

BEN & TAMMY



OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION



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ABOUT US

We are a happy, loving family. Ben is a pastor who enjoys being with people. He loves watching soccer and playing chess. Tammy has a career in communications. She works part-time. She plays the piano and enjoys being creative. Our son (10 years old) enjoys playing with action toys, telling stories, reading, playing soccer, playing video games on his Switch, doing karate, and being outside, especially climbing trees. He is easygoing and cheerful and loves to be around children of all ages. We listen to music together and make up our own silly songs. We play soccer, wiffleball, kickball, tag, and other lawn games in our backyard. We love to be together as a family, to travel, and to play sports. We cheer each other on and find ways to support one another. We snuggle on the couch and play board games. We are huggers.

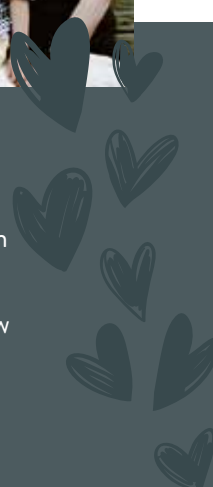
OUR HOME

Our home is clean and welcoming and in a friendly neighborhood filled with children of all ages, young families, and retirees. There are always children ready to play. We have a swing set in the backyard, a small garden, and a sprinkler for splashing in. There is a baby swing waiting to be used. We gather with neighbors to watch fireworks in the summer, and we go sledding and build snowmen in the winter. We like to be active. We go for walks and ride bikes, dance around the kitchen and sing, play sports and board games, and visit local playgrounds and museums.



WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Our journey together has always included talking about adoption. We have been able to experience the joys of adoption through family members and friends who have adopted. Ben has several younger siblings who were adopted. Tammy's parents were foster parents. We believe family does not have to be biological. We think adoption is the best way to grow our family, and we are very excited about the possibility of adopting and adding to our family.





**OUR LIFE
TOGETHER**



BEN

Occupation: Minister

Education: Master's

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Christian

Sport: Soccer

Food: Cheese

Hobby: Travel

Tradition: Putting up
Christmas Lights

Musical Group: U2

Movie: *Star Wars*

Dream Vacation: Touring around
Europe with my family exploring
culture and visiting historic sites

Holiday: Christmas

TV Show: *Ted Lasso*

School Subject: Physics

Book: *Love Does*



TAMMY

Occupation: Communications

Education: Master's

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Christian

Sport: Basketball

Food: Bagels

Hobby: Travel

Tradition: Christmas Breakfast

Musical Group: Too many to name
across a lot of genres.

Movie: *Love Actually*,
Something's Gotta Give

Dream Vacation: A country we
haven't yet visited where I get to
spend time exploring with family

Holiday: Easter

TV Show: Whatever our son is
enjoying at the moment

School Subject: English

Book: *Harry Potter*





OUR FAMILY & TRADITIONS

We enjoy spending time with our extended family. We go on vacation with Ben's extended family (sometimes with more than 20 members!) and also eat Thanksgiving dinner together. When we leave each other, we gather outside to yell, "1, 2, 3...bye!"

Extended family on both sides go out of their way to make sure everyone is accepted and feels at home when they are with them, not just biological members of the family. Even parents of adult siblings who married in are welcomed with open arms and are invited to participate in family traditions.

Our extended family is excited about the possibility of us adopting. This baby will be the youngest and perhaps last of a generation. They will be welcomed with open arms by grandparents, aunts and uncles, and lots of cousins.





DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER,

We don't know how you have arrived at our profile, but we are grateful you are taking the time to get to know us! We hope you feel our love for you both. Two of our biggest values as a family are love and respect, and you will always have both from us.

Our home is a loving, caring, safe, and positive environment. Education is a priority and imagination, expression, and connection are valued. We have experience working with children of all ages and as parents. We love to laugh, snuggle, and play! We share stories and encourage dreams. We dance around the kitchen and sing off-key, make cookies, plant peas and pumpkins, go all out with Christmas decorations, play sports, travel (Disney is a favorite), and help with homework. Whether we are playing in our backyard, biking in our neighborhood and on local trails, traveling to destinations or to see family, or simply snuggling in to play a family game or watch a movie, we do it all with love and joy.

We are open to what life has in store for us. We very much hope that will include expanding our family through adoption. Thank you for considering us!

WITH LOVE,

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