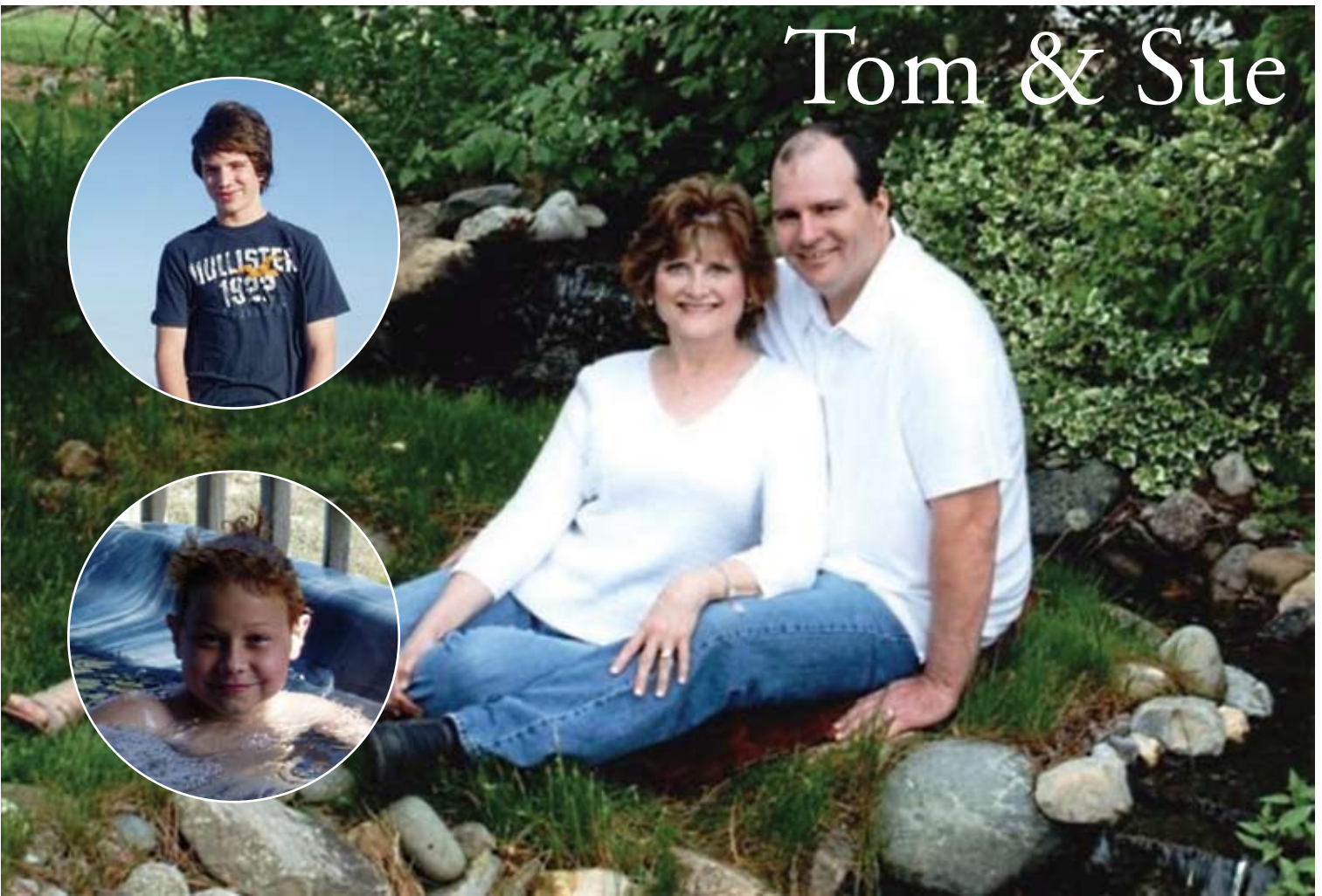


Tom & Sue



Dear Birthparent(s),

Hello,

We are Tom and Sue. You will learn more about us in the enclosed profile. We hope you will come to know us a little, and be encouraged about how much we will love and cherish your child.

We can only imagine what a difficult time this is for you. Please know that we respect you and your decisions. We recognize that this process is more about you and your child than it is about us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you journey down this road of adoption. We have been down this road before. We were unable to have biological children due to infertility but are so blessed to have our

two young sons Jesse and Matthew, who we adopted as infants. We are so grateful and excited to be given the chance again to become parents to a beautiful new addition to our family.

The impact of adoption is life-long for all parties involved. Recognizing this, we are open to on-going communication with the family of the child we adopt, through letters and photos. We also encourage and welcome any special gifts you would like to give him or her. Jesse's birth mom made a special cross stitch and sent along an outfit for his very first photo. She also wrote a letter to him as a keepsake. Her kind and thoughtful nature we see reflected in Jesse every day. Matthew's birthmother made him a keepsake quilt. She is a very creative

and energetic person, and we are proud Matt also has these qualities.

We share a great life as a family, and are so excited about welcoming another little one into our home. Please know that if you choose us we will provide a loving, stable, nurturing and fun environment, in which to allow your child to grow up happy and well adjusted. They will have all the opportunities and guidance that we can provide, to allow them to go out into the world, loving and living life to their full potential. They will always have our unconditional love.

With warmest regards and hopeful hearts,

Tom and Sue



We both were very fortunate to be raised in loving, traditional homes where faith and family were important. Our parents gave us the greatest childhood and opportunities they could, and we both have wonderful memories of growing up. We are raising our children the same way. We attend church as a family, share stories and laugh together over home-cooked family meals, and go on yearly vacations and trips that allow us to appreciate and enjoy each other's company

We will let your child know daily that we love them, are extremely proud of them as the unique individual they are, and that we are there for them no matter what. We will laugh and cry with them, offering our guidance and help through their trials. We will read bedtime stories, sing lullabies, give tons of hugs and kisses, and enthusiastically celebrate their accomplishments and milestones. Your child's needs will always be met before our own. From the first lullaby they hear snuggled in our arms, to our cheers at their first steps, our aim is to let them know contentment, security and love. We can't wait to experience all those fun memorable childhood moments with your child. We will decorate Easter eggs together, and hide candy-filled plastic eggs in the yard. We will carve pumpkins, go trick-or-treating, and pick apples at the local orchard in the fall. Christmas has always been our favorite holiday. Your child will know the true meaning of Christmas. We will go to candlelight church services then drive around looking at the Christmas lights. We will attend family celebrations and

bake cookies and we always decorate the house up beautifully. We will be as excited as your child on Christmas morning, as we watch them light up with delight at all the presents under the tree. We love traditions, and one in our family has always been to let our children choose a special new ornament for the tree every year. Birthdays are celebrated with big family get-togethers also. We can't wait to take a picture of the first bite of cake, and the little hands covered with frosting! One of Sue's passions is photography so every special event will be recorded and put in their own photo album and memory book. If you wish, we will be happy to share all those pictures of birthdays, holidays, and just everyday events along with letters, so you can constantly be reassured of your decision.

As a couple we have a wonderful relationship and a loving committed marriage. Our lives are centered around our children and family, because that is what fulfills our hearts. We go on a big family vacation every year and smaller trips during the kid's spring break from school. Our favorite destination is

Hatteras Island in North Carolina, where we rent a large ocean front beach house with a pool for the kids. We play in the surf but swim in the pool. Safety first! The house is filled with fun, as it is always shared with Tom's brother and his wife and children and the grandparents. Sometimes Sue's brother and his family will come down for a few days also. We have so many special memories of our time there. We have campfires on the beach where we all gather around, and the boys play guitar. The kids love roasting hot dogs and making s'mores. We also enjoy sitting on the deck late at night, watching shooting stars and moonlight on the water, as we are lulled by the sound of the ocean. There is always something new to do or place to see each time we go. One thing we have always wanted to do, is have a portrait taken on the beach, but we are waiting until we adopt our newest addition to do so. We can't wait to see the wonder in your child's eyes when they first see the ocean. We can't wait for all the other firsts too. We are so excited at the prospect of this new little life!



We built our home 12 years ago in a wonderful community because of the excellent school system and small town charm. It is a 4 bedroom colonial style home. It is so welcoming, with a cozy fireplace in the family room, and traditional furnishings throughout, including family antiques. Our backyard is almost half an acre, fenced, and frequently visited by bunnies and chipmunks, who love to dart in and out, taking bites from our garden with them! Our neighborhood is surrounded by beautiful woods and the streets are tree-lined and have sidewalks. Our town is booming with young families and new neighborhoods, but still maintains its ties to the past with quaint little shops, historic homes, and churches. We love our town and plan to stay in this area always, so our children will never be changing schools and losing that stability.

We do have one pet named Sammie. She is a little 6 pound black and white Rat Terrier. She is such a sweet dog and very entertaining. She loves to run and play soccer with the boys, and play fetch with her little tennis ball. She is very gentle and loving.

More about us as individuals

Sue... about Tom

I have a great love and respect for my husband. He is a man of integrity in all he does. He is a very kind person and is always ready to give anyone a helping hand. He is devoted to me and our children and generous and dependable in his relationships with friends and family. His hobby is carpentry and he has done beautiful woodwork in our home. He is also quite handy to have around when something needs fixed. He loves American History and classical music. Another thing I admire about him is his beautiful singing voice. Some of my favorite memories are of him singing lullabies to our boys, as he would rock them to sleep and I would sneak up to listen at the door. Tom is a wonderful father. There is never a time he is too tired or busy to do something with his children if they ask him to. Tom is employed as an electronic engineer for a large corporation.

Tom... about Sue

My wife is my best friend and the anchor of our family. She is always thinking about me and our children and takes great care of us. She is a person full of energy and optimism. She is a real believer that you can accomplish anything you set out to do in life and constantly inspires us to reach for our goals. Sue is a kind and thoughtful person and very sentimental. Her hobbies are photography, cross stitching, and she loves to settle in for the evening with a good book. She also enjoys cooking and we are the happy recipients of her good meals and great desserts! The thing she is best at though is being a mom. She is a loving mother who finds the perfect balance between nurturing our children and encouraging their independence. This really is evident in our boys as they are happy, good-hearted and confident individuals. Sue is employed part-time as a contact lens technician for a local Optometrist.

Our children are Jesse and Matthew

They are very excited about having a new sibling!

Jesse loves music and plays the guitar and flute. He recently decided that he would like to learn to play the cello, so that is his newest dream to follow. Besides music, Jesse seems to be a natural mechanic. He seems to have a sixth sense about how things work, and how to fix things if they don't. He is even better at this than Tom and they love to work together on projects around the house. He is also a computer whiz and helps his mom a lot in that area! Jesse has a very easy going nature and loves to laugh. He is very soft-hearted and thoughtful, and a wonderful big brother to Matt.

Matthew loves music also. It seems to be a common theme in our family! He and Tom both want to start piano

lessons. Matt is a fountain of energy and conversation. He is always smiling and is very out-going. One of his passions is soccer, and even out running on the field he always has a big grin on his face! Matt is a very compassionate person, and though he is young he thinks about things in a mature manner. Matt loves the outdoors and being active.

We have talked about adoption in our home since our boys were babies, and will do the same with your child, so that the subject is always open and ordinary. Because of this openness with our boys, most of their questions were answered at young ages, mixed in with questions about the moon, Santa Claus and why there are no dinosaurs at the zoo! They have told us they feel our family is no different than any other. They are very well adjusted. Yet they do feel special because they know they are doubly loved and cherished. Tom's sister-in-law

is also adopted, so she provides a great deal of insight and wisdom, regarding any adoption discussions that may arise.

Both boys can't wait to be big brothers to a little sister or brother. The bonds and friendships siblings have are so enriching and enjoyable. We hope that we might be able to adopt again also, and continue to add to our family. Your child will grow up, not only with protective big brothers, but with loving aunts, uncles, cousins, family friends and adoring grandparents.

We also wanted to let you know that we both have very flexible work schedules that will allow one or both of us to always be with your child. They will always have the comfort and security of being raised at home. Sue is going to take an extended leave when the baby comes, and may continue to stay at home for a few years as she did with our sons when they were born.



Nice, comfy couches, great big warm hugs;

Freshly baked cookies, hot chocolate in mugs;

A listening heart, a hand guiding the way;

A smile that says "it'll all be ok".

Books, games and puzzles, and lots to explore;

Big brothers to play with, fuzzy friends to adore;

Finding bunnies and puppies in clouds up above;

A place to feel safe in, a home filled with love.

We want more than anything to add to our family, and hope you will consider us to parent your child. Years from now when our kids have kids, we imagine still renting a beach house every summer for our children and grandchildren. We imagine having big family holidays and birthday parties, full of laughter and music. When your child is grown, and looks back on their life, they will have wonderful family bonds, and fun memories to cherish. We will too because of having your child in our lives. We can't express to you how much our entire family will love, adore and cherish your baby. We can't wait for this new journey to begin, and humbly pray in our heart of hearts that you will choose us as the family in which to entrust your precious child.

With great admiration and respect,

Tom and Sue