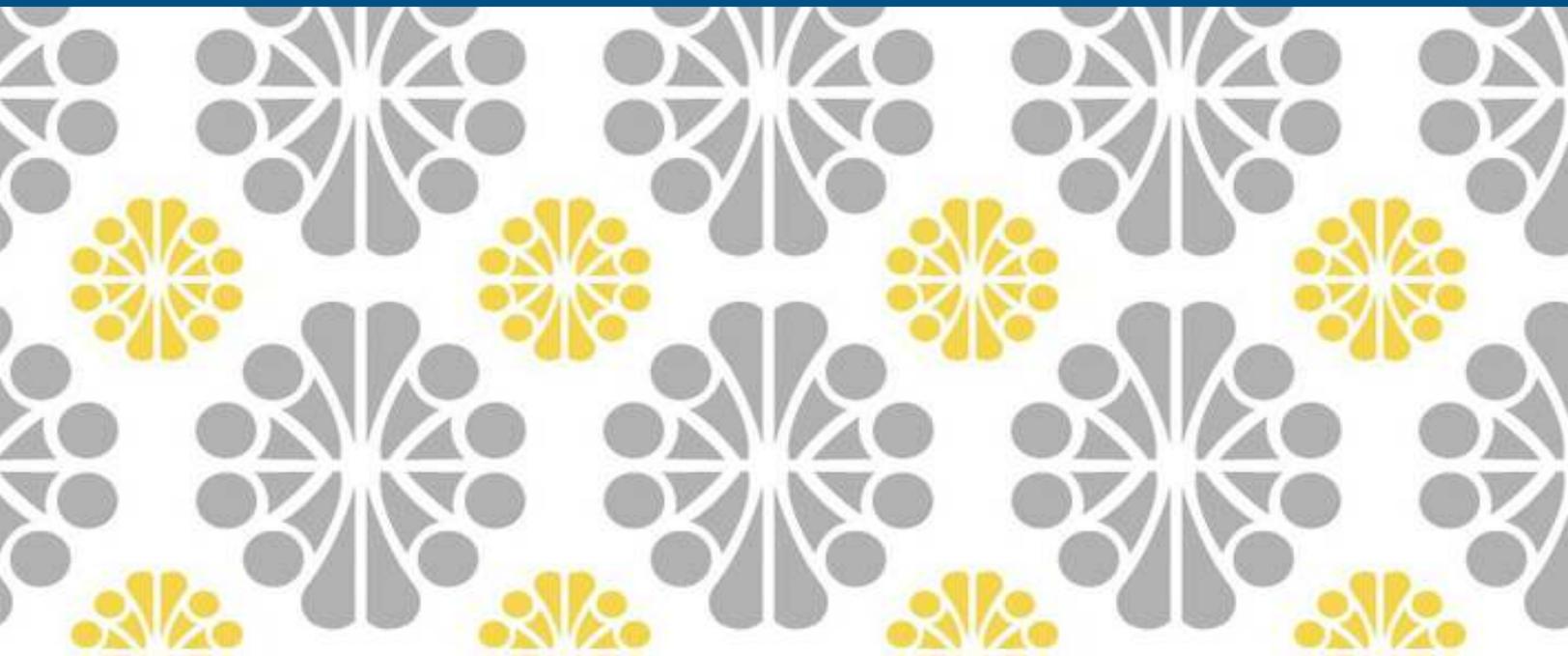




*Jason and Jill*



# Dear Birth Parent,

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn more about us! We are so grateful that you would consider us as a potential adoptive family for your child and are happy to share a little about ourselves and our home.

We met just over three years ago and have been married for almost two and a half now. Although we haven't been together for very long by some standards, we believe we have an incredibly strong relationship firmly grounded in our commitment to each other. We have both always desired to share our hearts and home with children and know we can provide a secure and nurturing environment in which a child will be loved unconditionally and allowed to reach his or her full potential.

Though we are not from the same denomination, our shared Christian faith is at the center of all that we do. It helps us work together as a team towards our shared goals and keeps us grounded in love and understanding. Family is also very important to us. Each of us grew up with large extended families, and more than anything we love spending time with them, whether for a formal party or for an impromptu get-together. We both love to laugh, especially at ourselves, and find that humor helps us get through any rough patches we may be having.

Jason is an elementary educator, currently teaching third grade. He loves helping children learn to believe in themselves. Jill is a family physician who tries to help her patients improve their emotional and spiritual well-being in addition to their physical health. We truly enjoy serving others and strive to be compassionate with everyone we meet. Through our professions in particular, we have had unique opportunities to learn to interact with and help children of various backgrounds and family situations, and we are confident that we can do whatever is best suited for the benefit of your child as he or she grows up.

We know that parenting is a daily challenge, and we are ready to embrace this, including all the changes to our current lifestyles that come with a new baby. We want to raise our child surrounded with the same love, support and patience that each of us received growing up and celebrate his or her special story in coming into our lives. We truly believe every child is a unique gift, and your child would be cherished as such in our hearts and home.

Sincerely,

*Jason and Jill*





## About us

Jason loves to work with kids, and as an elementary school teacher he gets lots of chances. He also volunteers at his church as a Sunday school teacher, in addition to being a member of the church council and serving as a communion server. Jason has a life long love affair with summer camps, and since 1992, he has not missed a summer as either a camper or a staff member. He worked for 15 years at a YMCA camp in a variety of roles; his favorite was to help raise funds for children in need to go to camp, including many of his own students. This year he began a new challenge working at a camp closer to home, and he has loved every minute of it. Jason enjoys reading anything from serious essays to comic books. He enjoys playing card games with his friends. He loves swimming and canoeing, and one of these days he's going to get Jill to get into a canoe with him again.

Jill loves to get to know people and hear their stories, so it makes sense she decided to specialize in family medicine after medical school. Every day she gets to talk to new patients and old, of all different ages, and encourage

them, laugh with them and sometimes cry too. She volunteered monthly at a free health clinic where we used to live and is looking for a similar opportunity now near our new home. Jill also loves spending time with friends and planning what concert to go to next. She enjoys cooking, particularly trying authentic Asian and Mexican dishes, and most of the time Jason gives them two thumbs up! Once the craft room is set up, she plans to get started again scrapbooking and card making. Jill also enjoys being outside, especially by a pool or the ocean, and started to learn to swim before she could walk. She is happy to get back in a canoe with Jason as soon as he stops threatening to tip them out!

Both Jill and Jason love having family and friends over for parties, especially if a big game is on. They like to laugh together watching their favorite comedy shows and play board games on nights in. Often when driving to functions they'll listen to current events podcasts and talk over what is going on. Even though they don't always agree, they do always learn from each other's perspectives.

### Jason

**Color:** yellow

**Food:** steak

**Season:** summer

**Holiday:** Thanksgiving

**Sport:** football

**Ice Cream flavor:** chocolate peanut butter

**TV show:** Little House on the Prairie

**Zoo Animal:** Polar Bear

**Childhood Book:** The Lion, the Witch, and The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

**Childhood memory:** hiking through the woods with my grandpa and my cousins

## Favorites



### Jill

**Color:** blue

**Food:** chicken fried rice

**Season:** autumn

**Holiday:** Christmas

**Sport:** hockey

**Ice Cream Flavor:** coffee

**TV show:** Scrubs

**Zoo Animal:** giraffe

**Childhood Book:** From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Koningsburg

**Childhood Memory:** playing school with my friends

# Jason written by Jill

Jason is the most generous person I have ever met and is a tremendously hard worker. He cuts his grandmother's lawn, gives his time freely to tutor students after school and takes care of more than his fair share of chores at home. He is always helping someone out and is just a truly decent, good man that I feel so lucky to call my husband. I can count on him without fail to be there for me and support me in any way that he can, no matter what is going on. He is the very definition of a loving partner. There is no doubt in my mind that he will bring the same love, dedication and caring attitude to his new role as a father.

Although it's not always apparent when you first meet him, Jason also has a very fun side! He sees the humor in life and is always making friends and family laugh telling funny stories from his classroom or childhood. He has special voices he uses to pretend he is one of our pets and always knows the right moment to use them and say something silly when I'm getting stressed out. He has a big heart and loves to play with our little cousins and friends' children. Jason also knows just exactly how to get a third-grader to crack up and is an excellent teacher, as his students and state scores can attest. I've been lucky enough to join his class for some holiday parties, and it's wonderful to see how much fun his class is always having. He is going to be such a great dad.



# Jill written by Jason

I spent most of my adult life waiting for a special partner and a best friend to spend my life with. I began to think that I would never find anyone, but then God blessed me beyond my wildest dreams by bringing Jill into my life. Jill and I did not know each other very long before I proposed, because I knew right away that she was the person I would spend the rest of my life with. It sounds cliché, but Jill is not just my wife, she is my best friend. She makes the bad times more bearable and she makes all of the good times better. Jill is one of the smartest people I have ever known. She challenges me to keep an open mind and has helped me to stretch to learn new things and to see the world in a different light.

Jill is empathetic. She is able to put herself into another's shoes and imagine their circumstances. Jill's empathy makes her very compassionate. She has a genuine concern not just for her family and friends but also for her patients. There are not very many doctors who sincerely care about their patients' well-being, physically, mentally, and spiritually, the way that Jill does. Jill has made every day of my life better from the moment that I met her. As a wife she makes me want to be a better person and helps me to that end. Jill is a committed doctor, a genuine friend, and a devoted wife, and I know that she will be a great mother.

# Our home



Last year we were blessed to be able to build a new house with a huge backyard and hope to make this our forever home. Slowly but surely we are organizing our things and adding our personal decorative touches to our home to make it truly reflect our warm personalities. We are both big homebodies and love the bright communal spaces in our house where everyone can relax and hang out together.

We live on a quiet cul-de-sac in the country and have wonderful neighbors with lots of children of all ages often playing outside together. Our extended families both live within an hour drive, so we are able to host them frequently! We pray that our home is a place where everyone feels welcome and comfortable, and we want it to be lived in and enjoyed.

Despite our rural environment, we are very close to all the stores and shops we could ever need. We live near excellent public and private schools and are very lucky to have a dedicated pediatric emergency room under 20 minutes from our home. There are some beautiful parks nearby as well.

We have a gentle and lovable white Labrador named Maggie and two curious Maine coon cats, Margo and Bayliss. We also have a guinea pig named Steve, who lives in Jason's classroom during the school year.



# Our family and friends

We truly feel blessed with the best family and friends that anyone could ever ask for!

Both of us have large extended families with cousins and second cousins that we see regularly, often with no special occasion needed. Thanksgiving dinner on either side has a minimum of 35 people! Our families are fairly similar - loud, fun-loving and supportive. Everyone shows up to younger cousins' sporting events or pitches in to help with parties. We have so many people we can rely on at a moment's notice if we need help in any way. Our families were able to get to know each other fairly well during all the wedding festivities and really enjoy each other's company as well. Both sides are very excited about our plans to adopt a child!

Jason has a great group of friends from high school who have embraced Jill as one of the gang. We always have a good time when we all get together, and the number of little ones in our midst continues to grow! Jason is also very close to his older cousin James and regularly plays cards with their group of friends.

Jill's extended family goes on a beach vacation every summer; 19 people stay in one giant house together, and everyone is excited that soon there might be one more! Because Jill grew up in Maryland and went to college in New Hampshire, many of Jill's closest friends are dispersed across the country. Fortunately she has been able to keep in touch with them, frequently making trips to see them or hosting them at her house.



Jill's family celebrating Christmas



Crafts in Sunday School



Holding our friends newborn



Jill and her cousins being silly



Jill and her maid of honor and goddaughter



Jill and her cousins at the beach



Jason and the counselors at summer camp



Jason's sister's graduation



Jason and cousin Ephraim



Maggie playing with the cousins



Playing outside with our younger cousins



Jason and his brother Jared

