

Dear Birth Mother,

We are delighted and grateful to have the opportunity to introduce ourselves as potential parents to this precious gift that you are bringing into this world. Our names are Jack and Linda. We both come from large, close-knit families. Jack has five younger brothers, and Linda is the youngest of five. Together, with your help, and our strong faith in God, we hope to grow our family and give our young son Jason a little sister or brother. It is one of our greatest desires to have children that grow up with a strong sense of family and to share in sibling love and friendship.



Let us share with you a couple of experiences from some friends about adoption. Linda has a good friend that had a child in her young twenties. Due to a lack of emotional and financial support, she chose the option of having her child placed. Many years later she is happily married and raising two beautiful children. She has shared with us that it gives her a great sense of inner peace and joy to have chosen a family to raise and love her child so many years ago.

Jack has two sets of friends that have adopted children. The first couple adopted a boy and a girl from Korea. Six years later, they are as joyous and thrilled with their children as when they first came into their lives. Jack's other friends had a tougher experience. After waiting almost two years trying to adopt from the Ukraine, they became very frustrated with the process and the red tape involved, and gave up on international adoption. But by the grace of God, a co-worker of theirs approached them about a niece of hers that was having a baby and was unable to raise her child. That little girl is now their two-year-old daughter, and they were recently able to adopt an eleven-year-old girl as well.

All of these friends of ours have helped us to understand how difficult it must be for you to choose the option of placement. We admire your courage and unselfishness. They have also helped us realize even more how positive the adoption process is for all concerned.

Now is a great time for us to bring another child into our lives. Jason is five and we have a very good routine and environment for him. He enjoys books, music, nature, and animals. He loves to play with other kids in school and in the neighborhood. He gets along very well with them. His pre-school teacher has even commented, "Jason is secure with himself and does not appear jealous when we give time and attention to other children in the class." This confirms our own opinion about the quality of time that we devote to our child every day. It also reassures us that we will be able to give a new baby plenty of love and attention.

We live in a great area that has some of the best schools and amenities in the country. Our home is located in a wonderful, family-friendly community. There is a great mix of children, from infants to teens, in our neighborhood. Our Homeowner's Association works very hard to promote a sense of community with many events, ranging from "dive-in" movies at the pool, a Fourth of July parade, Halloween and Christmas parties, as well as many charity events and fundraisers. We live close to shopping, parks, hospitals, and libraries. Our pool and elementary school are practically in our backyard, and the middle and high schools are within walking distance. Regionally, we are located within an hour of the mountains, an hour from a large city and historic sites, and only a couple of hours from the beach.

Linda is a pediatric nurse and works as a case manager in a large hospital. As a nurse, safety is one of her most important priorities in raising a child. She has been caring for children most of her life. As a teen, she babysat and taught Sunday School in her church. One summer, she enjoyed working as a camp nurse. Linda's love of children is one of her greatest qualities that attracted Jack to her.

Jack is a salesman for a large bakery that provides breads to restaurants, hotels and hospitals. He has been there for over twelve years. Prior to that, he was in the restaurant business for many years. Jack interacts with people very well. He loves children and has talked about having children practically since the day he met Linda. Jack is a very good cook and enjoys preparing many of the meals. He is also very good with money and planning for the future. Jack's best qualities are enjoying spending time with his family and being a good provider. We are both very excited to welcome another child into our family.

We have much extended family in the area, whom we socialize with often. It is not uncommon for Jason's aunts and uncles to visit us in our home. Jack's mother cares for Jason two days a week. Our entire extended family is very excited that we will soon have an addition to our growing family, and are eager to meet this new little person.

We hope to meet you soon and wish the very best to you and your family. Please be assured that if you do choose us, know that we have the emotional maturity, financial resources, and most importantly, the energy and love to give to your precious little one.

Sincerely,

*Jack and Linda*