

**Hi,**

We want you to know that we cannot imagine how difficult this decision is for you, your family, and loved ones. The choice you are making is the hardest and most life changing decision you will ever have to face. By making this life changing decision we feel that you are courageous, strong, loving, and a great mother. We feel blessed that you are considering us to adopt your child.

### **The Story of Us**

We are David and Tricia. Our story starts when we were much younger. The first time we met, David was in the seventh grade. Tricia was the younger woman. We met through Tricia's brother, and because of this Tricia was off limits. However, that did not stop Tricia from having a major crush on David. Throughout the years, they would see each other from time to time but remained only friends.

That all changed when Tricia turned 21. She took a leap of faith and called David. He was not home, but immediately returned the call. That night they talked for three hours. Two days later they had their first date, a typical dinner and a movie. Three and a half years later, David proposes. With tears in her eyes, Tricia says, "YES!" They married in 2005.

### **Our Home**

Recently, we bought a house in West Bend. We love living in West Bend and have made our house a home. We chose to move to West Bend because we believe it is a great city and has a lot of amenities for bringing up a family.

Our home is nestled in a great little subdivision with friendly neighbors, a bike path, and a park with a jungle gym, a river, and a farm all within walking distance. West Bend is a great community with wonderful people and a fantastic school system. Their high school ranks in the top 5% in Wisconsin.

### **Tricia**

I was born in 1980, I am Italian and French. I was adopted at birth by my Dad, Mom, and older brother Chad. I grew up in West Allis where my Dad was a staff representative for his union. My mom was able to stay home with me and my brother. As children, Chad and I were very close. He too was adopted. Adoption is very near and dear to my heart as well as my families. I think that my being adopted would be a tremendous help for the child and for

the birth parents.

As a child of adoption I was taught that I was special. I never felt that I was an outsider in my family. My whole family has always been close. It is one of my biggest honors to be an Aunt to one niece and three nephews. And I hope to be able to contribute to our extended family one day.

In 2003, I met my birth mother, my sister Jessica, and my brother Sam. I have a relationship with them all. My hope is that my child will also have this relationship with their birth family.

I graduated from nursing school in 2008. Currently, I work as a nurse. I love my job and the people I work with. I have been with the same company for eight years now.

Some of my hobbies include crocheting, rock climbing, boating, going to plays, musicals, the ballet, reading, and cake decorating. I also love going up north with David to my parents house. There we like to go fishing, camping, kayaking, and skiing.

## **David**

I was born in 1976, I am Polish and Hispanic. I grew up in West Allis with my Dad, Mom, and two older brothers, Gary and Brian. My Dad worked for Briggs and Stratton for 24 years. My Mom worked as a supervisor at Ameritech for 25 years. I loved growing up with two big brothers.

My brother Gary is the eldest and is married. He and his wife, Karen, are about to adopt their three foster children. The twin boys are three and their brother is two. Their house is a circus, but we love every minute of it and are truly blessed.

Brian is the middle child and is engaged to Jen. Both he and Gary are my best friends. I have a ton of childhood memories of fishing with my brothers, wrestling, and hanging out with all of our cousins.

I am a Tool and Die mold maker. I have been with my company for over 11 years and enjoy the work and my co-workers. In my free time I like to spend time with my wife, family and friends. I also love to fish, hunt, kayak, camp, and go for boat rides in our boat.

## **Our Family**

Our families are extremely important to us and we are all close to one another. Our extended family is amazing! I, Tricia, have been in two of my cousins weddings. David and I also had multiple cousins stand up in our wedding. In fact, two of my (Tricia) best friends are

my sister-in-law, Karen, and my cousin, Katherine. As mentioned above in his profile, David's best friends are his brothers.

Every year we have a weekend up north where both of our families come up and stay. We go boating, fishing, lay out on the beach, and cook dinners. We also spend holidays together with our families. Both families come together for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and for Easter. There are also picnics for Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. And we love when birthdays comes.

### **Our Plan**

Our plan is to raise a child with faith and love. Our faith is very important to us. We are Christians and follow the bible teachings to our best abilities. We are not perfect. Self-worth is something we would like to instill in a child. We feel it is critical for a child to think positively of themselves.

Spending time with our core families and extended families will be significant in raising a child. We want them to know that they are loved and have people to turn to for help.

Education is also a top priority of ours. We will be sure to stand behind a child for whatever they may need help in. We want only the best for them. Other than making sure they have a good education, we are excited for them to experience the world. We want to introduce them to hobbies. The possibilities will be endless.

We also will have a savings account for college and a car. Being financially smart is something that we firmly believe in.

### **Thank You**

Thank you for taking the time to consider us for adopting your child. The missing piece to our puzzle is a child that we can love and cherish. As you can see, adoption runs in our family and it is very important to us. We cannot wait to meet you and to form a relationship with you, if you so choose.

**Thank You Again,**

**David and Tricia**