



# BOB

*Dear Expectant Parent,*

**HI!** First, I would like to thank you for considering me in your courageous and difficult decision of choosing a family to place your child with. As a single male, I probably am a little different than most of the other profiles you have viewed; however, I hope you will agree with me that a “family” comes in many different forms. While I hope one day to be married again, my wish to be a dad is the most important thing in my life right now. For as long as I can remember, I have dreamed of raising a child and I honestly cannot picture living the rest of my life without a child to call my own.

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# about ME

While I love my job as a teacher, I have always believed that life is made worth living by family and friends. My family did not have a lot of money while I was growing up, but my parents provided support and love. I can remember playing catch with my Dad in the backyard, and my Mom helping me with my homework.

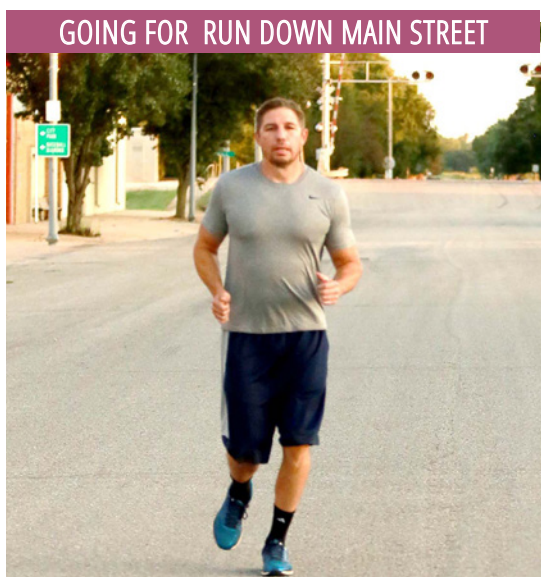
My recent past has reinforced my deep desire to have a family. In 2013, I began dating a woman with three children, the youngest of which was two. Early on, I began to consider these children as my own, and in 2017, we got married. Unfortunately, as sometimes happens, the marriage did not work and we divorced in early 2019. As many other step-parents have discovered, after the divorce, I lost all legal rights to see the kids that I had loved and helped raise for 5 years. While my heart broke with the realization I would never be able to shoot baskets with my step-son again, or dance with my step-daughter at another "Daddy-Daughter Dance," my hope is my heart will be full once again if I am fortunate enough to adopt your child.



ENJOYING OUTSIDE IN SMALL TOWN AMERICA



COACHING HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



GOING FOR RUN DOWN MAIN STREET

## WHAT I LOVE TO DO for fun!

➤ As the *high school basketball coach*, I love working with kids, both young and old. *I teach and coach at the high school level.* I also coach youth recreation basketball teams and routinely conduct clinics with elementary school kids.

➤ I love *keeping in shape*, lifting weights and going for runs in town.

➤ In an effort to be more in touch with my Mexican heritage, *I am also learning Spanish.* My Dad speaks fluent Spanish and I would love to be able to not only speak with him, but pass on a second language to my child.



WORDWORKING HAS BECOME A NEW HOBBY



YARD WORK BUILDS CHARACTER!



TEACHING COLLEGE PSYCHOLOGY



I LOVE MY JOB!



ENJOYING BOATING WITH FRIENDS AND THEIR CHILDREN

# about my WORK

I took an unusual route in becoming a teacher. After graduating from law school, I was a practicing attorney. However, I realized early on, it was not something I wanted to do for the rest of my life. *My true calling was working with kids, so I went back to school, got my teaching degree, and have now taught for 16 years.*

I love my job as a teacher and coach, working with kids ranging from 12 to 18 years old. A few of the classes I teach are College Psychology, College Sociology, Weight Lifting and Criminal Law. Teaching is extremely rewarding when you help students reach their goals and probably more importantly, positively impact their lives. *In many ways, teaching is like parenting...the joy is often found in celebrating the accomplishments of those you help and love every day.*

## THOUGHTS FROM special people in my life

**MY SON** has always wanted to be a dad, and I could think of no person better suited for the job. He always looks out for other people before he thinks of himself. *This much I know...if his dream of becoming a dad does come true, that child will be a very lucky child.*

**AS BOB'S MOTHER**, I have watched him grow into the kind, generous and thoughtful man he is today. *Family has always been an important part of his life, and for as long as I can remember he has wanted to be a dad.* As an uncle, he has always been there to give advice or just lend a helping hand, and I know he treasured his relationship with his stepchildren. Bob would like nothing more than to find that special bond again. I feel any boy or girl would be lucky to call him, "Dad", as I will be equally proud to call him or her my grandchild.

**MY BROTHER BOB** is one of the most caring, compassionate and selfless people I know. He has always put others first and has always had an incredibly strong desire to share his life with a child of his own. *As a parent he will offer his son or daughter a home with a father that is supportive, patient, open minded and will always demonstrate unconditional love.*

# my FRIENDS & family

If I am fortunate enough to adopt your child, he or she will be inheriting not only a loving father, but a solid support system of extended family and friends. My mom will be living in the same small town. She will be a wonderful grandmother. Her other grandchildren live out of state, so I know she is looking forward to having a grandchild just down the street who she can spoil. My Dad will also be a loving Grandpa. He would love nothing better than to teach his grandchild to throw a baseball, or kick a soccer ball. Your child will also have a great uncle and aunt and cousins to spend time with in beautiful Oregon as well.

I am lucky to have a great network of friends who have wholeheartedly supported my decision to adopt. On weekends, you will often find us celebrating a friend's birthday with a barbecue, swimming and boating at the lake, or just hanging out while our kids play together.

**THOUGHTS FROM MY FRIEND:** I have taught, coached and been friends with Bob since 2002. I believe Bob has the knowledge and more importantly, the heart to be a father. He always has our students' best interests in mind, no matter what the situation is. He is caring, understanding and patient. I know he would like nothing more than to call a child his own.



PREPARING A HEALTHY SNACK



A FAVORITE PICTURE OF MY STEP-DAUGHTER



ME WITH MY PARENTS

## my HOME & COMMUNITY

I live in "small town America", also known as Argonia, Kansas. This little town of about 500 people is still a place where you can find kids riding bikes down the street, strangers waving just because it is the friendly thing to do, and where the high school football game is the place to be on a Friday night. Yet, it's close enough to a big city to enjoy concerts, sporting events, and museums. If I am fortunate enough to adopt your child, he or she will be raised in this small town and I look forward to making special memories with my child all summer long... one of the perks of being a teacher!



### in CLOSING

I want to thank you once again for considering me as you make this important decision. While I know there are many deserving and loving families out there to choose from, I can promise that should you make my dream of becoming a dad once again become a reality, I will forever be grateful and more importantly, raise my child to the best of my ability. Given my recent past, I know the heartbreak in losing a treasured relationship with a child and the importance of maintaining connection with those you love, and therefore, would always welcome you to remain a part of our lives.

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