Jim and Sarah

A Message for You

Warmest Greetings~

We graciously welcome you to peer into the window of the life that we have built together. In the forthcoming pages, we hope that we will illustrate a home and family that you believe could nourish the life of your child.

We have both been dreaming about the possibility of being parents for as long as we can each remember. When our relationship was just blossoming, we talked for hours about raising a child together and the joys of seeing the world through the eyes of a little, precious life. There was never a question about whether or not we wanted to be parents one day. We have always been ready to welcome a child into our hearts and home by any means, adoption or biologically. Now that we have learned that conceiving a child will require medical treatments, we are over the moon with excitement in following the path to adoption.

Our careers grant us the opportunity for an exceptional work-life balance. Our financial security allows us the possibility of Sarah staying home to raise a child in lieu of going to daycare. Jim's flexible work schedule will allow him to drive carpool to school and help with science projects in the evenings. We both look forward to being scout leaders, PTA members and dedicated spectators at any activity that our child wishes to participate.

So as you plan for your future, and we embark on our journey to be loving parents, perhaps our paths will cross. Should our endeavors lead us in other directions, we respectfully extend our kindest thoughts in hopes that our destinations are mutually rewarding.

Respectfully~

Sarah & Jim

Our Story

Our fairytale reads like a big screen romance, but instead would have been called, "When Dozer Met Foxy" and would have included much more fur! You see, Jim's dog, Dozer, and Sarah's dog, Foxy, took quite a liking to each other at the local dog park. Their rambunctious playing and napping under the oak tree led to our serendipitous encounter that changed our lives forever.

After developing a lasting friendship, we fell in love and eventually married. Today, we maintain a loving and nurturing home full of laughter, support and respect for one another. We pride ourselves on being honest, non-judgmental people and we will raise a child with the same values. Our commitment to one another is unbreakable, and we are beyond excited to follow the path that we have chosen to bring a child into our hearts.

Meeting friends for the evening.

Collectively, we love nature, the outdoors, gardening and the ocean. We enjoy volunteering, listening to most genres of music, cooking and completing projects around our home. We appreciate art and experiencing other cultures through travel, food and camaraderie. Our most treasured memories involve the simple times when we just enjoy making one another laugh, or surprising the other with a practical joke. While we certainly try to live life to the fullest extent, it's really these simple times at home that have a special place in our hearts.

We hope that we can illustrate a home, life and foundation that you believe is worthy of your child. We want you to know that we are ready for dirty diapers, warm milk and back rubs following a nightmare, report cards, first crushes, slumber parties and campouts in the backyard!

About Jim • by Sarah

Jim is the epitome of a well-rounded man. Aside from his teddy bear exterior, he is a compassionate guy with a love for all things living. He is sensitive and nurturing, having rescued many injured animals by taking them to safety and procuring medical treatment. He is skilled and talented, having been nationally recognized for his designs and customized woodwork. He shows his tenderness and determination when planting his gardens and growing his prized Dahlias. He is knowledgeable and respectful of nature, leading informational hikes for children through his volunteering.

Jim is a wonderful parent to our "fur babies" by brushing the bunnies, playing fetch with the dogs or cuddling the cat. He has been referred to as "the baby whisperer" on multiple occasions as he has an uncanny ability to get a fussy baby to fall asleep on his chest. He is resourceful and has an impressive ability to fix and build anything, including several pieces of our furniture, and a future tree house for our little one. He is tremendously funny and can make me laugh until my sides hurt.

Jim is supportive and loving and is always my rock to lean on. He is loyal and trustworthy, having never broken a promise or commitment. He is there to nurse me to health when I'm sick, and to take me for ice cream when I'm having a rough day. While he is not the guy to buy flowers, he is the guy to carefully plant, grow, nurture and arrange a beautiful bouquet of flowers with his own hands to remind me how much our marriage means to him. I acknowledge every day how lucky I am to have found him.

About Sarah • by Jim

Sarah…My wife, my best friend and my partner in life. She is truly my better half, my rock and the balance to my equation.

When I first met Sarah, I had an instant attraction to her personality and sense of humor. Her passion for animals is like no other. Her attention to detail and ability to remember everyone's birthday is astonishing. Not only is she my rock, but she is also a great friend and a voice of reason to many.

Sarah's commitment to our future child is amazing with her endless hours of research and learning about the absolute best ways to raise a child. Similarly, her love for our pets is evident by never missing a check-up at the vet, and by always having fresh vegetables to feed to the bunnies.

She truly picks up where I leave off, and remains my perfect balance. I can't wait for the day that I'm a father, but even more so, I want to see her as a mother. I want to observe her loving touch and the look in her eyes while she is caring for our child. The tears in my eyes as I write this leaves no question that she is my girl and the loving mother to our future child.

There's No Place Like Home

We live in a darling three bedroom home with a fenced in yard, many gardens and hundreds of flowers. We live across the street from a park that has tennis and basketball courts, a baseball field, playground equipment and a picnic pavilion. We live within walking distance to both public and private schools, and are just a short drive to several shopping areas, two well-regarded libraries, three community swimming pools and a park system that offers bike paths, horseback riding, hiking and wildlife centers. Additionally, we live in close proximity to beaches for swimming and boating marinas.

Our darling home spruced up for spring.

We are fortunate to have access to several museums, cultural districts and a vibrant restaurant scene. When we are not taking advantage of everything that our community has to offer, we are spending time with our beautiful kitty, two affectionate dogs and three lop-eared bunnies. Kids in the neighborhood come over to play with the dogs and hold the cuddly bunnies.

Dewey and Herman going for ice cream.

Bree wondering why she didn't get ice cream.

We enjoy gathering around the fire pit in the evenings and looking up at the stars. We like grilling in the summers, having picnics in the yard and simply just enjoying the comfort of the home that we have built together.

The most special place in our home is the nursery that we have created in anticipation of our future blessing. This baby already has an entire closet full of new clothes, a wall full of books, the softest blankets to snuggle with, an abundance of educational activities and the cutest wooden toys. In a few years down the road, we are prepared with a red wagon and a tricycle!

We are ecstatic about starting new traditions with our baby. We can't wait to allow our home to serve as the setting when our child becomes the "official cookie tester" at Christmas, the "champion egg finder" on Easter egg hunts and the "special flower picker" in daddy's gardens.

Sherlock waiting for a carrot.

Jim's prize-winning dahlias take center stage in one of his gardens.

Our Love and Support

We are blessed with a solid foundation of family and friends. Having a safety net of loved ones is a gift never taken for granted. The baby that we are bestowed will be warmly welcomed by an extended loving family and a network of supportive family friends of various backgrounds.

We are tremendously close with our families. From family dinners to large holiday gatherings, this little one will certainly not be deprived of family, love, tradition or gifts. The grandparents have already begun the preparation of spoiling their first and only grandchild!

Jim's family lives within close proximity to our home, and his mother, Nancy, is eagerly awaiting her chance to babysit. She has had a long, rewarding career helping animals at her animal emergency clinic.

Sarah's family lives slightly farther away, but we are fortunate to visit with them often. When Sarah's mother, Dona, isn't expressing her love for nursery rhymes, she's trying on grandmother nicknames for size. She worked as a teacher educating thousands of children over her 30 year career. Sarah's father, David, is beyond ready for his chance to build blocks on the floor or give piggyback rides. He is a decorated Marine Corps veteran who later became a business man and Sarah's favorite softball coach.

We have the very best group of friends that a guy and gal could ask for. With some of these friendships lasting decades, the bonds and loyalty are unbreakable. We frequently enjoy cookouts, toasting marshmallows, highly excitable game nights and dozens of other casual gatherings throughout the year. We have thrown birthday parties for one another, in addition to wedding and baby showers. We are also fortunate to be extremely close to our friends' children and babysit for them as often as possible.

Our family and friends have been amazingly supportive since we announced our intention to expand our family through adoption. We were presented with smiles, hugs and tears of joy when we shared our big news. We are so lucky that our closest friends are also embarking on the journey of adoption at the very same time, and our children will be raised as the greatest of friends.

Not sisters, but great friends!!

The "Baby Whisperer" at work.

Jim surrounded by Sarah's lovely girlfriends.

Dinner and games with friends.

Sarah's wonderful mother, Dona.

Future grandmothers, Dona and Nancy.

Girl's night out.

Friends for over two decades.

Jim and his fantastic father-in-law, David.

Jim and his loving mother, Nancy, out to breakfast

Sarah's supportive family.

Natalie loves her "Uncle" Jim

Looking at flowers with our little buddy.

The whole gang celebrating a friend's wedding.

Fun Favorites

	Sarah	Jim
Beloved Childhood Book	"The Tale of Peter Rabbit"	"Where the Wild Things Are"
Most Admired Flowers	Snapdragons and Daisies	Dahlias and Lily of the Valley
Favorite Candy	Reese's Peanut Butter Eggs	Reese's Peanut Butter Trees
Biggest Pet Peeve	Lying	Lying
A Perfect Weekend Morning Includes…..	Breakfast, sunshine and the outdoors	Coffee, dogs and television
Favorite Children's Program	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	Reading Rainbow
Quote To Live By	*"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."* ~Mahatma Gandhi	*"Look deep into nature and then you you will understand everything better."* ~Albert Einstein
Disliked Household Chore	Vacuuming	Vacuuming
Sound That Is Loved	Ocean waves crashing on the beach	Birds…talking, singing and squawking
What Is Missed Most From Childhood	Having the energy to run and play from dawn until dusk	No bills!
How We Spend Monday though Friday	Works in insurance underwriting	Designs and builds customized spiral staircases, ornate driveway gates and high-end furniture

We Give You Our Word~

- We will work as hard as possible to assure that this child attains their dreams
- They will be the center of our world from the moment that we hold them, and in many ways, they already are
- He or she will have access to wonderful education, constant encouragement and unconditional love and support
- We will be the most loving parents, providing as much as this world has to offer. From trips to the ocean, to afternoons at the museum, outings to the ballgame and hikes in the woods, this child will have a well-rounded life by experiencing all that we can provide
- They will learn respect and love while showing compassion for all living things
- We will be present every step of the way, for example, life's challenges of a runny nose, a tummy ache, a teenager with a broken heart and everything in between. We will stand strong as the rock for which he or she can lean
- We will forever be thankful for this most precious gift. Should you be the one that grants us this gift, our appreciation will be never ending…
- If at any time this child has unresolved feelings about the fact that they were adopted, we will lovingly remind them that out of all the babies in all of the world, they were the one that we chose to parent. We will tell the story of the sacrifice that you made, and how our paths perfectly crossed to provide them with a wonderful life.

Jim volunteering as a nature guide for kids.

Sarah enjoying some "baby time".

Enjoying the sunshine on vacation.

Adoptions take time, but love comes instantly.....