Sean & Julie

Dear Expectant Parent,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to tell you about ourselves and for taking a peek into our lives through our profile. We hope to give you an idea of what it is like to be a part of our home and family. It's a fun place to be!

We are excited to be growing our family through adoption. We have talked about becoming parents since the very beginning of our relationship, so starting the adoption process seemed like a natural decision. It just felt right, like it was meant to be for us.

Both of us love what we do for a living. Sean works as a firefighter and paramedic, and Julie is a nurse. Clearly we love helping and taking care of people! Our jobs provide us with stable income, flexible schedules that will be great for raising a child, and a sense of fulfillment that we are making a difference through our work.

Our time at home is full of laughter, music, and love. We can't wait to share our lives with a child. There will be weekend movie nights, snuggled together on the couch with popcorn. We will pass on our love for cooking together. Art projects will be made on the dining room table and later hung on the refrigerator. Little hands will help us plant flowers and vegetables in the garden. We will take hikes in the parks to teach the little one about the beauty of nature. We will use sports as positive outlets for energy and to promote teamwork. Our dogs will help teach unconditional love, patience, and respect for animals.

We believe that all children are beautiful and we will welcome a child of any background, race, or culture into our home. We will incorporate new traditions into our family and teach the child to value and respect different cultures. We will also be sure to provide the child with positive role models from different backgrounds.

As you look through the next few pages, we hope you can learn more about us as a couple along with our families. Thank you for considering us as you make your adoption plans! With Love,

Sean and Julie

About us

Many people don't believe in love at first sight, but that's truly what it was for us. Our first date started off by just meeting for an appetizer in the afternoon and then we went to the lake to see the tall ships that were in town. We seemed to click with one another so we went to a restaurant for dinner and the next thing we knew, it was 9:00 at night and we had spent 6 hours together.

Since that first date things have stayed just that same way for us. We love to spend time together, whether we're cheering at a baseball game or simply running errands. We work well as a team and our lives have been enriched by one another.

We got married in 2015 and had a pig roast to celebrate our marriage with our family and friends. It was such a fun way to start our lives together! Now we're enjoying this adoption journey together, ready to open our hearts to a baby to join in the fun.

Sean
by Julie

Sean is a huge sports fan. If one of our local sports teams is playing, you can bet that he has it on either TV or the radio. I love how enthusiastic he is when a game is on.

What I love most about Sean is his ability to make me laugh. He is strong, yet gentle. When we get together with our niece and nephew, there is constant laughter from both of them as well as from Sean. They love their uncle!

Sean likes to stay busy, and on his days off he is usually either working on a project in the house or doing yard work. He also loves to cook, and every meal he makes is delicious!

Julie
by Sean

Julie loves nature and animals, especially our dogs. She spends a lot of her free either training them or taking them for a hike in one of the local parks. She is patient and loving toward them, which I know is how she will be when we have a child. I think if she was not a nurse she would probably be a dog trainer or veterinarian!

Julie is also very active and has been doing CrossFit for about three years now. She has even been in a few Cross-Fit competitions.

The thing I love most about Julie is her dedication and love of family. When our families get together, she wants everyone to feel welcome and cared for. She loves playing games and reading books with our niece and nephew.

Our Home

Our home is cozy, comfortable, and warm. It is a split level home with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and plenty of room to build blocks and play games. It will be a safe place for a child to learn and grow.

Our backyard is large and fenced, perfect for running, playing catch, and getting fresh air. We have a vegetable garden and also a butterfly garden, full of flowers that attract all different types of butterflies. We can't wait to teach a child how to plant vegetables, watch them grow, and then pick them to cook in the kitchen.

We live in a culturally diverse and quiet neighborhood, perfect for taking walks and riding bikes. The local elementary, middle, and high schools are all right behind our house. They are all within walking distance. There is a big library just about a mile away with a beautiful park right across the street from it. We love the location of our home!

Our Pets

We have 2 dogs, Oliver and Sadie. Oliver is 5 years old and Sadie is 3 years old. Both are rescues from our local shelter. We couldn't have asked for more perfect dogs. They both fit into our family so well. Oliver likes to be wherever his people are, rarely leaving our sides. He is a big, mellow boy. Sadie loves to play in the backyard. She would play fetch all day long if we let her! Both dogs enjoy long hikes in the park and walks around the neighborhood. They both love kids and are very well trained.

Favorites:

	Julie	Sean
Color:	Orange	Green
TV show:	The West Wing	The Wonder Years
Holiday:	Thanksgiving	St. Patrick's Day
Food:	Swedish Meatballs	Corned Beef
Vacation:	Disney World	Outer Banks, NC
Sport:	Baseball	Football
Movie:	Top Gun	Last of the Mohicans

Our Family

Beach vacation with Sean's family

We both are the youngest of three children, each of us with two older brothers. We are lucky to still live close to our families. Rarely does a week go by that we don't see at least part of our family.

Sean's oldest brother lives about 10 minutes away with his wife and their son and daughter, ages 6 and 4. We love that we get to see them so frequently and watch them grow. His middle brother lives about 2 hours away with his wife, and they usually come to visit at least monthly. They are hoping to start a family of their own soon, so there will be plenty of cousins to play with at family gatherings!

Sean's mom was a teacher and absolutely adores her grandchildren. She can't wait until we give her another grandchild to love. She likes to play, read, and watch movies with the kids.

Julie's brothers both live about a half hour away with their wives. We love to get together with them and cook dinner, tell stories, and laugh for hours. They will make amazing uncles and aunts.

Julie's parents also live about a half hour away and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild. They are thrilled that we have chosen adoption, and can't wait for a little one to join the family. Julie's mom is excited to get to bake cookies and plant flowers with her grandchild, and Julie's dad wants to share stories and cuddle on the couch to read books.

Sean's aunt is also an important member of the family. Her job is to spoil the children, and she is great at it! She always has some sort of surprise waiting for the kids. She can't wait for one more child to love!

Sean and his brother cheering at the World Series

Julie and her dad grilling a family dinner

Visiting the Wright Brothers Memorial on vacation

Our niece helping Sean take Oliver for a walk

Julie and a friend after a color run

Sean hard at work

Sean with a vintage fire truck

With our niece, who is always looking up to Uncle Sean