be very honest with your child about his/her adoption and will do our best to portray the self-less love that you showed. We plan to create an adoption storybook and are open to including contributions from you, if you wish. Should you desire, we will share pictures and letters so that you can be reassured of your decision.

We want nothing else more in life than to be parents. We are very grateful to you for taking the time to consider our profile.

God Bless!

Tom and Amy

