

JARED and DIANNA



DEAR BIRTHPARENT,

Hello,

What do you say to someone that is making a decision that is so difficult and will change our lives forever? We are often reminded how small the world may be, and how, in just a single moment, when you meet a special person they can turn your world upside down. We imagine that the road that has led you to this place has been a long one, filled with difficult choices, concerns, and many emotions. We would like you to know we do not take this lightly, and applaud the courage it takes to make plans for your child, and to know that we will hold you in our hearts always. We are Jared and Dianna, and we would like to thank you for taking the time to read about who we are.

It was fate that brought us together, but love is what made us a family. We have been married for 7 years, but have been together for 9. Our relationship is one founded in mutual respect and admiration. We came to one another with unique life experiences, cultural practices, beliefs, and ideals. We realize that what makes one another unique is what makes our relationship grow stronger every day. Being parents and having children is something that we talk about often. Dianna is part of a loving family, brought together by the adoption of her and two brothers. It is very important to both of us to become parents, so we feel fortunate that both of us share the same passion about adoption as a way to see our family grow.

Jared is a Pediatric Critical Care Flight Nurse at one of the nation's largest children's hospitals. Dianna is an Emergency Department Nurse, at a very busy level one trauma, stroke, and chest pain center. Our careers afford us the opportunity to care for people when they need support the most, whether that be just a hand to hold or crucial medical interventions. Working as Registered Nurses allows us flexibility in our scheduling to better accommodate our family's needs. As a profession, nursing offers job security and continual professional growth.

Life can only offer a few certainties, but there are some things that we can promise you. Your child will know that they are loved. We will say it often and they will feel it in their heart. Your child will always have a clean and safe place to sleep and good healthy food to eat. They will learn right from wrong, but know that everyone makes mistakes. They will live a life full of wonder and awe, we will see to it personally. We believe that though education and life experiences, you can only find your true self. The world is theirs to explore and we will help them explore it.



ABOUT US

We met while working at the hospital together on the cardiac floor. Dianna had just returned to Ohio after living for 6 years in the Caribbean. Jared was responsible to orient Dianna back to the floor routine. Dianna's car was still in the Virgin Islands so Jared was her transportation. Over several months we hung out more frequently as friends and our love developed from there. We both love to travel and had a Caribbean beach wedding with close family and friends. Dianna is the more adventurous one, but Jared loves to see what is new on the horizon. We enjoy long bike rides even after dark and in the rain. Jared has recently completed his scuba certification and now understands Dianna's love for underwater exploration. We look forward to our next adventure and sharing it with a little one.



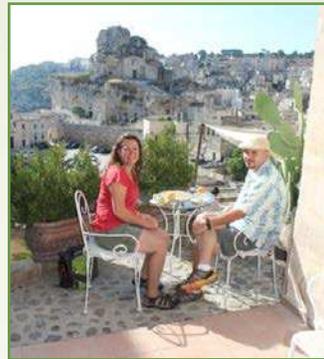
Enjoying a trip to Mexico.



On a ferry ride.



Working on a welding project together.



Breakfast in Italy.



Jared and his morning coffee.



Eleanor dozing.

OUR CATS...



Franklin and Eleanor.



Franklin on a leash!

ABOUT DIANNA by Jared

Dianna is the person who inspires me most, she is outgoing, spontaneous, and very loving. Nothing could make me happier than to see her as a mother, she is one of the kindest and most caring people I know. I have seen firsthand, her compassion for others and how she can impact someone's life. I was lost until I found her and she has truly given my life direction. She is diligent and patient, as evidenced by the beautiful flower gardens surrounding our home. She has so much love to give, and as a mother she will be truly in her element.



Dianna in Italy on a bike tour.



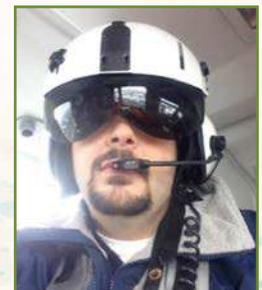
Dianna at work.

ABOUT JARED by Dianna

Jared is a very loving and thoughtful man. His love is shown in all the little things he does. He is passionate about cooking and my waistline agrees, it is mighty tasty! Jared is also amazingly intelligent and loves to learn the science behind the knowledge. He frequently takes the time to teach me the "how & why" of something. To see Jared interact with a patient or their family member is a calming, reassuring experience. He is going to be a great Dad, he knows how to interact with kids and adults alike, making both feel comfortable



Jared off to a car show.



Jared working.



Our home.



Our side yard.



Our backyard.



Patio area with fire pit.

OUR HOME

We live in a quiet and safe neighborhood. Many parks, trails, and playgrounds are located within a mile of our home. Our house is a single story midcentury modern ranch on a corner lot, with a large fenced backyard, with plenty of room to grow as a family. Jared's parents live only a few houses away and we see them almost daily. They are very excited to watch our family expand, and look forward to becoming first time grandparents. Dianna's mother and father are a 15-minute drive, and her extended family is just as close. When we told them that we were planning to adopt they squealed with excitement!

We are very close with our families and friends, we visit regularly and take vacations together. Jared is an only child but has many cousins. Dianna has 2 brothers one older and one younger. Her older brother lives in Florida with his wife and their adopted daughter. We visit each other at least yearly and more often when we can. Her younger brother lives in the area, and we get together almost weekly. He has 5 children. Our very close group of friends meet monthly for "friends' dinner", where we gather at someone's house, an event or activity like bowling or trick or treating where we talk and enjoy each others company while the children play.

FAVORITES

JARED

DIANNA

Food	Boeuf Bourguignon	Chicken Fricassee
Dessert	Coconut Cream Pie	Strawberry Shortcake
Color	Green	Orange
Hobby	Cooking	Gardening
Vacation	Sailing the Caribbean	Sailing the Caribbean
Children's book	In the Night Kitchen	Berenstain Bears B Book
TV Show	America's Test Kitchen/ Good Eats	Downton Abbey/ Big Bang Theory
Season	Fall	Summer
Holiday	Thanksgiving	Halloween / Christmas
Childhood Memory	Camping at the beach	Time on the lake
Education	Bachelor of Science in Nursing/ Nationally Registered EMT Basic/ Board Certified Emergency Nurse	Bachelor of Science in Nursing



Dianna's brother and his family.



Dianna with her Dad after a bike trip.



Jared's Parents.



Dianna's Family.



Dianna's brother and family.



Friends at Thanksgiving.



Scuba diving with Jared's Dad, Aunt and Uncle.



Dianna and her nephew fishing.

OUR FAMILY

Family is important to us and we know first hand that love is thicker than blood. We are very close to our families. Jared's parents live close by and frequently we take vacations together whether it be a camping weekend or travel to the Caribbean. His Aunt and Uncle have joined us as well as Dianna's parents on trips to Mexico. Our child will travel with us as we hope to expand their horizons. Holidays are spent at our families' homes. Backyard BBQ's frequently involve cousins and friends alike to celebrate anything from graduations, reunions and adoptions to just because. Both of Dianna's parents are retired and are very excited to see our family grow. Having adopted 3 children of their own they are a good support system for us and will be active in our child's life. Dianna's young niece is already making plans of all the things she wants to do and teach/show her new little cousin! With various Aunts, Uncles, cousins and friends in the area there is plenty of family support. Also welcoming the child will be Franklin and Eleanor, our 2 cats, both are very loving. Frank loves to go outside on a leash and frequently helps Dianna garden while being very vocal (He is Siamese after all). Ella prefers the comfort of indoors and tends to be more timid. Both are rescues and different ages but get along just like you'd expect a brother and sister to. All of our family and friends are supportive of our decision to adopt, and will love our child unconditionally, just as we will.

Thank you for your time.

We wish you the best in wherever your decision takes you.

-Jared and Dianna