Joel and Susan

About Us

We met on a blind date, got married two years later and have been together ever since! We fell in love over pasta dinners, trips to museums and on walks with Joel's dog, Phoebe. We knew we were a perfect match as we discovered our shared love of Italian food, movies and some of our favorite games: Nintendo, Candy Land and Kick the Can. We share the same silly sense of humor and our home is rarely without laughter. We are very best friends. We will make great complimentary parents as Joel is structured and loves routine while Susan enjoys spontaneity and rolls easily with change. Susan plans on being a stay-at-home mom. She is a compassionate caretaker and a patient teacher. She's going to be an amazing mother. Joel will work as an engineer during the day and be home in the evenings for dinner together as a family. He'll be a supportive and steadfast father. One of the things we're both looking forward to is the bedtime routine. We both love books and plan to have story time each night before bed. We want to foster a strong imagination and create a loving bond as a family through the power of the written word. Our child will forever be blanketed in love!

More about Us...

ABOUT JOEL by Susan

Joel is hilarious. He has such a unique sense of humor and makes it his goal to get others to laugh… he's usually successful! It's very rare to see him in a bad mood. Most often he's humming or singing throughout the house as he helps with dishes or laundry. Joel is an active guy. He works full time as a mechanical engineer, serves on our local school board, teaches Sunday school, and loves to run. He enjoys helping me cook, playing cards, or helping me work a puzzle in the evenings.

I'm really excited to see him become a dad because he'll be on the floor helping build Legos or outside playing ball. He'll be very dedicated—whether helping with homework or driving our child to and from after-school activities. Joel will be an excellent role-model as our child grows into a happy and responsible person.

ABOUT SUSAN by Joel

Susan has the most beautiful eyes I have ever seen. She is kind and compassionate—a natural caregiver. Her smile can light up an entire room. She's excited to be a stay-at-home mom and her skills as a Registered Nurse will keep our child safe and healthy. She is an amazing cook and I love coming home to one of her "Susan Originals" as we call them (a recipe she makes up on a whim). She is young at heart… all of our nieces and nephews are drawn to her because she'll always jump in on a game of kickball or tag. I'm really proud of her being voted this year's Up-and-Comer by her roller derby league!

I can picture Susan teaching our child to tie their shoes or how to fly a kite. She'll be there to dry tears and hug away sadness. Our child will learn kindness and generosity because that's who Susan is. She always seems to have more love to give.

Our home

We live in a 2-story farm house on 80 acres of farmland and woods. Buddy, our dog, enjoys chasing and playing with our many barn cats. We have a mulberry tree great for climbing and 2 different tree swings in our large yard. We live down a long lane off of the state route. We love when the fields around our home are planted in corn. As the crops grow our home and yard take on the feel of a quiet and peaceful retreat. We enjoy walking down to the back pasture and woods where no other homes or buildings are visible. It's like having our own private nature preserve right in the back yard!

JOEL STATS

38 years old, American, Christian
5'10; 140 lbs, Brown hair, brown eyed
Caucasian, Mom and Dad still living
Youngest of 7 (1 biological sister, 5 step-siblings)
Married 9 years, No children, Non-smoker
Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering
Hobbies: Obstacle races and politics

SUSAN STATS

35 years old, American, Christian
5'3; 185 lbs., Brown hair, green eyed,
Caucasian
Mom and Dad still living
Youngest of 4 girls, no brothers
Married 9 years. No children, Non-smoker
Bachelor's degree in Registered Nursing
Hobbies: Roller derby and cooking

Our family

Silly Aunt Susan & Uncle Joel

Susan is the youngest of 4 girls and Joel is the youngest of 7 siblings (one biological sister and 5 step-siblings). We have a combined total of 23 nieces and nephews and lots of cousins! Our family is full of little ones and continues to grow. We love getting together for campfires to eat chili and roast hot dogs. We celebrate birthdays and holidays together as well as get-togethers for no particular reason.

Christmas fun

Date night with family

Sisters

Celebrating birthdays

Fun at the beach

A beautiful family wedding

Christmas with Grandma

A Note from Us

Dear Birthparent(s),
We have had lots of time to think about the kind of parents we want to be. We are anxious for that first moment when we'll finally be able to hold and kiss our sweet little baby. The thought fills us both with so much joy! We dream of camping trips, sleeping in tents with marshmallows over an open fire. We want to hike through woods and climb trees and kiss scraped knees. We look forward to teaching ABCs and 123s. We anticipate trips to museums and zoos and Disney Land! We plan to eat meals as a family and play games on the floor. We can imagine the laughter during soapy bubble baths and the warmth of bedtime stories with snuggles. We have so many dreams for our child… so many dreams. Thank you for helping us to fulfil that dream!

With all kindness,

Joel & Susan

Date night

Roller Derby rock star

Quality Ninja

Hot Air Balloon Ride on our Anniversary

Why adoption?

We have always been open to adoption as a way of growing our family. We trust that God has a perfect situation planned for us and we are now waiting on His timing. Adopting a baby means we will finally fulfill our dream to love, cherish, and guide a little person into a healthy adult. Boy or girl, red, yellow, black, white or anything in-between: We are ready and willing to care for the child God has planned for us.