

Jim & Amy



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Dear Birthparents,



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*W*e would like to introduce ourselves; we are Jim, Amy, & Isabella. Thank you for the opportunity to share our lives with you and for considering us for the miracle of adoption. We are excited to expand our family and have so much love in our hearts to share with another child. We realize that while reading about us you are faced with many decisions. This must be the most difficult experience you have ever been through and we admire your strength, courage and love for your baby. We hope that after sharing our hearts with you, you will know that we will create a great life for your child full of magical memories, strong family values, laughter and unconditional love.

Our Story

We met in 2000 after being introduced by mutual friends, we were married the following year and have been partners ever since. Our marriage is based on love, mutual respect, shared values, and a strong sense of family. Through the years our relationship has only grown deeper. Some of our life experiences have bonded us together with an unbreakable inner strength and taught us a great appreciation for life and family. During our years together, we have experienced a lot – both triumph and sorrow. Since first meeting, we shared dreams of children and raising a family together. In 2003, we experienced the heart-wrenching loss of our stillborn twin sons after becoming pregnant through in-vitro fertilization. Our dream came true in 2006 when we were blessed with the adoption of our daughter, Isabella. We are forever grateful to Isabella's birth family, with whom we have a fantastic relationship and see often. Being parents is more wonderful than we could ever have imagined and we are praying for the miracle of adoption again in our life.



Jim & Amy at Mayan Ruins, Mexico

About Amy



I consider myself to be very outgoing, loving, hard-working and have a great sense of humor. I am a positive, energetic and warm person who embraces life. I follow my heart and dreams and enjoy spending time with my family and friends, cherishing both relationships. I love being a mother! It was a long journey but well worth it and it is as amazing as I knew it would be. Isabella and I are very close, just like my mother and I are, the three of us are together almost daily. I live within a few miles of both sets of my parents and grew up with three brothers. I feel very blessed and fortunate that my children will have the same experiences and memories growing up close to their grandparents as I did. One of my passions and interests is decorating, I loved that I made our home beautiful but also very comfortable, warm and inviting. I love shopping, enjoy entertaining family and friends, going to the movies, taking walks and playing racquet ball.



First and foremost, I am family oriented more than career oriented. I have a degree in Business Administration and have worked for the past 15 years at a small liberal arts college just 10 minutes from our home. The college is a wonderful place to work and is very family orientated. In the summer months, I only work part-time, two days a week. This gives me extra family time to spend with Isabella; going to the parks, swimming, play dates and just having fun together. My first career is always being a hands-on Mom!

About Jim

As a person, I consider myself to be loyal and honest, very organized, but with a playful sense of humor. My parents were committed to helping my brother and me and supporting our interests and decisions through school, sports, and life. They are a source of kindness and quite encouragement and instilled in my qualities I strive for as an adult and parent and want to share with my children.



I grew up in the suburbs but was always interested in the outdoors; I love to fish, canoe, hunt, and learn about the world beyond the city lights – animals, birds, and the environment. This led me to study biology and natural resources management in college where I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources Management. I eventually chose a career in law enforcement for the variety, excitement, and public service aspect of the work. I now work at our agency headquarters as a law enforcement administrator. I enjoy this challenging and rewarding work that allows me to adjust my schedule to focus on family. I am a devoted father and husband and want to provide my children with a life of laughter, learning, and great opportunities. Whether it is teaching my children how to fish, drive, or accomplish any goal they want in life – I love being a Dad!



Isabella swimming with her cousins



Amy's parents & Isabella

About Isabella

Isabella was adopted at birth in September of 2006. Isabella is an amazing little girl who has brought so much joy and love into our lives and into the lives of everyone who knows her. She has a vivacious personality, is smart, outgoing, funny, and a very energetic soon-to-be 4 year old. Running ever since she could walk and full of curiosity and imagination, every day is a new adventure. Her smile is warm; she's caring and fun and has a huge vocabulary for a 3 year old! While she prefers everything to be pink, she loves to play in the dirt and can throw and hit a ball like an all-star. She enjoys dancing, singing, drawing, fishing, riding her bike, playing with friends, and swimming. Isabella attends preschool three days a week at a newly built childcare center affiliated with the college where Amy works. During the week when Isabella is not at preschool she spends her days with Mimi (Amy's mom) or at home on Daddy-days. She will dearly love a brother or sister and is ready to teach him or her all about the world!



Our Family

We both grew up in close, happy and supportive families. Creating and providing a variety of experiences that develop strong character, instill good values, and build great memories is a top priority for our family. We'll raise our children in much the same way we were raised; with a positive outlook on life, loads of encouragement, unconditional love and never ending hugs. As a family, we love the outdoors; hiking, biking, walks in the neighborhood. We believe in being very involved in our children's lives and will always take the time to play with, read to, and listen to our kids throughout their lives.



Holidays, birthdays and most weekends you will find us with our families swimming, playing cards, watching movies and buckeye football (Go Bucks!), and having dinners together. We are very close to our siblings; this new

baby will have one big sister, five cousins, two aunts, four uncles and three sets of grandparents to love and be loved by. We feel blessed to have a "second" family made up of our life-long friends and their children. Together we plan many play dates, dinners, movies, adventures to the zoo, fairs and festivals. We are both Christians, attend Catholic services and will raise our children in the Catholic faith. Our faith plays an important role in our lives and will be equally important to our children's upbringing.



Our Home

We live in a small town that is known as "America's Hometown." This fittingly describes the excellent quality of life and beautiful area where we are raising our children. Amy has lived here all her life and we enjoy many benefits of her family being very close and our many dear friends. There are several good schools in our area that will provide a great early education that includes strong academics, sports, and other activities. We regularly hit the bike path, hiking trails, great parks and playgrounds, and many small town community events close by. We built our dream house two years ago with a focus on a true family home. It has a very warm and inviting feel with open and spacious rooms. Our home is a beautiful two-story with four bedrooms all on the same floor and a playroom right off the living room that is often the center of all kinds of fun activities when we are not outside. We have wonderful neighbors and live on a quiet cul-de sac that is perfect for playing ball and riding bikes and usually filled with the sounds of kids playing and laughing. We chose our neighborhood because we knew it would be a wonderful and friendly place to live and raise a family.

Our Lexy

We share our life with our special Golden Retriever, Lexy. She is gentle, loving, playful and very friendly. She loves everyone and thinks everybody who visits our house is here to see her! Lexy is so gentle and patient with Isabella – they bonded from day one with Lexy as the "big sister." Lexy is truly a loving, gentle soul and a very important part of our family.

Our Promise

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. If we are blessed to be chosen by you, we will make sure that your child always knows that he or she is deeply loved by you and that his or her adoption was a great gift of love. We promise that your child will always know the love and care you took in finding the very best family and home for him or her. We promise you that your child will be raised in a home where there is abundant love, trust, laughter, friendship and mutual respect. You will never have to wonder if your child is safe, loved and happy – we promise you this always!

Our hearts are ready to love, teach, and raise another child, and Isabella is so excited about welcoming a new brother or sister to our family. We are committed to sharing pictures and letters, and would be honored to meet with you, if you so choose. As you get to know us better, you will see we are committed to fulfilling the dreams you have for your child. We are very open to hearing about your hopes for your child's upbringing and communicating with you both before and after the adoption if you so desire. We hope that our heartfelt promise to make your child a cherished part of our family will help you to be confident that you have made the best decision for the future of your child.

Thank you for this great gift of love to your child – and to us.

From our Hearts,

Jim, Amy & Isabella



Lexy & Isabella



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