Chuck and Corey

Dear Birthparent,

Hello and thank you for choosing to read our profile. We are grateful you've given us the chance to share a little bit of who we are with you. We want everything that happens in this process to be respectful of you. Please know that our greatest desire is to raise this child with love, understanding, and respect for self and others.

Let us tell you a little about ourselves. We met 10 years ago. At the time, we lived 100 miles apart, so on Saturdays we took turns traveling and spending the day in each other's city. After about a year of this (and lots of worn out tires and too much gas), Chuck popped the question and Corey said yes. We've been married for 8 years now. Chuck is a pilot and can live wherever he wants to, but Corey is an editor for a science publisher in her city, so it made sense for Chuck to move.

We were both raised in loving families and wanted to have children of our own, but we quickly discovered that Corey was going to have trouble conceiving a child. After some medical help, Corey gave birth to our son, who has been an incredible blessing to us. We both enjoy being parents so much and would like to have more children, but Corey is unable to have any more. We don't feel that our family is complete yet, so after several months of soul searching and praying, we decided that we wanted to adopt a child.

Our family and friends were very happy to learn that we were interested in adoption. We have close friends who adopted a little boy 2 years ago, and he is growing and thriving in their home. They have been wonderful to answer our questions and share with us their own experiences, joys, and challenges with their son's adoption.

Thank you so much for letting us share a little bit of who we are with you. We look forward to welcoming a child of any ethnic background into our lives and celebrating and cherishing all of the things that make this child unique.

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Getting to know us:

	CHUCK	COREY
Favorite type of food	Mexican	seafood, Chinese
Favorite color	red	red
Favorite ice cream flavor	cookie dough	mint chocolate chip
Mountains or beach?	mountains (Rockies)	mountains (Smokeys)
Education	B.A. history	Ph.D. chemistry
Occupation	pilot	journal editor
Favorite type of exercise	self-defense (Krav Maga)	walking, hiking
Season	fall	fall
Book	Wild at Heart	Pride and Prejudice
Movie	Gladiator	Raiders of the Lost Ark
Children's movie	Shrek	Beauty and the Beast
Children's book	The Hardy Boys	The Velveteen Rabbit
Favorite free time activity	going to the bookstore	going to the (plant) nursery

Chuck and Corey on a gondola ride in Venice

About Us

We are a happy family of six: Chuck, Corey, and son plus a big brown-and-white dog named Dixie and two kitties named KT and Lily. Corey enjoys gardening and is happiest when she can be outside with her hands in the dirt. She is teaching our son about plants and tries to get him to help her tend her flowers as much as possible. Next year, the two of them will design and plant a special garden just for him. Corey also likes to cook, mostly on the weekends when she has time to make something special and healthy, and we have family dinner together every night. Corey has designated Sunday dinner as "junk food Sunday night", which we reserve for things that are probably not the healthiest but completely delicious: nachos, pizza, chips and dip, gooey cookies, ice cream—you get the picture! Sometimes you just have to cut loose and have fun, and we have a lot of fun coming up with new things to try!

Speaking of Sundays, we go to church every Sunday morning as a family. After we were married, we found a church that we both enjoyed, and we've been members there for about 7 years now. Our son goes to his preschool class and often comes home singing songs and sharing Bible stories with us. We attend a large worship service and then a small-group Bible study class, where we've made some good friends. Chuck, in particular, has connected with a couple of the guys in our class who enjoy the outdoors like he does.

Chuck is an outdoorsman who enjoys taking our dog Dixie to the field to train her and let her run. And when he's not training Dixie or working around the house, he exercises with a Krav Maga group, which combines light martial arts training with fitness. On his days off, he enjoys cooking and often has dinner ready for Corey and their son when they get home from work and preschool. Chuck is a very hands-on dad who reserves at least one weekday a month to keep our son home from preschool so that they can have "boys' day". Mom goes to work, and the boys enjoy a quick visit to Krispy Kreme and then usually the zoo or the playground and lunch.

On the weekends, when we're all home, we stick together. We've been tempted to divide up our chores and go our separate ways for a few hours to get things done, but in the end we usually talk ourselves out of this and somehow get everything done together: chores, errands, meals, and the like. We like to work hard for a while and then go have fun, whether that is a trip to the park or the playground or a bite to eat at a local restaurant.

Our son is getting old enough to start some of his own activities, so in the near future our free time will probably be geared toward tee ball and swimming lessons and birthday parties. And that's just fine with us. We love each other, and we enjoy spending time together.

About Chuck
written by Corey

Chuck is a big teddy bear of a man who loves his family and friends. He is easy-going and quick with a smile, a hug, and a really corny joke! My dad says that Chuck is the calmest person he has ever met, and I have found that to be true. Even when we were dating, he approached our relationship seriously, with persistence and a determination not to play games and to treat me with respect in every aspect of our relationship. Although we are nothing alike in personality, we often say the same thing at the same time, which is just further proof that the values we possess individually are also values we have in common. Chuck is my rock; he often tells me he has two big shoulders, two listening ears, and no waiting. If I have a bad day at work or my feelings are bruised about something, he picks up on it and usually initiates a talk-it-out session. He is a kind husband and father. He is intuitive about people without being pushy, loving without being smothering, and strong with the utmost control. To paraphrase a line from a movie, he is the man I never knew I always wanted, and I love him more every day I know him.

About Corey
written by Chuck

Corey is a wonderful wife and mother. As a wife, to use a cliché, she is my best friend. I enjoy being able to spend time with her and being able to talk with her. While we have different personalities, she is a very good complement to me. Our strengths and weaknesses are such that we fit together well and can pick each other up. She is very intelligent, hardworking, and responsible. I am often amazed at how well she takes care of all the things around the house while also working outside of the home. What amazes me the most is how much she loves me and our son. I never have a doubt about her love for either of us.

As a mother, she loves unconditionally. I always enjoy watching her interact with our son. The joy they have in each other brings me joy as I watch them together. Her love for him goes to the point that she will do what is necessary for his physical, emotional, and spiritual health and well-being.

She is a wonderful wife and mother that both our son and I love very much.

Our Family and Friends

We have a preschool-age son who is very sweet and full of life. He is a compassionate and empathetic little boy who loves to help around the house, whether that involves yard work or cooking, and he is very excited by the prospect of being a big brother. We also share our home with a dog named Dixie, who is a pointer and loves to run outside, and two cats named Lily and KT, who lie around the house doing nothing, unless of course they are chasing each other.

Corey's father and Chuck's mother live out of state, and we see both of them a few times a year. (Chuck's father passed away about 25 years ago, and Corey's mother died last December.) We have a longstanding, tightknit group of friends in town that we see often and are very close to. One of these friends is particularly close to us and has spent a lot of time with our son, and we spend most of our holidays with her and her family because our own families are so far away. We really enjoy their company, and they have made us feel very loved and welcome in their home. We also consider our church family to be part of our family, especially our Sunday school teachers and some of the other members of our class. We know that if we ever need their help, they will give it quickly and lovingly.

Corey grew up as an only child in a loving Christian home. She always wanted a sister, but her own parents were unable to have more children. Chuck grew up in a loving Christian home as well, and he had one older brother that he was very close to. We would like our son to have the kind of relationship with a brother or sister that Chuck had with his brother.

We are very excited by the prospect of welcoming another child into our home to love and raise to be a mature, responsible, happy young man or woman, to be a person who respects himself/herself and others and fulfills the potential that God has given him or her.

Us with a good friend

Christmas with friends

Corey with childhood friends

Chuck and Corey with Chuck's grandmother

Corey's parents

Chuck's mother with our son

Our Home

We have a four bedroom, two bathroom ranch-style house out in the country, tucked away into almost 3 acres of forest. We used to live in the city, but we were concerned about the violence creeping into our older neighborhood. So after we had our son, we started thinking about moving out of the city to give him a better life. About a year ago, we found a piece of land and built a modest but comfortable house that we intend to stay in forever. We are in the process of finishing the house and yard, with many projects planned for the future: painting, patio, and finishing the basement to name a few.

We are far enough from town to enjoy a quiet country life but not so far away as to be isolated. We love to watch the deer walk through the woods in our back yard---we've seen 6 at a time and the last group we saw had a fawn with spots!

Right down the road are fields of tall corn and soybeans, a horse farm, a fishing pond, a little golf course, and a large reservoir with sailboats and fishing boats. Farmers driving wide combines creep down the road in front of our house in the spring and fall, during planting and harvesting times. We watch the sun come up over the fields in the morning as we make our way into town, and we keep watch over the crops in the summer, enjoying how quickly they grow tall and green and ready for the harvest. We talk about these things with our son and explain to him that God made them all: the seasons, the crops, and the sunrise.

We are enjoying turning our house into our home and teaching our son what it means to work hard and appreciate the things he has. We couldn't be happier with our decision to live in the country and enjoy a slower pace of life.

Corey holding our dog as a puppy

Our cats

Enjoying a beautiful day outdoors

Chuck with the kittens

Fun Facts About Us:

Chuck and Corey on a trip to Niagra Falls.

- **Corey** grew up in the South, and Chuck is from the Midwest. Sometimes, Corey uses expressions that Chuck has never heard, especially when she's tired. Chuck takes great joy in teasing Corey about her "Southernisms".
- **Chuck** can fix or build just about anything. When our son is older, Chuck is planning for the two of them to restore a car for our son to drive.
- **We** plan to get another dog in the next couple of years. We are going to let our son pick out and name the puppy, and it will be his dog to help train and take care of.
- In the spring, **Corey and son** are going to design and plant a vegetable/ flower garden together.
- **Corey** and her parents lived through quite a few hurricanes on the Gulf Coast. Her Dad used to bring home "hurricane food" (powdered sugar doughnuts and Fritos), and they would all watch the storm roll in together.
- **Chuck** has travelled to almost every state in the union and a lot of islands in the Caribbean with his job.
- **Corey** has hiked parts of the Appalachian Trail in 3 states.
- **Chuck and Corey's** most memorable vacation together was to Venice, followed by a cruise to Greece.
- **Corey** is an only child and so is her Dad.
- **Chuck** grew up with an older brother.