



John & Jocilyn

Dear birth mother,

Thank you for considering us as adoptive parents for your child. We are very excited to have the opportunity to be parents! We are so thankful that you recognize that life is a blessing and that you are considering adoption for your child. We have prayed for children for several years; we believe that our prayers may be answered through adoption. We hope that you will get to know us better by reading more about our life together.

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Our life together...



Adventurous

Family-oriented

Outdoorsy

Loving



We met in Sioux Falls through a group of people at our church. After a few months we started dating, and a year later we got married. We have been married for 9 1/2 years now. We both went to the same college; we even shared a class together without knowing it at the time. Everything happens for a reason in God's timing!

We built our current house a few years ago, it is bigger than we need now but we hope to fill it with children as our family grows. Our home has a large backyard where we enjoy hosting bonfires, having family or friends over for yard games, and growing our garden. ***We also enjoy having extended family stay with us and having the space to make that possible.*** Our family likes games! We play a variety of games - board games, card games, and outdoor games.





On our evenings at home, we have fun putting puzzles together and spending time outside when the weather is nice. ***When outside we enjoy sitting by the fire on our deck, gardening, going for walks with the dog, hiking, kayaking or biking.*** John often bikes the trail around town several times each summer and Jocilyn usually goes with him once or twice a year. Each year we also try to take about a week for a vacation for just our family, sometimes close by, and other times traveling a little bit further. Finding new restaurants, exploring new places, and returning to some of our favorite places are parts of our vacation. We enjoy visiting the state parks and local parks. We have been to a few national parks and would like to continue to road trip to all of them over the years! We also try to take a vacation with our families each year, often camping at a local campground. The vast country we live in has so many different things to see and shows us how awesome our God is to have created all of it.

We enjoy...

putting puzzles together | spending time outside | gardening | yard games
evenings at home | walking our dog | camping
... to name a few!



Our family...

John's family



Jocilyn's family



Jocilyn's parents live on a farm about 2 1/2 hours away. She has 2 brothers who live within an hour from us. One of them is married with a 9 month old daughter. John's family lives in a small town about 2 hours away. His dad makes frequent visits so we see him often. He has 2 brothers and 1 sister who live near his dad and we have one niece on that side who is 12. ***We also have many aunts, uncles, and cousins who we stay in contact with, some who live in the same town.*** John's extended family is in Montana and Chicago so we don't see them as frequently but enjoy catching up at Thanksgiving every 2-3 years when we all stay at his cousin's house for a long weekend. ***There is a lot of noise and laughter as precious memories are made!*** Jocilyn's extended family gets together about once a year. Each year we also spend a weekend with Jocilyn's aunt and uncle who live on a lake. Jocilyn and her siblings have been doing this since they were kids and we've continued the tradition as adults.

Our extended families are very important to us.



Our community...

We both grew up in small towns and appreciate the community and support found there. ***We have found a good group of friends within Sioux Falls and have created community here also.*** Most of our friends have young children so our kids will have plenty of playmates! ***We are active in our church, volunteering with various church activities.*** Jocilyn attends a Bible study group and also helps with childcare during MOPs (a mom's fellowship group). John helps with sound during our church services and is also a deacon.





thoughtful | caring | loving | warm | grounded | organized

Jocilyn is the most thoughtful and caring person I know. ***She is constantly putting others ahead of herself.*** She loves spending time together. She enjoys decorating and hosting get togethers with family and friends. Jocilyn is quiet and loving and warms the room with her smile. ***Jocilyn has the nurturing instinct of a mother that shows up every time she gets to care for and play with our nieces or any of our extended family and friends' children.*** She also spends some of her free time volunteering to take care of children at our church during the week and babysitting for friends. Jocilyn has wanted to be a mom since she first started thinking about, "what I want to be when I grow up."

Jocilyn is super smart and it shows in all she has accomplished. ***She has worked as an RN for almost 13 years and also teaches clinicals to nursing students.*** She is very dedicated to her floor and coworkers. I'm so proud of her. Jocilyn also likes to read a lot. She enjoys the winter months curled up by the fire place with a blanket, the dog, and a book. Summers are similar except she is either out on the deck or in the hammock. I know she will enjoy reading stories with our children someday.

Jocilyn is a very detail-oriented person and makes sure to plan everything out. Usually her list consists of more than what can be done, the priority items get completed and the rest moves onto another day. She enjoys crossing things off the list as they get done. I'm sure this will keep us organized as the kids get involved in school and other activities. ***She is also the voice of reason in our marriage to keep us grounded when I tend to be spontaneous.***





John

by
Jocilyn

John works as an estimator, planning projects and supplying materials for building projects. He has been doing this for almost 11 years now. He enjoys woodworking and building things. He has built several pieces of furniture in our house, including our dining room table and bedroom set. Each winter he finds a project or two to build. ***He also designed, planned, and did a lot of the work on our house himself.*** He is excited to work on some new projects for our kids, either bedroom furniture or play-sets. He is the maintenance man of the house and enjoys caring for the lawn and snow-blowing. He also helps inside the house, cooking on nights when I have to work and helping with dishes and laundry. I can picture our kids following him around with a kid sized tool-belt helping Dad.

John also enjoys watching sports, especially the MN Twins and football, and likes attending a live game together once in a while. He also likes to hunt and fish. He grew up in a community where pheasant hunting opener is almost a holiday. We often return to his hometown during the opener weekend.

John is more spontaneous than me and challenges me to let go of my to do list and be in the moment. He also encourages me often and supports me in my hobbies and interests. He is more adventurous and will be the one more likely to say yes to the kids' crazy ideas!



builder | spontaneous | adventurous | kind | sports-lover

A few of our favorite things...



| Jocilyn |

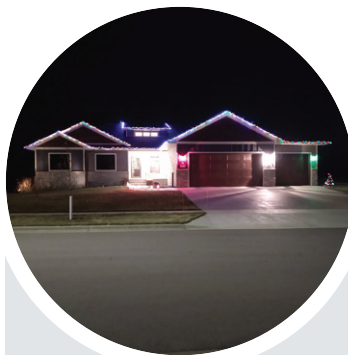
Hosting get togethers for family
and friends

Reading

Baking and cooking for others

Decorating and designing in the house

Spending time outside-bonfires,
gardening, hiking, kayaking



| John |

Being outside-hiking, biking, kayaking,
hunting

Snow-watching it fall, driving in it,
blowing/shoveling it

Spending time together

Christmas Lights-putting them up on our
house and driving around to see other
houses and displays

Vacations-especially going on road trips



Lucy

We don't have any children yet, but our dog Lucy thinks she is a human child. She is almost 8 years old and still acts like a puppy most days. ***She is good with kids, running around the house in excitement when they come to visit and choosing what toy she wants to share with her new friend!*** She loves to find socks and carry them around the house. She plays well with both of our nieces and likes to lay right beside them. Lucy loves to go for walks when the weather is nice, or even just to ride in the car with us. She also comes hiking and likes to check out all the new smells! Then she spends her time napping on a fuzzy blanket while "guarding" the house.

What we hope to offer a child

home filled with love | education | stability | support | family traditions



Nursing allows for a flexible schedule. Jocilyn will likely continue to work part time, but she looks forward to having full days off to spend with our children. On weekends when Jocilyn has to work, John will have daddy-kid time. We both grew up with stay-at-home mothers and recognize the value in being able to have that time with our children, especially when they are young.

We have a house ready to be filled with kids. We also both have stable jobs and the ability to provide for a child's needs. We grew up with the value of hard work instilled in us, and we plan to pass that onto our children. We are active in our church and plan to raise our children in a Christian home and provide a Christian education for them. We will encourage them to attend college or pursue a professional career. We intend to support our children in multiple ways, through prayer, emotionally, and financially. Family, and the love found within family, is something we value. Even when cultures, politics or lifestyles differ, family is family, and very important to us! The saying states, "it takes a village to raise a child" and our village is assembled and ready.

We look forward to re-creating some of our childhood traditions, as well as making new family traditions - things like family vacations, pizza and game nights, weekends with the aunts and uncles, decorating the house at Christmas, and decorating Christmas cookies.



Thoughts on Adoption

We discussed the possibility of adoption before we were even married, although we also hoped to have biological children. Our plans are not God's plans and biological children have not happened.

Our hearts are ready for children and we are excited to become parents and provide a loving home for our children, however God brings them into our lives!

If you are willing, we would like to send picture and letter updates through the years. We will remind our child that their birth mom loved them and how grateful we are that God brought us together!



Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile and get to know us. We look forward to adding to our family and hope you might be a part of it. We can't imagine the choice you have to make in choosing a family for your child. Thank you for considering giving that blessing to us!

With love, **John & Jocilyn** ❤️