



ADAM & JONATHAN

Hello and thank you!

While we can't understand the feelings you're going through, we admire and deeply respect that you are choosing to make a birth plan for your baby and hope that you feel we are a good match as dads for your child. We are excited to start our family and have always felt drawn to adoption. A child that is placed with us would know abundant love, a depth of caring, and an appreciation for education and adventure.

We sincerely hope that this will provide a glimpse into our lives and the world we would love to share with your child.

Adam and Jonathan

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about US

We met online (before that was a thing). We attended different colleges and called each other every night at 9:01PM (to get the free nights cell phone rate) and talk until midnight. We finally decided to meet in person.

On our first date, Jonathan made meatloaf (by coincidence, the same recipe Adam's Mom used) and baked a cake with "Welcome Adam" written in frosting. We were smitten!

Most of our first years together were spent apart from each other. It was difficult but made us realize we never wanted to be apart. Adam proposed with a cake with the words "Will You Marry Me?" We took our vows on a beautiful day in May and honeymooned in Ft. Lauderdale, where we dream of retiring some day.

our WORK

Adam works in marketing for an environmental engineering firm and Jonathan is a high school German teacher. After college, Jonathan spent a year teaching English in Germany, which is where he fell in love with teaching and the country. As a teacher, he has a passion for education and helping kids grow and learn.



SHOWING OUR ARTISTIC SIDE



ADAM'S YOGA GROUP

CHEERING ON THE YELLOW KNIGHT



WHAT WE LOVE TO DO for fun!

Cooking together. Each month, we try a new recipe from Cooking Light Magazine.

Spending time with friends watching sports, playing cards or going to trivia night.

Adam enjoys *yoga* and Jonathan loves *tennis*. Adam is a *bookworm* and Jonathan enjoys *working in the yard*.

Learning about other cultures through traveling. We've been to Germany, Russia, Austria, and even Cuba, but our favorite is Florida and Hawaii. We love soaking up the sun and look forward to fun family vacations with your child!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ADAM!



ALL SMILES ON OUR WEDDING DAY



SHAVED ICE IN HAWAII!



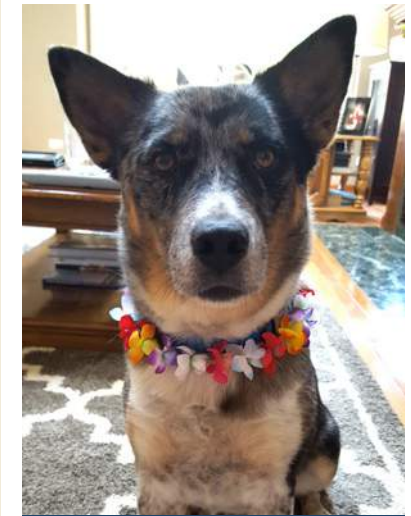
ADAM CAN ALWAYS MAKE YOU LAUGH



OUR NIECE THERESA

our PUP

People say you don't choose the dog; the dog chooses you. At a rescue event, Penny crawled into Adam's lap and started kissing him on the face. It was love at first kiss. Because she has such a sweet temperament, we volunteer every Saturday at the local memory care and assisted living center. Penny brings joy and happiness to the residents. *Best of all, Penny absolutely LOVES children and will be so excited to have one in the house.* PENNY ROO!



MEET PENNY ROO

ADAM (BY JONATHAN)

Adam's sense of imagination and love of laughter makes everyone's life more fun and more meaningful! HE notices EVERYTHING - Like the hat the woman in the car who passed us, going 70 miles per hour was wearing...on the opposite side of the road. Adam is an amazing storyteller. Your child and I will be so excited together just to hear about his day - He's that good! And most importantly, Adam is a fierce defender and protector for those he loves. His loyalty is never questioned. I know he will be a terrific father!

JONATHAN (BY ADAM)

Jonathan is the calming influence in my life and makes everyone who's with him feel comfortable. He knows how to cheer me up if I'm having a bad day - usually a trip to DQ for an M&M Blizzard! Jonathan's feelings run deep and I love that he trusts me enough to share them with me. He's also the coolest person I've ever met and has a deep appreciation for social responsibility; always finding ways to do good for people. Simply put, Jonathan is the best thing that has happened in my life and I know your child will feel it too!

OUR FRIENDS & family



WE LOVE WHEN FRIENDS COME TO VISIT



HOME SWEET HOME



FAMILY TOGETHER FOR THE HOLIDAYS



GRANDMA JANICE AND POPPY BILL

Grandma Janice and Poppy Bill, spend most of the year in Florida, and summers in Cleveland, Ohio. Grandma Janice taught elementary school for over 30 years and now spends her time scrapbooking, volunteering and watching sports. Poppy Bill works part-time at Home Depot and can't wait to build things with his new grandchild. Grandpa Mark is passionate about his charitable work and will teach your child the importance of giving back. Nanie has the patience of a Saint! She worked with special needs children in elementary school.

We call Uncle Kris Mr. Serious with a fun personality. Auntie B. puts everyone else first. Uncle Ryan has a heart of gold! Aunt Rachel is a middle school band director who can command a room.

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT

ADOPTION: *Your child will fit right in, having five other cousins who were also brought into our family through adoption.* Adoption has always been openly talked about and celebrated in our families.



SPECIAL FRIENDS ON OUR SPECIAL DAY

our HOME & COMMUNITY

We live in a beautiful suburb of Chicago. There's a big park behind our house with playgrounds, walking trails and over 50 acres of park space, with fields for playing and ponds for fishing. **We have great schools, an active park district, and a swimming pool where everyone hangs out in the summer.** We love entertaining at our house but also love snuggling on the couch with our electric blanket in the winter watching "The Office." It's also fun to venture into Chicago! We can't wait to take your child to the many museums, lake front, zoo and to ride the carousel and Ferris Wheel at Navy Pier!



one last THANK YOU

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for taking time to consider us as parents for your child. **We admire your bravery and courage for choosing adoption.** Without you, our dream would never be able to come true. **WE PROMISE:**

...To *share stories and pictures* throughout the years, if that is something you would like.

...To provide a *home filled with love*, laughter, and joy.

...To *start and end every day with a smile* so that our child knows that he/she is loved and safe.

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