

We are **Carrie and Ben** and we are hoping to adopt.

Thank you for having the courage and love to consider adoption for your child. We appreciate the care that you are taking to select a family that will give your baby all that you wish for them. We hope this letter and these pictures will give you an idea of the happy and loving home we can provide for your baby.

about us

We met ten years ago at our friends' wedding. We bonded immediately through our shared sarcastic senses of humor, and quickly became best friends.

While dating, we learned that we brought out the best qualities in each other, and that each of our weaknesses are usually balanced by the other's strengths. We were married in Carrie's parent's back yard. The day was filled with love, family, friends and fun. It has been more than eight years now and we would do it all over again.



We like to spend some of our free time doing various activities together. Our favorites include hiking the nature trails of our state parks, going to see any new Disney or Marvel movies, or just lounging around playing a video game. Occasionally, we'll mix it up with something like bowling, or finding a new restaurant to try, or finding a theater production to attend. We love to travel and one of our goals is to visit every one of this country's national parks.



why adopt?

We believe parenting a child will be one of the greatest joys of our lives, and for quite a few years, we've been ready for an addition to our family. We've experienced heartbreaking loss down the biological path and so we are turning to adoption to give us the opportunity to share our love, our home and our happiness with a child.

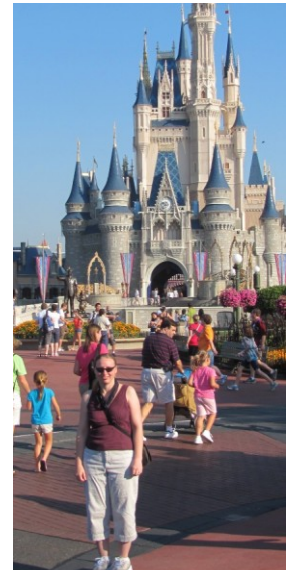
Like you, we wish for your child and every child to grow up in a loving and nurturing home, and we know that, with your help, we can give your baby that wonderful home.

about carrie

I am a college graduate and I currently work in the inventory management department for a local hospital. I love my job because it gives me a chance to comfort and help people when they need it most.



I love to travel and take at least one vacation each year. One of my favorite places to vacation is Disney World because it wakes up my imagination. I also love to fish. My father and I enter a fishing tournament every year – I was overjoyed the year we won third place.



My passion for reading started when I read Anne of Green Gables. I could read the Harry Potter books over and over again, but my absolute favorite book is The Count of Monte Cristo. Any Lego game or any of the Kingdom Hearts series are my go to video games to play. My favorite way to spend an evening at home is with Ben eating homemade pepperoni pizza and playing a game together.

I greatly admire my parents, who are the most amazing people I know. They taught me what it means to be a family. They were always there with their love and support whenever I needed it. That is the same love and support I will pass along to my children.



I have one older sister who is caring and creative and just fun to be around. She has been married for 22 years and has given me two nephews and one niece. I look forward to the days when I get to take them on special trips to the zoo or bowling or to a museum. They are all looking forward to welcoming a new member into the family.

What Ben likes about Carrie: Carrie is wonderfully kind and loving and responsible. She's loyal to her family and has a great sense of humor. My favorite thing about her, though, is her child-like excitement for all the things she loves.

about ben

I work as a computer programmer for a local company that provides financial services. Programming is an excellent and fulfilling creative outlet for me because I enjoy finding elegant solutions to all kinds of problems. If I didn't program professionally, I would certainly program more as a hobby.

Beyond programming, I enjoy technology of most types. I spend some of my free time tinkering with my home network and theater set-ups, and Carrie and I frequently spend time together enjoying movies, video games, and the occasional vacation or weekend away.



My family is made of some of the kindest, most generous and fun to be around people I've had the good fortune to meet. They are all very important to me. My parents are still alive and together and I have two sisters and a brother who are all married and have given me five nephews and one niece. We don't all live very close together, but we get together every major holiday and most of the minor ones too. I was so excited when my youngest sister moved to town, and now we see each other almost every week. I expect it is especially nice for her that she has a babysitter for her toddler so nearby.



What Carrie likes about Ben: I knew that Ben was the right man for me almost immediately. He has a warm heart and a laugh that is infectious. He has a comforting way that makes me want to turn to him with any problem. He always does thoughtful little things that make me smile. He is always there for me with a kiss and a hug at the end of a long day. He is a wonderful man.

home

We live with our two cats in a three bedroom house with a small, but not too small, back yard in a quiet suburban neighborhood. Our home is a short walk from the neighborhood park where many of the neighborhood kids can often be found playing at the playground or on the basketball court.

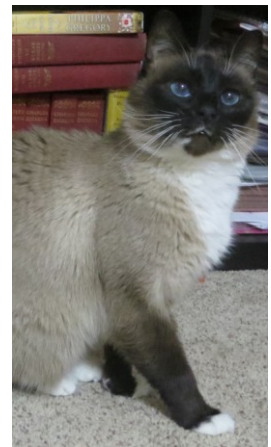


Our little family includes two cats. Ellie is the orange one and Lucy is the siamese.



We adopted Ellie from a rescue shelter about eight years ago. She is very playful and always wants to be where we are in the house.

We found Lucy last winter, tiny and shivering with the cold, meowing to be let in. She doesn't want anything to do with the outside any more. She's very aloof and seems mostly happy just doing her own thing.



Thank you

Thank you for taking time to learn a little bit about us. This is a very important time in your life and ours, and we want to approach it together with understanding and support. We will never take your selfless act for granted. We understand that you may wish for periodic updates, and we are willing to send pictures and letters as the child grows.

The opportunity to raise and cherish a child would be a dream come true. We know that adoption is the right decision for us. Whatever your decision is, we wish you nothing but the best.

Carrie & Ben

