



ALLYSON & JEFF

Dear Expectant Parent,

HELLO! WE ARE JEFF AND ALLYSON FROM WICHITA, KANSAS.

While this book is a snapshot of our lives, we hope it also conveys how much we respect your decision and the immense love you are showing your child. We hope this glimpse in to the life your child would have with us gives you peace with your decision. We are committed to ensuring your child knows how much you love them, and look forward to a relationship that works for everyone. Your child will be loved by so many people, how amazing will that be?!

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about US

We met in 2011 at work, the one place where we both swore we would never date someone! By the end of our first date we knew it was the start of something exciting.

Over time we found that going through life together was so much fun and we are both stronger with the other as a teammate and partner. While we love to explore and travel, our best times together are spent doing simple things like evening walks, cooking, time with family and friends, and checking out local music. Our best adventure so far has been parenthood. Together with our love for each other and support from our village of family and friends, it has been amazing to welcome Julian into our lives.

AS PARENTS: We love seeing the world through Julian's eyes, and watch his unique personality grow and develop. Our home is one of unconditional love, where our children will be supported to explore and grow into their own unique selves. Along the way we will teach them to be kind, curious, considerate of others, and encourage hard work.



WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME ANOTHER CHILD INTO OUR LOVING FAMILY



MAKING MUSIC WITH DAD



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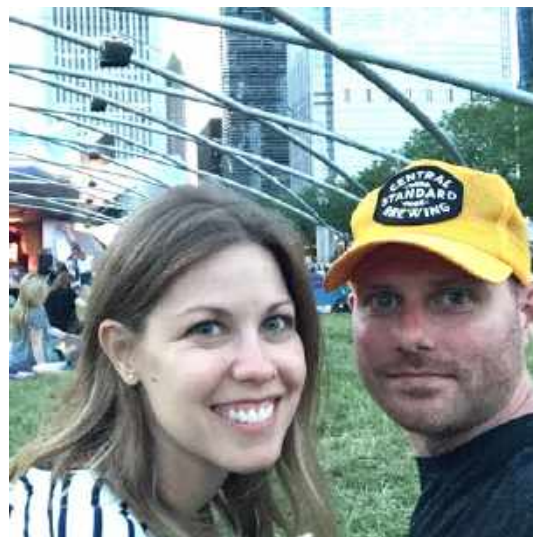
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BEST BUDS



SILLY TIMES WITH DAD



MILLENNIUM PARK IN CHICAGO



EXPLORING THE GARDEN

WHAT WE LOVE TO DO *for fun!*

We love to travel around the country and around the world, and look forward to including our children in our adventures. We are teaching Julian an appreciation of other cultures and nature.

Our *shared love of music* means we don't pass up an opportunity to see live music of any kind!

Allyson is a gardener, and is creating a pollinator garden in the backyard to provide a home to migrating butterflies, bees, and birds. She loves showing Julian which flowers are in bloom, and is looking forward to the day when he can dig up worms beside her.

about JULIAN THE BIG BROTHER-TO-BE!

Julian is a thoughtful, observant, energetic toddler who loves to explore and be outside. His favorite activities include playing in the garden, swinging at the playground, playing with our dog Gilbert, reading, and eating lots of blueberries! *He is very outgoing and loves to meet new friends when we are out and about.* His big smile and contagious laugh are so fun to be around.

We enjoy an open adoption with his birth mother, and together keep him connected to his Cheyenne River Sioux heritage.

about ALLYSON

I grew up in Kansas, and was fortunate to study and work in the Czech Republic, Peru, and Spain. *Experiencing other cultures was life-changing, and brought out a curiosity and desire to explore that continues to shape my outlook.* Regardless of where I've lived, it was the people who made each place a home. I enjoy being outdoors biking around Wichita, hiking with my dad or working in my garden. I love to cook and experiment with new flavors, some of my favorite times are spent around a table with family and friends. *It is so exciting to explore with Julian, and see the world through his eyes.*

about JEFF

Some of my fondest memories are driving to construction sites with my dad listening and talking about music. His love of sharing and talking about different bands and music has been one of the greatest bonding experiences throughout my life. Growing up I took piano lessons and played drums, and have played in local bands as an adult. Music to me is a universal language that has the ability to reach any age, gender, or culture. *I love the connection I make with others through sharing music, and have enjoyed sharing my love of music with Julian the way my dad did to me, and in doing so create new and memorable experiences together.*

THIS IS OUR *village*

We are lucky to live in the same city as most of our family, and even more fortunate that they both love hanging out together. Birthdays, holidays, game nights, watching our niece and nephew play sports, we love any excuse to spend time together! **Both sets of grandparents love any opportunity to spend the afternoon baking cookies, finger painting, or digging in the garden with their grandchildren.** Jeff's sister and her family live close, and their lake house is where we create some of our best summer memories. Allyson's brother lives in Nashville, but we keep in touch often with lots of FaceTime and trips to the music city!

We have a close group of longtime friends who are like family to us, and they are so excited for us to grow our family. We love spontaneous summer barbecues on the patio while the kids run around in the yard.

our **FURRY FRIEND**

Gilbert was rescued from the Kansas Humane Society as a puppy in 2009. **He's a Labrador retriever mix, approximately 65 pounds of furry cuteness.** He has a very calm and relaxed demeanor and typically keeps to himself, unless he wants you to play with his favorite dinosaur toy.



GILBERT READY FOR A BELLY RUB



BACKYARD BBQ WITH ALLYSON'S FAMILY



MOTHER'S DAY WITH JEFF'S FAMILY



STEALING GRANDPA'S HAT

our **HOME & COMMUNITY**

We have a house with a large yard and a driveway perfect for a basketball goal and sidewalk chalk. Our older neighborhood is great for walking and biking, and there are parks, playgrounds, bookstores, and ice cream shops nearby. **We enjoy exploring our city's botanical gardens, children's museums, and libraries as a family.** Both of our families live here, and we love hosting large gatherings with parents, siblings, nieces and nephews. Our favorite local destination is Wichita's botanical garden. We look forward to taking our kiddos to the new children's garden to watch them learn, play, and develop an appreciation for nature.

in **CLOSING**



While this booklet hopefully gives you an idea what life will look like going forward with our child, it can not capture the immense love and support that will surround him or her. **We will be open and honest about their beginning, and your bravery in giving them every opportunity you can.** You will always have a very special place in our family.

Thank you for reviewing our profile, we would love to hear from you!



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