



# MIKE & JEN and Joe, too!

*Hello!*

**We are very happy that you have chosen to read our story, and we thank you for taking the time to get to know us.** We realize this is an important decision for you and we admire you for your courage to consider us to raise and love your child. We want more than anything to be able to expand our family again and we hope to answer many of the questions you may have about us.

We are very lucky to have an exciting and full life, and we know that sharing this with another child will make it even more complete. We cannot imagine our lives without children. Joe has brought so much joy to our lives. We are ready to share our love with another child and Joe is beyond excited to be a big brother.

We know that finding the perfect home for your baby is one of the most important, difficult and courageous decisions you will ever make. We have been praying for another child and cannot wait to share the love of our family with him or her. You can be sure that a child placed in our home will be loved, cared for, and nurtured from the moment we learn of your decision to make our dreams of expanding our family come true.

You will forever be in our hearts and prayers for giving us this most precious and wonderful gift!

*Mike and Jen*

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## about US

We met while in college and dated for 5 years. We have now been happily married for 15 years. We have a very loving and extremely supportive marriage and we love spending time together and as a family. We both have always had a strong desire to be parents, and through adoption our dreams have come true! Now we are over joyed to expand our family once again!

We adopted our son, Joe in 2008 and it was an unbelievable experience and one of the proudest, most loving moments we have shared as a couple. *We are both very excited and comfortable with adoption and we cannot imagine expanding our family again in any other way!* We have several friends who have been adopted, couples who are on the same journey of adoption and even family members who have been adopted into our loving family!

## our FAITH

We were both raised in families where there is a strong commitment to faith. This is something that we embrace and plan to raise our child in the same environment. We will teach him or her how to pray, attend church and the importance of having God in our lives. We will continue to be an example for our children, and also respect and support them as they grow.



WE CAN'T WAIT FOR ANOTHER CHILD TO BECOME A PART OF OUR FAMILY



MIKE LOVES COACHING JOE AND HIS TEAM!

OUR ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA IN OUR PJ'S



## WHAT WE LOVE TO DO AND OUR favorites!

**Desserts:** Ice cream, trips to the frozen yogurt store and homemade cookies we make together

**Hobby:** Playing/coaching sports, exercise and going to the gym together for some swimming

**Vacation Spot:** Minnesota and Florida

**Place to Take a Child:** to the park, swimming pool, church and playgrounds

**We love to read** 'I Love you Forever' together as a family

**Thanksgiving meal** with family in from Minnesota followed by a weekend of fun and time together



OFF TO A FUNDRAISER AT JOE'S SCHOOL



SILLY FUN WITH MOM ON VACATION



DECORATING EASTER EGGS TOGETHER



JOE'S BIRTHDAY WITH COUSIN EMMA



PLAYING WITH DADDY IS ALWAYS FUN!

## our MIRACLE

Joe is our precious son who changed our life 6.5 years ago. We adopted Joe through a private adoption and were there at the hospital when he was born. We continue to share pictures and letters with Joe's birth mom at her request.

Joe is a sweet, kind, loving boy and very active. He loves playing all sports- baseball, basketball, soccer and golf so far. When Joe is not playing sports, he loves reading, doing math and spending time with friends in the neighborhood. Joe is a caring friend who is always looking out for his buddies. Joe prays every night for a brother or sister and cannot wait to take care of a sibling and play together.



JOE LOVES TO PLAY OUTSIDE

## a little about JEN

Being a Mom is something that I have dreamed about since I was a little girl! I absolutely love being a Mom and count my blessings every day that I have been given the chance. *To have the ability to love, nurture, teach and guide Joe is one of the most important things in my life.* Whether I am playing baseball in the kitchen with Joe because the weather is bad outside or having a dance off in the bathroom as we are brushing our teeth- we are always laughing and enjoying life. I am a loving, kind, selfless person who always puts others first and always has a positive attitude! I will continue to share my love and always make my family my first priority.

## a little about MIKE

Being a Dad is an amazing experience that I am forever grateful for. Joe is my heart and we are always having fun together. We are so excited to expand our family and allow Joe the opportunity to be a big brother and share his love too.

I am a very loving, patient and considerate person and I love helping others whenever I can. I enjoy coaching Joe and all of his friends that he plays sports with along with volunteering at the school and Cub Scouts.

# LOVE MAKES A family

We feel very blessed to have an incredible, supportive family. Jen is the oldest of 4 and has a brother who lives in town, a sister and brother-in-law, and precious niece Emma who is 3 years old who live just a few hours away, and a younger sister who also lives less than 5 miles from us. Jen's Mom and Dad are incredibly active in Joe's life and only live a few hours away. They come to town for a fun visit at least once a month.

Mike has one older sister, brother-in-law and niece, Morgan and nephew Mitchell. They all live in town along with Mike's Mom and Dad who are also incredibly active in their grandkids' lives.

Family is incredibly important to us so any chance we get (often with both sides of the family), we are hosting/attending family weekly dinners, celebrating birthdays together or attending our kids' sporting events and performances.

*Everyone in our family is so supportive of our decision to adopt again and can hardly wait.* In addition to our immediate family, we both have very large extended families including Jen's uncle who is also adopted.



UNCLE JOHN LOVES TO STOP BY & PLAY WITH JOE



WELCOME!



BAKING IS ALWAYS FUN WITH COUSINS



GRANDMAS & GRANDPAS ARE GREAT!



FUN IN FLORIDA WITH FAMILY

## HOME is where the HEART is

We live in a charming neighborhood that is full of kids! Our home is a two story house in a cul-de-sac in a suburban area in the Midwest with four bedrooms, a large family room and finished basement with a playroom. We also have a large backyard with a swing set which is usually filled with all of the kids in the neighborhood and our son laughing and having a great time.

A favorite place we love to spend time together is in the kitchen. *We sit together every night for dinner as a family and share the highlights of our day.* Whether it's a celebration or a fun game, you can always find us reminiscing on memories and making new ones around the kitchen table.

### in CLOSING



We were called to be parents through adoption and it has been a blessing and truly the greatest experience.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for reviewing our profile and taking a look at our special family. *We would love nothing more than to share our lives and hearts with your child. We promise to provide an outpouring of love and support and we'll be by their side from*

*the moment he or she is placed in our arms.* We wish you strength and peace as you make this important decision and we look forward to hearing from you!



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