

Dear Birthparents,

We are David and Dawn. We've been together for over twenty years, and now married for ten. Our relationship started when we both needed a date for our senior prom. Dawn really didn't want to go alone and told a family friend. That friend was David's boss at a local grocery store and offered his name as a possible date. Dawn called him and asked him to prom. David accepted the invitation and invited Dawn to his prom.

As we spent more time together, we found that we had something special together. David noticed how open Dawn was with her love of family. She had a twinkle in her eye when she was playing with her nieces. At the end of every family gathering, she would go through each of her nieces and nephews to give a hug and a kiss. Dawn showed David about how to share his emotions to those he loved. David is much less open with his emotions. Dawn saw that David was just as close with his family. He was active in helping his Grandmother move into a senior apartment, his sister's wedding, and playing with his nieces and nephews. He demonstrated his growing feelings for Dawn by planning romantic dinners which he prepared or take weekend drives with her around Ohio where they would have long talks about Dawn's work as a hairdresser, David's progress in college, and a future together. Dawn's job as a hairdresser drew on her ability to make people at ease and her love of people. David enjoys working with facts and data and using those to help people. David's college education led to a job offer in Dayton area. On September 30,2000, we were married and Dawn joined David in Dayton.



Over our years of dating, we would talk about our plans for family and children. Those talks confirmed that we had similar views on marriage and raising children. We agree that a couple needs to be open on all things. Not just one spouse should do the finances, the house work, or the yard work. Decisions should be made together, not by a single member of the relationship. When disagreements occur, we should concentrate on the issue at hand and not return to past issues or disagreements. We agree to calmly talk about what we should do. Sometimes that talk might not happen as fast as one partner would like, but we have always been able to sit down and work through our disagreements. This extends to our decisions on having and raising children. We worked through our concerns about when to have children. We would discuss the issues that our brothers or sisters were having with their children and how we would approach them as a couple. It was another aspect of our pledge in marriage to work together.

After many unsuccessful attempts and medical tests, we learned that we each had medical issues which would prevent us from having a child. Although we had discussed infertility and the inability to become pregnant, it was crushing to learn that we were unable to have children. Faced with this fact, we turned to each other and prayed to God to help lead us in the best direction. We were both raised Catholic and continue to practice our faith. After time, a new stylist joined the staff at Dawn's salon. She told us about her experiences adopting a child. After much discussion, we agreed that adoption would be the best way to build our family.

As we wait for that day when we can bring a child into our home, we enjoy this time together in many ways. We enjoy to travel around the country. We've been able to travel to 24 states together, with Oregon being our favorite destination. There are baseball or basketball games to enjoy. Dawn has shared her love of gardening with David. Although he might not enjoy the weeding and watering, he does like the tomato juice and salsa throughout the year which comes from it. We both enjoy cooking – so there is the chance to try new recipes or old favorites at dinner. Finally, we still enjoy each other's company on an evening walk or long drive – to discuss the day's events or our plans for the future.

Hopefully this profile can provide you an insight on us and what we value about our relationships. It's just the two of us. Our focus will be on raising your child, providing them with that same upbringing that we experienced in the best way that we can. Thank you for taking the time to consider our profile.

We understand the importance for your child to know his or her birthparents. We're open to letters and pictures exchanged through the agency, and to discussing other options.

You may choose this family or any of the others approved by Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley, which is a licensed adoption agency. This family represents the agency in informing the community about pregnancy counseling and adoption services. Please call Beginnings – The Adoption Center office for more information at (937) 223-7217 or (800) 300-2937