



# SARAH & JOSH

*Dear Expectant Parent,*

**We want to thank you for taking the time to look at our profile and learn more about us.**

We understand that this is an important decision that you are making and we want to express our admiration for the courage it takes to consider adoption. You are most likely thinking you want what is best for your child and want them to have the most opportunities available in life; we too want the same! Please know that whatever you decide, we hope that you find the family you feel the most comfortable with to adopt your child.

*Sarah and Josh*

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## about US

We started dating in February 2012. On our first date we quickly realized that we had gone to college at the exact same time and had numerous mutual friends but somehow had never met each other.

One of the first things that Sarah found attractive about Josh was the pride that he had in his sisters and their accomplishments. *Based on that early exchange she could tell that he was a kind person who cared about family.* His dimples were also a big plus as well. *Josh thought that Sarah was honest, kind, smart and trustworthy.* When he learned that she was unable to get pregnant due to a cancer diagnosis as a child, he totally accepted and embraced the idea of adoption. After dating for over three and a half years, we were married on October 10, 2015.

## our FAITH

Our Catholic faith is very important to us and we feel that worshiping and participating in church activities together helps to strengthen our relationship. We believe that God led us to each other and will also lead us to the child that we are supposed to parent, raise, and love unconditionally.



GETTING READY TO ATTEND CHRISTMAS MASS



CELEBRATING OUR FIRST 5K

MUSIC IS A BIG PART OF JOSH'S LIFE



## WHAT WE LOVE TO DO for fun!

Some of the activities that we enjoy doing together include attending Wichita State University basketball games, discovering different cities, finding new restaurants to enjoy, and exploring museums and exhibits in order to geek out over new information. Josh in particular is interested in a wide range of music and movies so he enjoys taking Sarah to concerts and movies that she normally might have otherwise not experienced. In return, Sarah has convinced Josh to participate in a couple of 5K races and even though neither of them had the best of times, it was something fun to accomplish together.



SO HAPPY ON OUR WEDDING DAY



SARAH AND HER YOUNGER COUSIN



A HOMEMADE CAKE FOR JOSH'S BIRTHDAY



TRYING A NEW LOOK!



THE FAMILY CHEF TRYING A NEW RECIPE

## our CAREERS

We are both teachers with many years of experience guiding middle school and high school students. Sarah currently teaches 6th grade Social Studies and Josh teaches high school math. We both feel that teaching is what we were called to do and even though it's not an easy job, it is extremely rewarding to see young children grow and accomplish new goals.

Teaching has also been great practice to deal with the ups and downs that come with caring for a child, especially learning patience and unconditional love. Having the summers off is a great perk as well and will give us additional time to spend with our child.

### QUALITIES WE VALUE:

- »Reliability
- »Kindness
- »Humor
- »Good communication skills
- »Loyalty

### why SARAH WILL BE A GOOD MOM

- »Sarah is the living example of perseverance and integrity. Since Sarah's childhood she has overcome many medical setbacks. Often times, she was diagnosed with poor outcomes yet she always managed to overcome all obstacles.
- »As a teacher, Sarah cares for all children and seeks to instill knowledge and understanding for all of her students.
- »She is caring, helpful, and goes out of her way to make others happy.

### why JOSH WILL BE A GOOD DAD

- »Josh does a wonderful job of both telling me that he loves me and showing it through his actions. Our child will see that love between us and experience that love for themselves.
- »Josh is willing to do his share of the work in our relationship, something that I know he will apply to parenting duties as well.
- »Josh is logical and clear headed in most situations, a character trait that will help with difficult parenting situations.

# THE PEOPLE we love

Sarah is very close to her parents who showed her how to persevere through hardships and keep a positive outlook in difficult times. Sarah has an older sister and a younger brother. Combined, they have given her three nephews and three nieces. Sarah absolutely loves being an aunt and watching her nieces and nephews grow.

Josh has two younger sisters and was a good role model for them as they grew up. His parents live in the Wichita area and are very proud of their son and his commitment to family and teaching.

Both Josh and Sarah have several cousins who have been adopted and Josh's extended family is very diverse.

## OUR COMMITMENTS

- »To make sure that the *child knows every day how much they are loved.*
- »To *teach the child about God.*
- »To *support them in their choices* while providing them with structure so they can be successful.
- »To *raise the child in a safe home* and provide them with stability.
- »To *give them the opportunity to experience new things* so they can find their passion in life.



SARAH LOVES TO GROW SUNFLOWERS



SARAH'S ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION



CHRISTMAS WITH JOSH'S FAMILY



DECORATING CAKES WITH MOM FOR AN EVENT

## our HOME & COMMUNITY

We live in a quiet neighborhood in Wichita, KS. Our home was built in the 1950s so it has several unique touches that give it character. We are blessed with a large backyard and two pecan trees that we enjoy harvesting from during the fall. Our house is within 20 minutes of where Sarah's parents live as well as Josh's dad and his mom so we expect many visits from the grandparents. Also, since we live in Wichita, our child will have access to many enjoyable activities such as the zoo, annual River Fest, drive in movies, etc.



## in CLOSING

We want to say *thank you again* for taking the time to look through our profile. We hope that the information that we shared answered some of the questions you might have about us as a couple and individuals. *If you decide to choose us, know that we are here to support you in this journey in whatever way makes you the most comfortable.* No matter what family you end

up choosing, we pray for strength and peace for you during this time and the days to come.

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