

Dear Birth Parent(s)-

First and foremost, thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter and to learn about more about my husband and me. We both respect you more then you will ever know by willing to make a plan for your baby.

My name is Laura and I have been married to a wonderful man named Mike for three years. We have been together for a total of six years and were initially introduced on the softball field playing ball against each other. We both realized early on that we enjoyed spending time with each other on and off the field and decided to take our relationship further. We have a wonderful life together and would love to expand our family thru adoption. We both knew early on in our marriage that a child is something that we wanted and started trying almost immediately. After several months of no success, we decided to see a fertility doctor to see if this was a route we needed to explore. After several unsuccessful fertility attempts we were not giving up and decided to pursue adoption. Both of our families have been more then supportive during the fertility treatments and even more so during the adoption process.

Mike is more of a laid back guy and I tend to want everything organized. Mike is absolutely the best at fixing anything that might be broke or is getting ready to break. I like to call him my "Mr. Fix It" because I have not come across anything that he has not been able to fix. He loves to work outside on home projects and is very good with woodworking. I on the other hand am not a very good "Ms. Fix It" but he will always have me by his side willing to help. I love to play in my flower beds and always willing to update our house with new ideas. We are each others strength when one of us is down, each others joy when it is time to celebrate and each others conscience when we need to make a tough decision. We somehow know what each other needs, just when we need it. We both realize that we have a very special relationship and would love to instill the same values in a child.

We live in a medium size town in South Louisiana that has a wonderful school system, great neighborhoods and many successful children's programs in all sorts of areas

(dance, sports, and music). I have lived in this same area my entire life and once Mike and I got married, he moved to the same area. The city we live in is small enough that you run into family and friends at the grocery store or local restaurants but also has a larger city within 5 miles for the local hospitals, movie theaters, shopping malls and recreational facilities.

My husband and I both have steady jobs in the local area. I work with the State of Louisiana in an office about 15 miles from our house. I have been at my current job going on four years and enjoy it very much. I love what I do and more importantly, I enjoy the people I work with. Mike has also been at his current employment for more than 6 years and works a great schedule that allows him to be home by 3 p.m. We still find time to play softball on the weekends and in a few leagues during the week by our house.

Like I had mentioned earlier, both of our families are very open and excited about the adoption process. Both sets of families have expressed to us the love they cannot wait to share with their prospective grandchild. My family lives very close by (just thru the woods) and is always getting together for family functions. Mike's family only lives about 45 minutes away and we try and visit with them several times a month. Most of the time we talk to them on the phone every day and usually visit at each others house or meet up for dinner, movies or shopping. Together Mike and I have 5 nephews and 1 niece that range in age from 13 years old – 1 year old. Family is a very important part of our lives and both sides are waiting with open arms for a new addition. Mike and I share a passion for each other and a passion for the love that we have for each other.

We both come from different religious backgrounds but realize that religion is important to the both of us. I was raised Methodist and Mike was raised Catholic. About 11 years ago I started attending a nondenominational church in our area and have been a member ever since. Mike and I started attending together once we started dating and also got married in the same church. We try to attend Sunday service on a regular basis. Our church also has wonderful children's church and Sunday school that is available to children of all ages.

We are now ready to add to our family and hope we are blessed by your loving and courageous choice. We have plenty of room in our home, our church and most importantly

in our hearts. Again, we thank you for reading this letter and learning about us. We hope that you will consider us when making your decision.

With Kindest Regards-

*Mike and Laura*