

SUZANNE & LENNIE AND PARKER TOO!

DEAR **BIRTHMOTHER**
THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME
to read about our family!

If you entrust us with your child we want you to know that he or she will know their adoption story and how strong and courageous you are in making this difficult decision. We will raise your child with **UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND SUPPORT** and help them pursue all of their dreams.

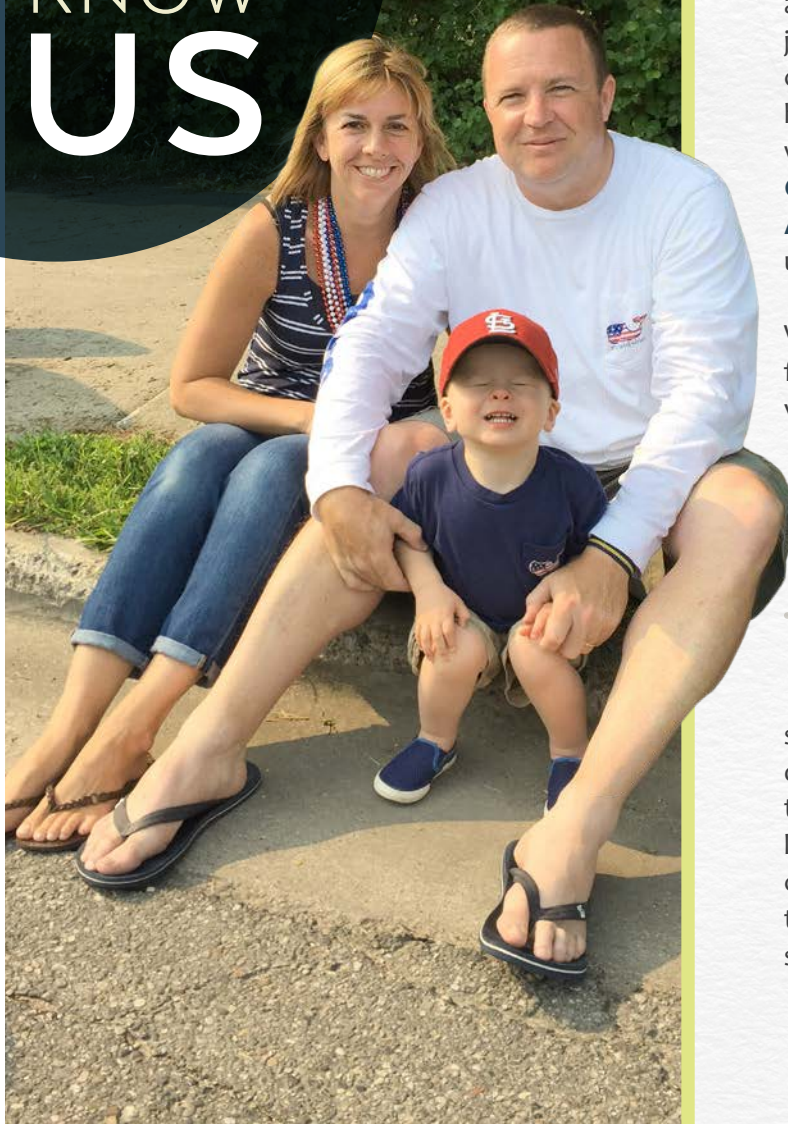
We adopted our son, Parker, in 2013. Words cannot express how much we love him. He's a happy, outgoing boy who loves to give hugs. We know he will make a wonderful big brother and be able to share being adopted with a sibling.

We are fortunate to have a supportive and loving family that can't wait for us to adopt! Communication, openness, love and the good example set by our parents has helped create our strong marriage. We understand that you want a family that is perfect for your child. We hope that family is us. We want nothing more than to offer another child the opportunity to be part of a close-knit and loving family.

with love,
Suzanne and Lennie



GETTING TO KNOW US



From the moment we met it seemed like we had known each other forever. There was never that awkward “getting to know you” phase. We would just talk and talk for hours. We dated all through college and married two years after college. We have had a fun, exciting, successful life, but we knew we also wanted to have a family. **THAT DREAM CAME TRUE THROUGH ADOPTION WHEN WE ADOPTED OUR SON, PARKER, IN 2013.** He makes us laugh every single day.

We love to entertain and we have the perfect house for it. For Fourth of July we had two families come visit so there were eleven of us in the house. We had our own Olympic games in the backyard with relay races, balloon tosses, corn hole tournaments and more. It gets a little crazy and competitive, but it’s lots of fun and has become an annual event.

We recently moved to a new area,

so we’ve been busy exploring. We joined a pool near our home to satisfy our swimming needs. Parker took swimming lessons at 9-months-old where he learned to float on his back. Now at 2-years-old, he can swim and float and loves the water. We also love traveling to the beach. We dig holes to sit in, build sandcastles and splash our feet in the water.

MEET BIG BROTHER

Our son, Parker, turned two in July 2015. **HE IS OUTGOING, HAPPY AND LOVING.** He gives hugs to just about everyone he meets. If he hears another child crying, he goes up to them and hugs them and says “it’s ok” and if you ask him how his sleep was, he always says “awesome”! He can’t wait to show his little brother or little sister how to dance, sing and blow kisses and snuggle with them before bed to read a book.

Fun at the beach

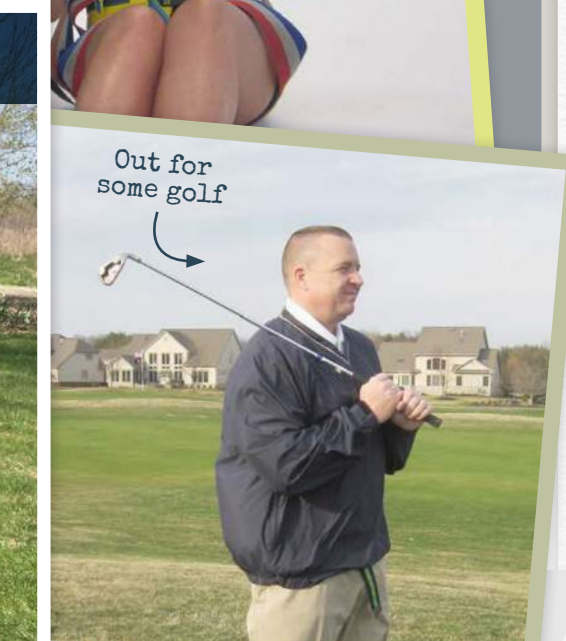


Good times at the Tulip Festival



THINGS WE LOVE —≡≡ TO DO ≡≡—

- **TRAVEL** — We love to head to the West Coast and the Caribbean (and Parker is already an experienced traveler too!)
- **SPORTS** — We are both Arizona Wildcat fans and St Louis Cardinal fans (and one of us roots for the Buckeyes too!)
- **HEAD TO THE BEACH** — You can't beat the clear blue waters of the Caribbean
- **BIKE RIDES** — (which we usually end up at the ice cream store!)
- **GOING FOR WALKS** — usually making a pit stop at the playground!



MEET SUZANNE by Lennie

Suzanne is a great Mom. She is the glue to our family. **SHE IS ALWAYS THINKING OF OTHER'S BEFORE HERSELF.** She calls our immediate family every night just to catch up on their day. In the evenings she turns on the music and we have a “dance party” with Parker in the living room. She can be fun and silly, but is also patient and calm. She reads to Parker before bed at night and makes sure there is always something fun going on in our house.



OUR CAREERS

LENNIE: I am a Director of Merchandise Planning at a retail company. I enjoy the teams I get to work with daily and the challenges of managing business, but we make it fun too. My first month at my job I had to give a speech wearing a banana costume!

SUZANNE: I was previously a VP in Merchandising and then became a Sr Director in Health and Safety to have more work-life balance. Once Parker came along, I decided to stay home full time, and we do lots of fun things together going to music class, tumblebugs at the YMCA, swimming and story time at the library.

MEET LENNIE by Suzanne

Lennie is smart and has a great work ethic. People at work look up to him and respect him and truly enjoy being around him. He has a great sense of humor and a natural gift of being able to connect with others. People, including kids, are really drawn to him. Everywhere I go it seems like I hear “We LOVE Lennie!”. I even hear it from the neighborhood girl scouts. (Although that might be because he bought 30 boxes of cookies even though he doesn't eat them!) I do wish he'd order more than just thin mints though! Even the times when we go shopping, he'll sit on a bench and wait for me and by the time I get back he has made a friend and knows their life story.

HE IS A GREAT DAD. No matter how tired he is from a long day at work, he still comes in the door happy and energetic and Parker always goes running to greet him. Before you know it he is in the kitchen, down on all fours, with Parker on his back riding him like a horse shouting “neigh, giddy-up!”.



— meet our — EXTENDED FAMILY

SUZANNE: My parents live in North Carolina. We see each other often and we talk on the phone pretty much every day. I have one brother and two nieces who live in California. One niece is in kindergarten and one in 1st grade. We like to have a destination Christmas, so we are all meeting in Palm Springs for Christmas this year. We rent a house and set up a tree and always spend Christmas someplace together. We work puzzles, play games, swim and eat lots of good food.

LENNIE: My side of the family lives in Arizona and California, which gives us a great reason to get out to the West Coast. I have two sisters and one brother with 3 nieces and 2 nephews. My Mom is a school teacher and my Dad is a retired Colonel in the Marines. They are both doting grandparents who spend all of their free time going to the grandkids sports events, recitals, etc. They have saved so many toys from all the grandkids, so when we traveled to Arizona this Summer they were bringing out different toys and activities for Parker every day!



OUR HOME



Hanging out with nieces in California

School visit with Lennie's parents



Out to lunch with Suzanne's parents

We live in a new home with a big yard to run and play. We have a finished basement which is great for entertaining with a theater room for movie nights and the same pinball machine we played when we were in college. There's also a large playroom where some of Parker's favorite things to do are build LEGOS, play with trains, dinosaurs and puzzles or create "cookies" with play-doh.

We belong to the club near our home where there is golf, dining and a fun pool with slides and fountains for the kids. We also have lots of bike/walking paths throughout our area and a playground just down the street that we walk to several times a week.

WE LIVE IN A GREAT KID-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY.

There are so many events around town geared towards kids and we are always checking them out!

OUR HOPES AND DREAMS

We dream of expanding our family and what we want most is for our children to be happy. We want to expose our children to everything, to not push them in any specific direction, but give them the opportunity to be exposed to different things and pursue what they enjoy doing the most. Our philosophy is to set a good example for them and create a home where they always feel safe, have a routine, be involved in their daily life, and show them ongoing **ENCOURAGEMENT, SUPPORT AND LOVE**. What we want our children to value most is family, friendships, and being honest and caring of others.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO YOU

for your child. Letters and pictures are some ways we can communicate.

We hope to know your expectations so that we can meet or exceed them. Should you choose our family, this child will know that their birthparent made a **LOVING, UNSELFISH, COURAGEOUS** decision and we would be honored to be a part of it.

We would love to talk to you about your hopes and dreams

