

# ZACK & JESSICA

OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION



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## ABOUT US



We are excited to be on this journey. Our journey together started in 2015, when we were next-door neighbors. We met riding the elevator together the day we moved in! We both love to be outside, walking our dog Dublin, trail hiking, or golfing or exercising. We try to stay active and healthy. Jess is a district librarian in four elementary schools. Jess enjoys her summers off and likes to spend time reading a good book! Zack is the president of a material handling company, and he loves spending time with family and friends. We both enjoy taking weekend trips together. We spend a lot of our time visiting family in Chicago, California, and Tennessee! We also are big sports fans. We like to attend Cubs, Bulls, Bears, and Bucks games. We like to have fun and be goofy together but also enjoy staying home and watching Netflix, sports, or a good movie together!

## OUR HOME & PETS

We recently bought our home. Even though we live in the city, we back up to the woods and get to see lots of birds, deer, and turkeys. We really enjoy our neighborhood! We have lots of great neighbors and kids who are friendly and love to come visit our dog. This fall we are looking forward to visiting the local orchard. This has been a family tradition for the both of us as we were growing up. We love the apples, but the cider donuts are the best! The schools are great here. Jess works in four of the elementaries, one of which she attended when she was growing up. We have many local parks and forest preserves around us that we enjoy visiting.



## WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

We are excited to love and nurture a child together! Adopting is an opportunity that excites us more than anything we have done together. Our families are also excited and supportive of us growing our family! We know several families that have adopted and have had wonderful experiences. They all have beautiful and loving families! It was a no-brainer for us to take this next step, and we are super excited for the journey ahead! We are a loving, passionate family that feels this journey and opportunity is meant for us!

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



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# ZACK

OCCUPATION: President of material handling company

EDUCATION: Bachelor's

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Christian

SPORT: Basketball, football

FOOD: Steak, pasta, pizza

HOBBY: Golf, exercising, sport events

TRADITION: Holidays, family trips

MUSICAL GROUP: Morgan Wallen, Kane Brown, Ed Sheeran

MOVIE: Any Adam Sandler movie

DREAM VACATION: Italy

TV SHOW: *Yellowstone*

HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Physical education

BOOK: *Find Your Yellow Tux*



GET TO KNOW

# JESSICA



OCCUPATION: Elementary librarian

EDUCATION: Master's

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Christian

SPORT: Basketball, pickleball

FOOD: Guacamole, spicy cheese

HOBBY: Golf, reading, yoga

TRADITION: Holidays, family vacations

MUSICAL GROUP: DMB

MOVIE: *Jaws*

DREAM VACATION: Italy

HOLIDAY: Christmas Eve

TV SHOW: *Suits*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Science

BOOK: *The Member of the Wedding*

# OUR FAMILY & TRADITIONS



Family is super important to both of us. Jess has a daughter who we are extremely proud of. She played soccer in college and became a nurse! We love spending time with her and her husband. We also have great parents we look up to and also spend a lot of time with. We all enjoy going golfing, attending sporting events, and just hanging out together. We both have one brother. They both are married and have children. We have six beautiful nieces and nephews.

Holidays are always spent with our large families! Zack has ten cousins, and Jess has four cousins. Zack's big family tradition is his mom and dad hosting Thanksgiving. It's a big family who likes to get together on this day to celebrate the family but to also watch football. Jess has a Christmas Eve tradition of singing Christmas carols together. Jess's grandma started this tradition before Jess was born. It seemed fun and silly as a kid growing up, but she came to realize what it meant to her grandma when everyone was together and singing. Our grandparents are no longer with us but still hold a very special place in our lives and hearts.



*dear*  
EXPECTANT  
MOTHER

**ZACK AND JESS:** Thank you for considering us as you make your decision. What you are doing for your baby is a very honorable choice. Whether this was an easy decision or hard, we want you to know your child will be in a very loving, caring, and supportive family (and probably a little spoiled).

**JESS:** I was once a young single mother who had to face becoming a mother alone. It was a difficult time and a difficult journey, but I had a supportive family and I love being a mother. I know the importance of having a loving and supportive family. I would love for Zack to experience raising a child. He is a lot of fun and has lots of love to give. You should see him with the nieces and nephews; all the kids want to be around him. I am a nerd—the one who likes to read and go to school every day—so we make a pretty great couple! I am hopeful that through adoption, we will be able to share and grow the love of our family together!

**ZACK:** I can't say I can imagine or know how you are feeling, but I want you to know you are making a very important decision I respect you for. I have always wanted to raise a child. I had great parents and awesome grandparents who were and still are my role models. I will do everything possible to ensure the best possible life for our child. They will be loved and cared for.

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