

# JASON & HEATH

**T**hank you for taking the time to read our profile. From the day we met, we knew we wanted to be parents and that adoption would be a part of our journey. We have been blessed with a supportive **community of family and friends** and are ready to share the love and joy in our lives with our future child.

We know that adopting not only means opening our lives to a **child**, but also to a **birth family**. Through this process, we hope to foster a relationship with that family based on honesty, trust, and compassion, all with the goal of keeping the child's needs at the center of everything. It is important to us that our future child has an adoption story that is **celebrated** and **full of love**. We hope to build a relationship that is right for everyone, whether that is exchanging letters, sharing photos, or having visits. We're flexible and committed to honoring what feels comfortable and meaningful for everyone.

We are so **grateful** to you for taking the time to read this letter. We wish you nothing but peace and clarity, wherever you are on your journey.

*Jason and Heath* 







## Jason

Jason is one of the kindest people I know, always going out of his way to make others feel special. He values community service, whether organizing a school supply drive or volunteering as our local Rotary President. If someone needs help, he is the first one there without complaint - and often with donuts! He's incredibly creative, sewing costumes for theater productions, crafting amazing Christmas trees, and baking designer birthday cakes. Not surprising, since he works as an interior designer for an architecture firm. A trove of useful (and sometimes useless) facts, he's always quick to Google what he doesn't know. Watching him become an uncle only confirms he'll be an amazing dad, ensuring our child feels safe, encouraging exploration, and making everyone laugh along the way!



Extended Family Vacation

Jason's family lives in southern Indiana, but we stay close and visit once a month. His sister and brother-in-law have three kids. Her step-son is in middle school and has been a cherished part of the family for nearly 10 years. Jason is a godparent to their two youngest kids who are both under three. His parents, "Nana" and "Pop'em," are incredibly supportive and doting grandparents. His extended family of over 50 get together regularly for pool parties, vacations, pumpkin carving, and annual holiday cookie baking. Get-togethers are always loud, fun, and full of kids, providing plenty of playmates for our future child.

We're lucky that Heath's family lives nearby. He has two brothers, and we regularly gather with their families for game nights. His mom recently retired, and we are thankful she has offered to help with childcare. Heath's extended family also gets together often, with traditions like annual trips to Amish Country, singing Christmas carols on Thanksgiving, and annual holiday crafts.

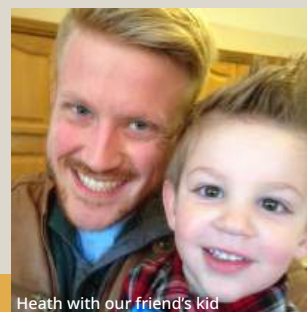


While we're grateful for our families, we also cherish our friends, many of whom feel like family! We know we'll be capable, loving parents, but we believe it takes a community to raise a child. Our favorite moments are spent with friends, just hanging out and sharing life's moments. Many of our friends are starting families too, which will be a great support and provide friendships for our future child. We've also appreciated the perspectives of friends and family who were adopted, knowing we can rely on them for guidance with any unique needs our child may have.

## Homemade Gifts for Loved Ones

## Heath

Heath is a thoughtful and caring person. He has an incredible ability to understand others' perspectives, which makes him great to talk to when you need advice. He is a hard worker and always does what he sets his mind to. He's also an accomplished musician and plays 4 different instruments - I can't wait to hear a little voice joining in with the music in our home. Heath is going to be an amazing dad. He's worked with children for years, first as a music teacher, and then as a speech therapist specializing in dyslexia and other learning disabilities. Seeing him work with kids is magical, and I know he will successfully support our child's social, emotional, developmental and academic needs in a fun way!



Heath with our friend's kid

Tiger Heath made for our Cousin's Son



Animals Heath made for our Nephew  
Animals Heath made for our Niece

Cake Jason made for our Nephew



Cake Jason made for our Nephew



Costumes Jason made for our Niece and Nephew







Rotary 5K



Halloween



Jason with our Nephew



Games with our Nephew



Gatlinburg with Our Nephew

## Our Story

Though we have been married for 2 years, we have been together for almost 10! We met through a mutual friend and after hitting it off, Heath thought, "Oh well, Jason lives 5 hours away, I'll never see him again." How wrong he was! We started texting, which became daily FaceTime calls, followed by many hours in the car. We were long distance for four years because of work and graduate school until Heath finally joined Jason in Indiana just before the pandemic. Those years apart were hard, but we were able to foster a strong relationship based on trust, respect and love. We spent time renovating a house before we returned to central Ohio, where we continue to build a life we love.



NYE Twins

## Our Home

Jason and I have been in our current home since 2022. We have been slowly renovating it to make it more "ours", but it has already become a place where friends and family gather, where laughter echoes through every room, and where there's always a reason to celebrate. Whether it's a big holiday feast with family crowded around the table (prepared by Jason, of course), an evening of cards and board games, or a backyard movie night under the stars, we love filling our space with joy. We were even able to have our wedding reception in the backyard, complete with non-stop dancing under the disco ball! We are thankful to have a home with plenty of space for a child to grow and play, both inside and out. We cannot wait to bring a child into our home, where we know they will be loved by not only us, but by the friends and family that bring our lives so much joy.



Chichen Itza



Cost Rica

## Our Life

When we bought the house, we didn't know how amazing our neighborhood would be. It is a place where neighbors always wave to each other and stop to chit-chat during their evening walks while groups of kids zoom by on their bikes. The neighborhood comes alive with excitement during the holidays, with over 200 trick-or-treaters on Halloween, a Fourth of July Parade, Easter egg hunt, and an annual summer block party.

Behind our home, a beautiful nature trail and peaceful creek offer the perfect spot for outdoor adventures. Quiet time at home involves watching for deer in the backyard, gardening, or snuggling up to watch a movie or play video games. Jason likes to cook or read while Heath plays the piano or goes to choir practice.

We are only 15 minutes away from the city where we love to explore the zoo, sports arenas, restaurants, museums, and parks. We like to hike and go to local festivals all summer. We value travel and learning about other cultures, most recently visiting Mexico, Spain, and Costa Rica. We're ready to add a stroller to our adventures, though I'm sure our walks around the neighborhood will take a little longer as we stop to pet every dog we meet along the way.



Holiday Magic



Our Backyard



Our Home



**T**hanks again for taking the time to read about our life now and the fuller life we hope to have with a child. If chosen to partner with you on this journey, there are some things we want you to know.

Your child is **already loved and cherished**, both by us and a community that will surround them with support for their entire life.

Your child will be **celebrated for exactly who they are**. If their cultural or ethnic identity is different from ours, we will work hard to incorporate authentic experiences into our new life as a family.

Your child will know the value of both hard work and downtime.

Your child will learn to have **respect** both for themselves and for people who are different from them.

Your child will be supported socially, emotionally, and academically so they can **achieve their dreams**.

Your child will know the value of positive relationships.

Your child will know a life of **stability, love and laughter**.

Your child will know their adoption story and **your love** for them.

With Gratitude,

*Jason and Heath* 



Jason with our Nephew



Heath with our Nephew

