

Dear Birthparent(s),

It is with great admiration and respect that we write this letter to you. We are humbled by the weight of your decision and admire the great love and courage you are showing by creating an adoption plan. We have faith that God will guide us to the child He intends for us to have. We understand that you are a very important part of this plan and pray for you as you make this important decision. We hope that this profile will be a window into our lives and that it will answer some of the questions you might have about who we are and our values and beliefs. We thank you for taking the time to get to know us and are deeply honored to be considered as parents for your child.

About Us

We are Trey and Jill. We met 9 years ago as part of an outdoor adventure club and were friends before we started dating. After running together, going to church together, and hanging out all the time, we finally started to date! After dating for only 8 months we knew we wanted to spend the rest of our lives together. We were married in 2003 in the mountains of NC at a beautiful church ceremony surrounded by our friends and family.

We are a happy, loving, hard-working couple that enjoys spending quality time together talking, laughing, and getting out and doing new things. Trey's easy-going nature combines well with Jill's desire for structure and both of us are fun-loving, and financially responsible. We both work for the same large bank and have good vacation time as a result. In our leisure time we enjoy hiking, running, home improvement projects, gardening, church activities, visiting with friends and family, and traveling around the United States and abroad (especially to see friends and family). We have seen some amazing things over the years... hiked above the clouds, up to a glacier, in a rainforest, seen the sunrise over the ocean and kayaked over to a wild blueberry patch. We enjoy spending time in God's creation and look forward to combining our interests with that of our new addition and teaching him or her about nature, how things work, and the fact that they too are part of God's wonderful creation.

Jill on Trey

Trey is the most remarkable man I know, aside from perhaps my father and that's only because Dad has lived longer! Like Dad, Trey loves to watch sports, especially basketball and football, and has a knack for remembering sports trivia. He is incredibly smart and good with numbers - it should be no surprise that he works in a bank! There is nothing Trey can't do if he sets his mind to it. He can cook, clean, make the beds, and build all kinds of things. One weekend I went away and he completely re-did our pantry to make it easier to see items and much more functional! At home he makes things more efficient, more fun, and helps me to make them more organized. His way of patient encouragement is sure to serve us well in parenthood.

Trey on Trey

I would describe my personality as easy-going, friendly, easily approachable, affectionate, fun-loving, and dependable. My strengths are my witty sense of humor, thoughtfulness, conscientiousness, and that I am financially responsible. I am a handyman around the house and generally understand how things work and how to repair broken household items (things I have learned mostly from watching others). As a result of this understanding, I like to help others with projects, and especially enjoy serving those in need. I want to teach our daughter or son to also be handy and helpful, to have fun while doing so (I tend to make up songs about what I am doing - it cracks Jill up), and to not be afraid to try something new and fail. I enjoy traveling and spending time with family and friends, and hope to introduce our child to the fun of travel, meeting new people and learning about other cultures.

Jill on Jill

The name Jill means "youthful spirit" and that is very descriptive of my personality. I am fun-loving and can be found skipping and hopping when I'm happy. I like to color, swing and do most anything a child enjoys. My strength is my enthusiasm for life and ability to encourage and love others regardless of their age, race, or background. Additionally, through my work environment, I have learned the benefit of positive discipline and the importance of never losing your cool while maintaining the patience and love needed to follow someone through a learning curve.

My hobbies outside of work include running, swimming, and reading. I like to train for and run half-marathons and 10-mile races. I also really enjoy hiking and other outdoor activities and want to be sure that our children are encouraged to be active and to spend time outdoors on a regular basis.

Trey on Jill

Asking me to describe my wife in a short space is not easy. She is an amazing person. Jill is very down to earth, kind, warm, sincere, and funny, understanding, compassionate and would do anything for anyone. She has a playful side that kids love, she loves playing hide and seek, and coloring with our niece and nephews, has a great sense of humor and is fun to be around. She is very organized, a trait that has rubbed off on me. She knows how and when to have fun and also knows when it is time to be serious. The serious side of Jill entails an extremely strong work ethic and desire to be a better person – professionally and personally. Jill has a knack for seeing the best in people, she never met a person who wasn't "nice" and never likes to say a disparaging word about anyone. I believe Jill lives her life with a foundation in faith and truly embodies the gentleness, confidence, nurturing heart and love of a mother.

Extended Family

We are fortunate to have families that get along well and that live close by. Both sets of our parents have been happily married for over 40 years and live within the same state. Given their close proximity, we have a tradition that every Thanksgiving both Trey's parents and Jill's parents (and sometimes Jill's brother and his family) get together. We alternate hosting and this year it will be Jill's turn to host - both sets of parents are hopeful that they will get to play with their new grandchild while Jill prepares the Thanksgiving lunch! Both are supportive of our decision to adopt and know these things take time, but still anticipation can be fun.

Jill's brother and his family (they have 2 boys) live only a state away and we get together with them as often as possible. They are really excited about our decision to adopt and Jill's brother's wife has already boxed up hand-me-downs in 0-3 month size so we'll be ready to go when the baby arrives.

Trey's sister and her family live in Paris, France so we don't see them as often as we would like but we always have a good time together when they come to the States or we go to see them. They too are very supportive of our decision to adopt. Trey's sister has already sent Jill a list of things she will immediately need and has offered recommendations on diaper bags, etc. Though they are far away, we talk to them often and see pictures of our niece and nephew on almost a weekly basis. We look forward to sharing pictures of our little one with them!

Our Home and Community

We live in a big city in North Carolina, which is a great year-round place to live. We love it! It is not too big and not too small. There is always something to see or do – inside and out – and something for everyone. There are lots of fun places to go as a family – parks and zoos that are not too far away. We live in a spacious home, in a family friendly neighborhood that is located in close proximity to elementary, middle and high schools, the YMCA, our church and parks. We currently have two empty bedrooms in our home for children and our house is located on a nice sized flat lot ideal for playing in the backyard.

We are active members of a large non-denominational church. We are part of a Couples' Bible study group that meets weekly. This group is comprised of 7 couples, including ourselves. In fact, they were the first people that we told about our decision to adopt and they were and are incredibly excited about it. One of the couples serves as foster parents to a 6-month old, another couple has a 9-month old, two other couples are "trying" to have kids, and another couple also plans to adopt at some point in the future! It is wonderful to know that we will have friends close by to enjoy play-dates and share in the growth and development of our child's life, on both a physical and spiritual level.

Our Thoughts on Parenting

While we will set boundaries and rules for our child, we will make it clear that those are set out of love, for their protection. And though there will be consequences for misbehavior, our desire is that our child will ponder what he or she could have done right rather than what he or she did wrong. Likewise, we will teach our child to extend

God's grace to others by being tolerant of others' weaknesses and learning to forgive others. We also will give our children the freedom, once they get old enough, to make their own decisions and learn from their mistakes. We know this will be hard at times, but as children mature, it is a necessary step in their growth process.

We are both traditionalists and believe meal times should be spent together at the table discussing the days' events. Even now, we do not interrupt dinner time for a phone call. We believe it is very important for people, especially children, to know they are the center of your attention and we feel it is especially important for them to know there is at least one hour in each day when they will have the undivided attention of both their mother and father.

Our Thoughts on Adoption

Rest assured, your baby will be cherished from the moment that he or she enters our family. We have a warm extended family, eager grandparents, good friends, and a lot of love to bring joy to any child's life. We will always make it known in our household that you did the best thing for your child because of your love and desire for him or her to be well-cared for and to be raised in the best of circumstances. You and we will have a daughter or son who will have every chance to live up to his or her full potential. We are open to contact with you and will be honored to provide you with regular updates via letters with pictures or phone calls.

In Closing

We truly want the best for your child and all children. We hope through this letter that we have demonstrated our ability to provide a loving home where your baby can be nurtured and secure and grow to its full potential. We are happy to answer any questions you may have and would welcome the opportunity to get to know you a bit.