



ERIK + THERESA

our journey to adoption



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about us

Two years ago, Erik invited Theresa to a morale event, even though she would have been considered a mortal enemy to an emergency nurse. (Theresa is an intensive care unit nurse.) We felt an instant connection that grew to a beautiful friendship with mutual respect for each other's experiences and values. Later, we worked together teaching military medicine, something we are truly passionate about. Our respect and friendship grew into a love like nothing we had experienced before. We not only love each other but we like each other. We are best friends. Erik is a kind, hard-working man with a never-ending sense of loyalty and compassion. Theresa is a passionate, motivated, and nurturing person who provides and cares for her patients, peers, and family with every fiber of her being. Our goals are to raise a loving family and give back to the community.



our home & pets

We live in a beautiful town in Ohio. Our home is brand new and in an excellent school district. The area is green, lovely, and peaceful. We have five pets: three dogs and two cats. There is Maisie (or "Big Mama"), our chocolate Lab; Dante, a black Lab; and Charlie, our shih tzu. We have a skittish, sweet cat named Knives Chau, and Token, our three-legged cancer survivor, who is a feline willing to take on three pitbulls if provoked. (We've seen him defend our home!) We treat them as our own children because, to us, they are family. They have proven themselves to be fierce protectors and deeply loyal. The only thing they are better at is loving children. Kisses for days!



WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

We are both romantic and poetic at heart. The only thing we ever really wanted in life was a family. Unfortunately, we had previous spouses who did not value a family as much as we did. When we came together, we knew what we wanted most was to bring children into this world and raise them in a happy and loving home. However, we may never be able to do that on our own. We decided we would give what our parents gave to us: a supportive and loving family. We chose to adopt so we could share those blessings.



OUR photos



OCCUPATION: Air Force
Emergency Nurse

EDUCATION: Working on doctorate

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Jewish/Spiritual

SPORT: Football, hockey, MMA

FOOD: My wife's chicken casserole

HOBBY: Hiking, reading, piano

TRADITION: Big dinners,
group vacations

MUSICAL GROUP: Journey

MOVIE: Forrest Gump

DREAM VACATION: United
Kingdom

HOLIDAY: Christmas season

TV SHOW: The Office, Parks and
Recreation

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: History

BOOK: Red Rising series



OCCUPATION: Air Force
Critical Care Nurse

EDUCATION: Master's in nursing

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Spiritual

SPORT: Hockey

FOOD: EVERYTHING!

HOBBY: Hiking, reading, gardening

TRADITION: Family dinner
every night

MUSICAL GROUP: Meatloaf

MOVIE: Gangs of New York

DREAM VACATION: Scotland,
Australia Zoo

HOLIDAY: Halloween

TV SHOW: Letterkenny, It's Always
Sunny in Philadelphia

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: English,
creative writing

BOOK: The Lioness Quartet

OUR FAMILIES

and traditions



We both have parents who have been married for more than 40 years. Our siblings are all married with children, whom we love very deeply. Erik's family comes from Ukraine, and Erik is a first-generation American. Theresa was born to a military family that moved all over the U.S. and therefore is very close with her parents and siblings.

We both have cousins who are basically siblings to us and are even called aunt and uncle by their children. We find ways to see them whenever possible. We love traveling to meet with them and getting together for holidays and special events. No matter how long we are apart, when our families come together, it's like not a day has passed.

Both of our families try to plan fun activities, celebrations, and reunions whenever possible. We may not have tons of time together, but when we do gather, it is always special and creates cherished memories. Our families are super excited for us to bring our child into the mix, and we can't wait to share these joyous and loving opportunities with our blessed addition.





DEAR

*expectant
mother*

Thank you. Thank you for your consideration, for your bravery, and for your love. We can't begin to imagine how difficult a choice like this must be. You are admired and appreciated. You are brave in ways we may never know. Adoption is the ultimate example of selflessness and love.

We have been blessed in every way, except children. We have a strong and supportive family. We have excellent careers and have been able to travel much of the world, but most of all, we have each other. We are grateful. We believe in loyalty, perseverance, compassion, and finding joy in every single day. These will be the foundation for our family.

If you choose us, your little one will receive the finest education, pursue any hobby that interests them, and experience the overwhelming love of our entire family. They will be taught the joys of nature. They will learn to appreciate and care for all kinds of animals. They will experience different lands and cultures through direct interaction and realize the beauty of diversity. They will be empowered to live life to the fullest and become the very best version of themselves. They will be encouraged, supported, and nurtured beyond compare. Above all, they will know unconditional love.

Your child will know they are with us because of how courageous and caring you were. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for considering us!

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