Brian and Elizabeth

An exciting journey has begun with a prayer for guidance, a little hope and wishing along the way and a dream of what is on the horizon…

A letter from us...

Hello. We would like to introduce ourselves. We are Brian and Elizabeth, and we are honored that you are taking the time to review our profile. We hope that our words and pictures will give you a glimpse into our lives. We cannot begin to understand the difficult decision that lies ahead of you. However, we do know that your selflessness reflects a great love for your child and concern for their well-being.

Nine years ago, we met at a social event. We started a great friendship that has blossomed into a wonderful marriage. We just celebrated six happy years together as a married couple in June. We have the same core values and beliefs. This is what has been key to the longevity and strength of our marriage. We both pride ourselves on a good work ethic, determination and a strong faith in God. These are values that we will like to impart to our future child.

Growing up, our parents always prioritized school work and encouraged ambition. We were both fortunate to have the opportunity to further our education. Although it took a lot of time and dedication, we have accomplished much in our careers. Elizabeth has a rewarding career as a pharmacist, and Brian is a college professor and chairperson of the math department. Seeing the benefits that our education has brought, we will always put education as a priority in our household. We want our child to understand that they can achieve anything that they put their mind to. We will support their dreams and guide them to be the best they can be.

Faith is important in our relationship and home. It has always been said that the family that prays together stays together. That definitely rings true for us. We have built our home on love and compassion, and we look forward to bringing a child into our family. However, we have yet to be blessed with a child. Therefore, in faith, we turned to God for direction and prayed for his will. After much prayer and thought, we feel that we have been chosen to travel down the path of adoption. We are somewhat familiar with the adoption process, since Brian's cousin was adopted as an infant. Through her adoption, we have seen much joy come to our family. Therefore, we are excited to begin this adventure and hope that your child will become a part of our life's journey. Even if we are not chosen, we wish only the best for you and your child.

Sincerely,

Brian and Elizabeth

Welcome to our story....

We met at a social event for young professionals in August 2007. A few weeks later, we started dating. In March 2009, Brian proposed over a romantic dinner, and in June 2010, we were married. We have developed a wonderful relationship, and we still consider each other our best friend. We feel it is important to have quality time together. Therefore, we have a weekly date night even if it is just dinner and a movie. Some of our favorite memories together have been vacations to beach resorts and travelling to see Brian's family. Since Brian is a diehard baseball fan, we love to cheer on his team. In the fall, Brian shares Elizabeth's enthusiasm for college football and roots for her alma mater. At the end of a long day at work, we love to play Frisbee and fetch with our two dogs. Buster is a five year old Welsh terrier, and Teenie is an almost 2 year old yorkie Maltese mix. Both dogs are friendly, playful, love to be around people and are gentle with small children. Above all, the most important parts of our relationship are love, good communication, a great sense of humor, honesty and enjoying each other's company.

Elizabeth has been a pharmacist for 11 years. She loves to be a part of the community and volunteers for charities. She is also involved in her church and has helped planned many events for her Bible study group. Fitness is important to Elizabeth. Therefore, she enjoys Zumba, yoga and going to the gym with Brian. Elizabeth likes to enrich her creative side by participating in paint nights and going to musicals and plays. Brian has shaped young minds through education for 17 years. He is a professor and now acts as chairperson of the math department at a local college. Throughout his career, Brian has taught at the middle, high school, and college levels. Like Elizabeth, faith and church activities are very important to Brian. Brian also enjoys fitness activities such as weight training, swimming, and running. Mostly, Brian enjoys spending time with his best friend and soulmate, Elizabeth.

Our dreams for our family....

Family dinners around the dining room table

Board games and movie nights

Tea parties or backyard camp outs

Family picnics in the park

Road trips as a family and visits to the beach

Dance recitals or little league games

Wood playhouse or tree house handmade by grandpa

Decorating cookies with grandma

Cookies and milk for Santa, with stockings hanging on the fireplace Above all: Love, faith, and fun!

Brian,

my best friend and husband...

Brian has so many wonderful qualities. There are not enough words to describe my love for him, and my love has grown stronger over the years. What makes me love Brian the most is his determination and work ethic, his faith in God and his compassion. It is these same characteristics that will someday make him a great father. Brian strives to achieve his goals. He endured an intense 5 year doctoral program to earn his PhD of educational leadership. Not only does he aim to fulfill his dreams, he is also supportive of my endeavors. Education is of upmost importance to him. Therefore, he will help to ensure that our child has every opportunity to have a good education. Brian and I come from similar backgrounds and have the same values. We both have a strong faith in God and always make a point of going to church and praying together. Brian helps me to grow stronger in my faith. As a father, he will impart the importance of religion to our child. He always takes the time to listen to my concerns, and he knows how to put a smile on my face. He goes above and beyond to help somebody in need. With his love for family and compassion, he will serve as a great role model for our future child.

Elizabeth,

my best friend and soulmate...

I met Elizabeth in 2007, and I immediately knew she was special, and I felt an instant connection with her. To be honest, I knew that on our fourth date that I wanted to marry her one day. Elizabeth is a special woman. She is truly the kindest and most thoughtful person I have ever met. Elizabeth goes out of her way to be compassionate to everyone. She can endure a terrible day and still be cheerful and friendly to everyone she meets. In fact, I feel as though I have become a kinder and more compassionate person simply by being married to Elizabeth. On top of being a very delightful person, Elizabeth is also one of the smartest and most ambitious people I have ever met. After graduating from college, Elizabeth had the goal of going to school to become a pharmacist. She spent two years working, to gain experience, and taking additional classes that would help her in her studies. Elizabeth then earned her PharmD degree and her license. What is even more impressive is that she has refused to rest on her laurels. While working full-time as a pharmacist, she took it on herself to study to become a board certified ambulatory care pharmacist. Most of all, Elizabeth is very family oriented. She is close with her family and is always looking out for their best interests. Elizabeth is gentle and caring with young children. In fact, when I see her with young children, I yearn for her to become a mother. Oftentimes, when someone becomes a parent for the first time, we hear "He/she will learn to become a great parent." The reality is that my wife, Elizabeth, does not need to learn. I know she will immediately be the best mother ever.

We are family....

Brian's family gathered before our wedding rehearsal

Brian's family celebrating at his parents' 40th wedding anniversary barbeque and party

Brian's parents took Brian, Elizabeth, and Elizabeth's parents to see Christmas decorations at a nearby ski resort

Brian's parents enjoying Elizabeth parents' porch swing

Elizabeth has been blessed with a loving family which includes her parents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Additionally, she has close friends which feel like family. We are fortunate to live within a half hour from all of Elizabeth's family and friends. Therefore, we get to make memories together. Her family enjoys having cookouts to celebrate milestones such as anniversaries, birthdays, retirements and graduations. At the cookouts, there is always a friendly game of corn hole and a balloon dart game. Elizabeth has fond memories of spending summers on her grandparents' farm and taking road trips with her family. As an adult, she still enjoys one day trips and extended weekend vacations with her family. Some of their favorite places to visit are historical sites and unique museums. Holidays are an important time for her family especially Christmas. At Christmas, an aunt and uncle host a wonderful dinner and gift exchange. Like Elizabeth, Brian has also been blessed with a wonderful and loving family. He was born to two magnificent people who gave him a great childhood. He also have several aunts, uncles, and cousins. In fact, one aspect that made his childhood so great was the fact that he got to spend so much time with family. Some of his favorite childhood memories are family barbeques as well as Christmas and other holiday parties. As time has progressed, Brian's family has become more geographically fragmented with various members moving to different parts of the country. However, we have done our best to stay in touch with members of his family. We always look forward to family reunions. In recent years, Brian has also become very close with Elizabeth's relatives. In fact, they have truly become his own family. As you can see, our families have a lot of fun and love to offer. They are right beside us on our journey to adopt and are excited to welcome a new member.

Brian showing off his grilling skills to Elizabeth's uncle

Elizabeth chatting with a close family friend at her aunt and uncle's Christmas dinner.

Brian dancing with his aunt at a family graduation party

Elizabeth and her uncle enjoying dinner at a family celebration

Welcome to our house

We live in a two story brick colonial house with a finished basement. The house has four bedrooms, a full size kitchen, a living room, and a small sitting room. There are two full bathrooms and two half bathrooms. The house provides enough room for a child to grow and has great potential for a playroom. We love to host Thanksgiving dinners in our formal dining room, and we enjoy ringing in the New Year with Elizabeth's family in our finished basement. The finished basement contains a small sitting area, an open floor plan, a laundry room, and a half bathroom. The house has a very nice fenced-in backyard along with a small front yard. We have used our spacious back yard for family cookouts and harvest parties.

We live on a dead end street in a residential neighborhood. Our street ends in a lovely wooded park with a small walking trail that leads to the playground of an elementary school. Although we live in a quiet neighborhood, we have access to two major streets. There is a major grocery store within two miles and a convenience store within a mile. There is also a fully functional hospital within a mile. We are fifteen minutes away from our local church, our gym, an outdoor mall, and many restaurants and movie theaters.

Some of our favorite things....

	Elizabeth	**Brian**
Favorite Food	Mexican	Hamburger and French Fries
Favorite color	blue	blue
Favorite dessert	brownies	Ice cream cake
Favorite vacation	anywhere near the ocean	Beach by the ocean
Favorite childhood memory	summers on my grandparents' farm/ road trips	Summers with my grandparents/ going to the pool with my father/ family gatherings
Favorite childhood character	Curious George	Heathcliff the Cat
Favorite sport	college football	Major League Baseball
Favorite holiday	Christmas	Christmas
Favorite season	Summer	Summer
Ways to relax	Painting ocean scenes Yoga, movies	Weight training, swimming, watching baseball