



Barry & Nazalee

Dear Birthparent (s)

*W*e would like to start out by saying how much we respect your decision to consider adoption. We can't imagine the range of emotions that you must be going through to get to this decision in your life. What we do know is this: You have a big heart and we know it matches ours. We are so thankful for you. You would be giving us a beautiful gift. I hope that makes you feel so incredibly amazing. We have never met you and I don't know who you are but what we do know is that we share the same Love for this human being who is about to enter this world. We are waiting for your gift of love and we promise you we will not let you down.

We decided to adopt because of infertility issues. Nazalee dreamed of having her own baby which got her through many treatments for infertility. What we realized is that God has other plans for us to be parents and that we should not feel bad about that fact. We soon realized that we can still be parents because all we need is love. Love is what makes a home. Love is what raises a child. Love is what we have in abundance in our home. We realized that our baby is out there and we know you are out there to share this bundle of love with us. We can't wait to meet this love-bug. Yes...we already have a nick-name. You will soon realize that we love nick-names. Sure, it's "cooky" but what's life without some fun?



About Us

BARRY (ACCORDING TO NAZALEE)

The things I think about when I think of Barry are love, patience and empathy. He feels very deeply. He can walk into a room and know just by his senses who might need a smile or a pat on the back. This is why my husband became a nurse. I cannot think of a more healing individual than Barry. He is always encouraging to everyone around him. On his time off, Barry also enjoys doing handy work around the house - he always seems to have a project on the go!

I embarked on a journey to lose weight about 10 years ago. I lost 129 pounds! I did that with Barry's constant love and support. He would come to every Weight Watcher's meeting and wait for me in the car in the parking lot to see how much weight I lost. When I hit my goal weight, he gathered my entire family (5 brothers and sisters) for a huge party! I was just so moved and touched. He makes life special. He makes moments matter. His love for mankind and animals reflects his life. Animals and people love him. I am so proud of him that he is channeling his gifts to help other people. I am just so lucky to be the person benefiting from such a big love!

I don't know much but i do know this.....He will love your child with all of his heart just like the way he has loved me, our families and furry animal babies. He will make an amazing dad. How do I know this? He shows me every day by the amount of love he shares with the world. He could have chosen another career path but he didn't. He let his heart choose. I am forever grateful for that I am a better woman because of it. I can't wait to see him become a dad Whoo-hooo!

NAZALEE (ACCORDING TO BARRY)

Nazalee is the most beautiful, caring person I have ever known. She is extremely hard working and dedicated to all that she does. In her professional life, she has been involved in a number of non-profit organizations and devoted an enormous amount of time and energy into making the world a better place. Over the last few years she has become increasingly involved with helping others achieve success through the Weight Watcher's program which she has used herself to lose an amazing 129 pounds. She has also been very supportive of me going back to school - I couldn't have done it without her love and support.

I think when we met we were both at a time in our lives where we wanted to create a special place in the world that we could call our own. A place we could call home. A place where we could be happy. As it turns out, the place we call home isn't so much of a place as it is an atmosphere of love and caring. We are very fortunate to have found each other and to have created this place called home. We are at the point where we want to share this place with a baby. We want to provide a child with every opportunity possible. I believe we can provide a child with an environment of openness, unconditional love and unwavering support. Nazalee will be an excellent mother. I can see it in the way she adores our cat Munchkin and our dog Donut.

Our Home

We chose to live in a community that has great schools, safe neighborhoods and great people that value family. Our neighborhood has about 60 homes in it. Parents actually walk their kids to school! That is a rare thing these days. The summer is the best season in our neighborhood. There is probably a barbecue every weekend at someones home. There are so many children riding their bikes and a real ice cream truck from the good old days! Nazalee loves to ride her bike and we can't wait to take hikes and bike-rides in our neighborhood. One winter when we first moved in when the winter hit we didn't have a snow-plow and our neighbor plowed out our entire driveway. We have a nice big back yard for making snow men and playing kick-ball and badminton with our family. We truly love our home. People make a home and we are blessed with so much love in our home and around our home. I couldn't think of a better place for a child to grow up.



Our Families

Nazalee has 4 sisters and 1 brother. She is the oldest of the tribe. They are all one year apart which makes them incredibly close. Everyone loves animals as they were raised in the country with 3 dogs, 4 cats and a few other animals that made their way into the house. The family lives all around the country from Chicago to Michigan to Los Angeles. When we get together watch out! It's organized chaos-lots of food and lots of laughter. Sometimes the occasional argument breaks out but we always bounce back...we just sort of blend. Nazalee is very close with her mom and dad, who are amicably divorced and see each other often at family gatherings.

Barry's family lives in Canada. He has one older brother who is a carpenter and that lives on a remote, quiet lake. He talks with his family on a weekly basis and we visit twice a year. His parents have been our biggest fans and are very supportive to us as a couple. Barry's mom has been a nurse for 40 years is semi retired. She loves to garden and grows great vegetables and flowers. His dad is a retired maintenance mechanic and he spends most of his time working on one of his many projects – the green truck in the pictures being one of them. In the summer they escape to their cottage on the lake where they swim, read, eat and relax. It's a slice of paradise.

Everyone is eagerly awaiting our bundle of joy and are so excited for this new chapter in our lives.

OUR FURRY BABIES

Munchkin is our 5 year old furry, grey cat. He was found as a kitten living in a ditch with his brothers and sisters and was brought to an animal shelter. One day, we stopped by that shelter and this little guy came right up to Nazalee. It was obvious that he was determined to come home with us and we instantly fell in love with him. He has been a part of our home ever since then. Donut is our 4 year old Rottweiler. He was a stray dog that had been surviving off of scraps of garbage that he could find in the area where I was working. One day he approached me at work and all that I had to give him was some donuts that we had in the office. Well, he ate those donuts real fast (hence the name) and he began to follow me around everywhere that I went. It wasn't long and he was coming home with me. He has been a fine addition to our family.



Our Interests

Barry and I are very much the same but also very different. We totally balance each other out. Barry is a big kid inside an adult body and loves video games, working on various home improvement projects, doing yard work and reading science fiction. Nazalee loves to shop for any type of bargain...she can smell bargains from a mile away. She also loves to blog on weight loss and healthy living, finding new organic foods, spinning and doing pilates. As a couple we love to eat out, shop for the house, watch TV shows like 24, Survivor, Lost and Modern Family. We want to take dancing lessons, love to travel, enjoy long walks and love to watch movies like the corny Clark Griswold Vacation movies.



We hope you have learned a little about us and our lives through this letter. We feel very lucky to be at a good place in our lives and would love to have an opportunity to share our lives with a baby. We will be happy to share pictures and letters as your baby grows. We are honored that you have taken the time to read about us and to consider us to parent your child. We wish both you and your baby the best everything in your lives.

Kindest regards,
Barry and Nazalee