



# JENNIFER & STEVE

DEAR EXPECTANT PARENT,

**HELLO! WE FEEL BLESSED AND THANKFUL THAT YOU ARE TAKING THE TIME TO REVIEW OUR PROFILE AND CONSIDER US IN YOUR ADOPTION JOURNEY.** We realize this is an extremely difficult decision for you so we hope to give you a glimpse into our lives, home and dreams for your child. We first grew our family with adoption in 2014 when our daughter Courtney made us a family of three! We have two loveable dogs, Silas

and Daisy. We love to travel, both across the United States and abroad. We are always finding excuses to get outside. Bike rides, camping, playing soccer in the backyard, and making s'mores are some of our favorites reasons.

*Thank you* for learning more about our family as you are making your decisions for your child.

Love, *Steve, Jennifer & Courtney*



*Hello there!*



OUR FAMILY... SO FAR!



CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS



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EASTER WEEKEND AT JENNIFER'S PARENTS FARM

## ABOUT US

**W**e started our relationship in late 2006 when we met online and it did not take us long to realize we were meant to be. We both knew that we had found someone special so Steve moved across the country to be with Jennifer. We were married a few years later in Jennifer's hometown and our honeymoon in Belize was the first time she saw the ocean while Steve grew up going to the beach all the time on family vacations.

Steve loves to cook so we enjoy dinners together as a family and entertaining our friends and family in our home.

*Our marriage is the backbone of our family as we compliment each other by bringing compassion, easy going personalities and laughter to our house as we are looking to complete our family.*

Jennifer has been challenged with a physical disability since age 7 that affects only her leg muscles but be reassured, it does not affect her ability to raise and love a child. This may seem like a struggle but that has only taught her that if you put your mind to it and have a good attitude with a smile anything that is possible!



COOKIES WITH GRANDMA

## ABOUT JENNIFER (BY STEVE)

**I**admire Jennifer's commitment and her strong family values. She will always go above and beyond to make sure that things are done so that people are satisfied and happy. Jennifer is this way at home, as well at work. One story that sticks out to me is her mom and daughter breakfast dates with Courtney. She makes Courtney feel so special when they go get donuts and chocolate milk together. *I know she is teaching Courtney the importance of making time for the ones we love.*

*Jennifer has been a CPA for 14 years and loves the flexibility that her company offers so she can adjust her schedule for our family.*

## ABOUT STEVE (BY JENNIFER)

**S**teve is a very involved father and husband who makes us all laugh with jokes or being silly. His love for learning and teaching shows with his students and Courtney as he helps her with homework, sports or every day tasks. *She is independent because of the confidence he builds in her when learning to ride a bike, swimming and helping in the kitchen.* He is always willing to play basketball, soccer or go on bike rides around the neighborhood. They have Daddy/Daughter dates going to the movies or out to eat at their favorite places.

*Steve has been a HS math teacher for the last nine years.* His school focuses on building positive relationships with students and parents, he has been told by several students that he would be their favorite teacher if he didn't teach math.

## OUR PARENTING STYLE

**W**e believe in being our child's biggest cheerleader while teaching them the difference between right and wrong. We will teach our future child to be accepting of others and how to use words to express their feelings and to work through problems as they gain independence. We want to teach our future child the importance of being there for your family and putting family first. We believe in having open and honest conversations.

## WHAT WE LOVE TO DO For Fun

**J**enny loves to read and spend time with friends and family. She spends time creating different craft projects-painting or making shirts and home decor signs. Courtney and Steve can be seen riding bikes around the neighborhood. He has gotten into collecting baseball and football cards again.

We love cheering on our favorite teams at their games for baseball, basketball or football whether it's in our town, the state or out of state!



GAME NIGHT!





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SKI TRIP WITH STEVE'S SISTER AND FAMILY



FAMILY SKI LIFT FUN!

## OUR VILLAGE

**W**e have a big extended family on both sides. We take family vacations, usually to the beach or to the lake where Courtney is able to spend time with her cousins. Jennifer's parents and brother run a farm about 90 minutes away where Courtney gets to help feed the cows and ride in the tractors. Grandma comes to town and has "Grandma days" at the zoo, going on bike rides, and swimming. Both of our families have grown through adoption.

We have a fantastic group of friends that are very close so all our kids have lots of "aunts and uncles" that aren't blood relatives.

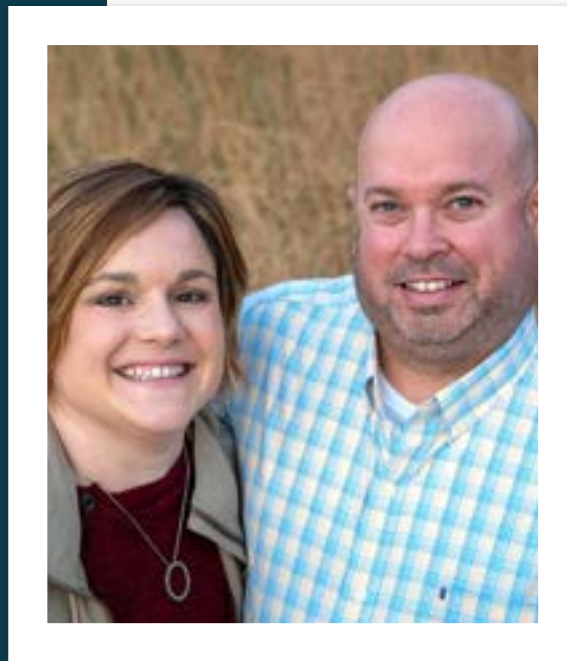


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## OUR HOME

**W**e finished our dream home in December 2022 with a huge backyard. *We are fortunate to be in a great school district in a family friendly neighborhood.* We have a few parks, pond to fish in and are close to the YMCA where we participate in sports and swim. Our backyard playing with the dogs, making s'mores in the firepit and watching a game on the deck is one of our favorite places to be.

On Saturday mornings in the summer, the farmer's market is just a few miles away for things that we don't grow in our own garden (and a balloon animal for Courtney!)



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*Thank you!*

**THANK YOU** for taking a glimpse into our lives, home, family and wishes for your child! A child joining our family will be showered daily with hugs, snuggles, "I love yous" and encouragement to be anything they want to be while being respectful to those around them.

We know that your decision is not an easy one and we can't wait to hear from you!

*Steve, Jennifer & Courtney*