

# NICK / MELISSA

Dear Expectant Parent, Hello! We want to say thank you and let you know how proud we are of you for making this incredibly important decision for your child's future. We are Nick and Melissa! We are excited to partner with you in this adoption process both through birth and on as you allow us to care for, love, and raise your child. We are a couple ready and willing to open our hearts and home to children - even though we cannot biologically have them for ourselves. We love to travel, we are pet parents, we are active in our church and in our community and cannot wait to introduce our child into a group of family members and friends that will love and care for them as much as we will!

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∎e have been together for 7 years - dating for 3 and married for 4. We met online but had an instant connection and it didn't take us long to meet in person for our first date. Nick was so nervous! He is usually more on the quiet side, but during that first date we sat and talked for over 3 hours! Both of us were smitten by the other from that very first date and knew within a matter of weeks we wanted to build a life together. It has definitely been a wild ride and we have loved every moment of our time so far together. Through adoption we hope that our next journey will be parenthood and we can share all we are able to give to our child.

Some values we hope to share and teach our child are respect, honesty, responsibility, perseverance, and love.





WE LOVE STAR WARS!



## WHAT WE LOVE

As a family, we enjoy spending our free time in a variety of ways - taking our dog out for walks or to the dog park, watching football on Sundays with extended family, going to movies, going to antique markets, working on crafts and refurbishing old toys. We even have a personal business outside of our day to day jobs taking those crafts and old toys to craft shows, flea markets, and comic conventions. We also love to travel! Visiting new places, experiencing the history and culture of those areas is something we truly enjoy. Our bucket list is to visit at least 1 new state each year! We have been to 9 different states so far! We cannot wait for our child to experience the world with us!

# ALL DRESSED UP FOR A WEDDING



DATE NIGHT!



**ENJOYING A SUNNY DAY** 



our HOPES AS PARENTS

e absolutely cannot wait to be the beaming parents at a school concert or a sports event, to have the refrigerator plastered with crayon drawings and painted art, to hear their laughter in our home, or to be the one to kiss a scraped up knee. We want our child to learn values that will make them a kind human being - someone who anyone could be proud of. We want to provide a safe space where our child can be themselves and support them in decision making. We want to help our child generate a curiosity for the world around us and how they can contribute in a positive way.



MAKING NEW FRIENDS AT THE SCIENCE CENTER

### a little about NICK

God knew that Nick was exactly the person I needed as my husband. He is opposite of me in many areas and it helps keep me focused, down to earth, and doesn't let my emotions run away with themselves. He is an extremely caring, genuine, hardworking man who just wants what is best for me, our extended family, and our friends. I know he will make an incredible father - spending time with our child by teaching them, protecting them, and loving them as best as he can.

### a little about MELISSA

Melissa is a kind-hearted, loving, honest, well-rounded individual who puts others before herself. She makes sure that all of our needs are taken care of. I see how she interacts with kids at work, the children of our friends and family members and it makes me feel like she will be the best mom to our child. She is ready to welcome a child into her heart and into her life and I know how much she desires to be a mom.

# THE PEOPLE WE COVE

e live close to Melissa's parents, sister and brother-in-law. Nick's family is spread out along the east coast. We get together at least once a month with Melissa's side of the family. While never officially adopted, Nick and one of his brothers were raised by their grandmother and Melissa's brother-in-law was adopted as a teenager. Melissa's parents are both retired and are more than willing to help care for their grandchild when we are at work. Both families and all of our friends are excited for this journey and will help love and support us and our child as we adopt.

### a QUOTE

e loved this quote from Terra Cooper and it says, "In adoption, a child is not given up. A birth mother gives life, gives a child a family, unconditional love. She gives a part of her heart that will never feel whole. She gives another mother a part of her heart that was missing."



WE'RE BEST FRIENDS









### home SWEET home

e live in a large city in south central Kansas. There are many things in the area that we enjoy visiting and experiencing. We have multiple museums, fairs, concerts, zoos, movie theaters, arcades, etc that we like to go to throughout the year. The weather in this area is different season to season and that can change some of the activities we participate in. We love spending time outdoors going on walks at a local park and seeing local wildlife or playing with our dog in our backyard. We live just outside the city limits so our neighborhood is quiet and close to some great schools, but we are just a 10-15 minute drive to most of the places we enjoy in the city. At home, Melissa has a craft

area she likes to spend time in and Nick has a large

Star Wars collection.

### final THOUGHTS

hank you so much for reading our profile.
We understand that adoption is not an easy decision, but because of your love for your child, it will provide a family for them.
We want you to know how much we will love your child for who they are as they grow in life. We want to provide an understanding of adoption as they grow to let them know the love you showed them by choosing life. We commit to doing the very best we can to honor you and your decision for your child.

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