



A little story about
Theresa
& Aaron

Dear Birthparent(s),

We understand that since you are reading this letter, you're probably facing difficult and emotional choices ahead of you. Although we can't pretend to understand everything you feel, please know that we respect you and your choices. We would like to introduce ourselves in this letter, but we would also like to get to know you. If you choose to allow us to raise your child, we hope you'll get to know us as a strong and happy family.



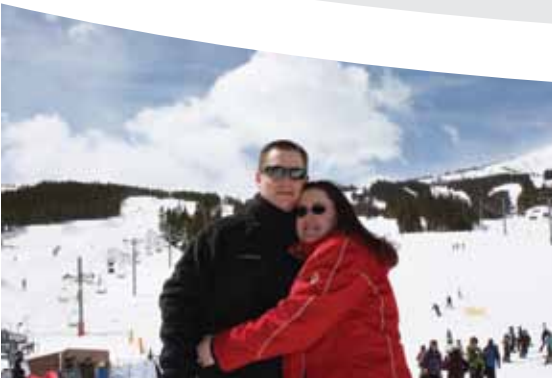


Our Story...

Once upon a time in a land far, far away... Just kidding! Our story is probably a little different than the average romance, as we met each other somewhat later in life. It starts out about 8 years ago, where we met on a soccer field in an adult recreational league. We did not get along well at first, but as we spent more time together, we discovered we both love to cook, so we started planning dinners for our soccer friends. Eventually we became the social planners for our groups' outings, birthday parties and vacations.



After several years of friendship, it finally occurred to one of us that we actually were dating, we just did not realize it yet. Through many discussions and some true soul searching, the other half of the pair finally came to their senses. We'll let you guess which person is which! Perhaps the saying is true that "Happiness is hardest to see when it's right under your nose." And a year later, we were married.



Baking with niece Ruthie



Annual Apple Picking

Growing up with Theresa...

I was born in a very small town in Ohio and grew up with 2 older brothers and one younger brother, so I grew up as a bit of a tomboy. However, my mom always made sure to bring out the little girl in me with beautiful dresses for Sunday church and for the holidays.

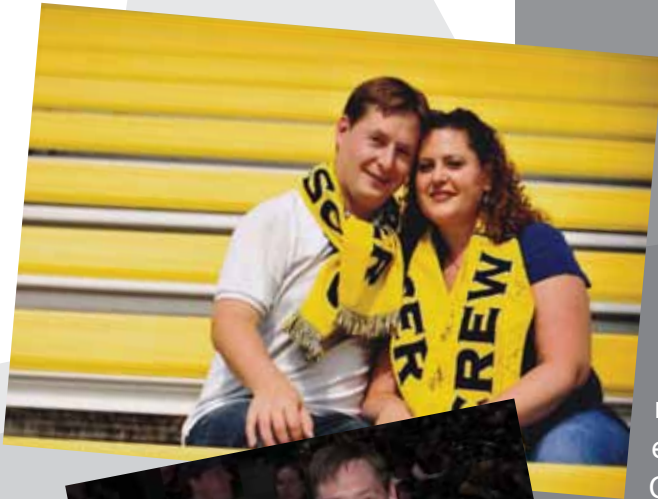
I learned early on in life how to keep the peace. My mother often told me two things I still remember today. She said, "You

may not like your brothers right now, but later in life you will be happy to have them around." She also said, "There is always a reason why you meet the people in your life. You may not know it today, but some day it will be apparent." Keeping this in mind, I always look forward to meeting new people and cultivating relationships. I do this every day in my career as a project manager, and I hope to foster these traits in raising an open-minded, caring and loving child.

Growing up with Aaron...

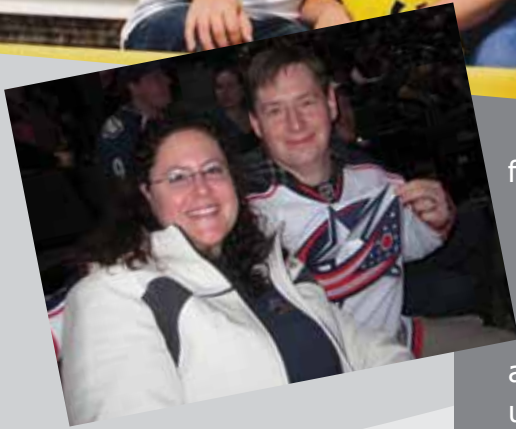
I grew up on the edge of the suburbs with two older sisters (one of whom was adopted). Being the only boy in the family, I spent a lot of time exploring the nearby farm fields and woods to see what kind of new plants, bugs or animals I could find.

In high school and college, my horizons broadened as I studied music, English, and religion. I graduated with a degree in English Education, but soon



About us...

In addition to spending time with family and friends, we love to watch and participate in sports. Our favorites are soccer and hockey, and we are long-time supporters of the Columbus Crew and Columbus Bluejackets. In fact, we love soccer so much that we ended up running the recreational soccer league where we met, and even had our engagement photos taken inside Columbus Crew Stadium. Cheering on a favorite team can be a tremendous inspiration, and we look forward to sharing that passion and fun as a bonding experience with our future family.



It's not all about sports though. Reading and music are of vital importance for both of us. For example, birthday and holiday gifts to our family and friends' children usually include books. In our home, we've started a library room that is full of books and music, and we can't wait to begin reading to little ears even before they understand the words.

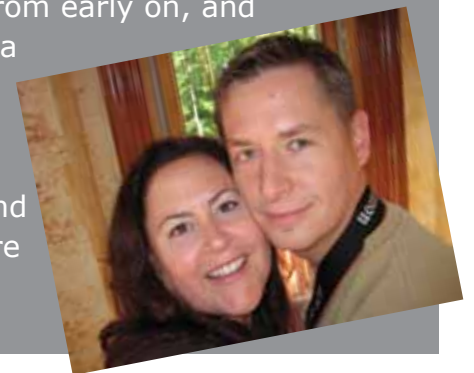
Another passion of ours is healthy eating. We have an organic backyard garden and we enjoy cooking and baking together with the fresh produce whenever we can. Family dinners are a special time for us!



Building blocks with nephew Owen

Our Values...

We both grew up in Christian homes with strong moral standards, and we feel strongly about passing on the importance of those values to our children. We believe that honesty, hard work, kindness, and forgiveness should be more than just words; they should be taught by example. Aaron's older sister was adopted, so we understand some of the questions and emotions that can affect an adopted child and their family. Our child will hear their adoption story from early on, and will know without a shadow of a doubt that they are loved and cherished unconditionally. We will share letters and pictures with you for a year or more, and are open to considering a future relationship.



realized my true strengths are in using technology to help other people explore new information and ideas through the Internet. Although I don't spend much time in a cornfield now, I am constantly researching and learning new things in my career as an information technology consultant. I really look forward to sharing that adventurous spirit and eagerness to learn with a child (although if it involves bugs, Theresa might not be so enthusiastic)!



Friends at the Beach



Aaron's Family



Theresa's Family



Hiking in Hocking Hills with Friends

Our Family and Friends...

Coming from similar family backgrounds, we shared many of the same experiences, values and traditions growing up. Our families all live close enough to be an active part of each others' lives. Our 5 nieces and 4 nephews (age 2 to 18) keep us on our toes with their school activities, sports and the milestones of growing up. They especially like to spend the night at our home where we play games, watch movies, and make a big breakfast the next morning.

Few weeks go by where we don't have a family gathering, and in the meantime emails, jokes and phone calls fly back and forth.

To complement our family, we have a fantastic group of close friends with whom we play soccer, watch hockey games, celebrate birthdays and even go on vacations. In recent years, our social lives have evolved from staying out late or traveling out of town on a whim, to hosting

dinners and social events at our home where we all relax and play with their kids.

As we began telling our family and friends that we are hoping to adopt, we were overwhelmed with their support and excitement. Our youngest niece, Ruthie, has informed us that she does not want to be the baby of the family anymore, and she wants to know when she will meet her new cousin!

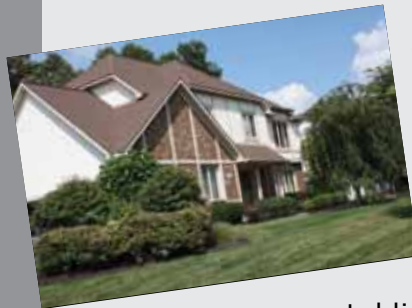
Favorite things which we share...

Books: Harry Potter series, Hunger Games trilogy

TV Shows: CSI, The Mentalist, NCIS, Family Guy

Movies: The Princess Bride, The Lord of the Rings trilogy

Activities: Soccer, cooking, photography, playing video and board games



Our Home and Community...

Knowing we wanted a family, we recently relocated to a new home closer to our family and friends in a wonderful community with a great school district.

Our 4 bedroom home is located in an established neighborhood with large trees, nearby parks and bike paths, and schools within walking distance.

In Closing...

We started thinking about our future family even before discussing marriage, so we've always known that we want to have children. Since Aaron survived a teenage illness, we knew that having our own biological children would probably not be possible. We truly believe that all things happen for a reason and are thrilled about the adoption path before us.

We hope this profile helps you get a sneak preview of us and our lives together. We cannot promise to be perfect parents, but we can promise to give all the love we have to give in raising our child.

From Our Hearts,
Theresa & Aaron

