

JAKE & CHELSEE

OUR LETTER TO YOU

This decision is one that comes from incredible love, strength, and thought—and we want you to know how much we respect and admire you for that.

We're Jake and Chelsee, and we're incredibly grateful for the chance to share a bit of our life with you. We hope this book gives you a clear picture of the kind of life we would offer your child!

We've been married since 2016 and have built a life we truly love—a life we're ready and excited to share with a child. We can't wait to experience parenthood with open hearts and open arms.

With love and gratitude,
Jake & Chelsee

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experience parenthood
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open arms.”



A man and a woman are sitting on a dark brown leather couch in a living room. The man is wearing a blue t-shirt and jeans, and the woman is wearing a white t-shirt and jeans. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. A black and white dog is standing on the floor next to the couch, looking at the woman. The room has a lamp on a side table, framed pictures on the wall, and a quilted blanket on the couch.

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when we are together.”

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

While in college, Jake introduced himself to Chelsee as the neighbor across the hall after Chelsee had just moved into the dorms. A few days later, he slipped her a note asking if she'd like to go on a date—with classic “check yes or no” boxes at the bottom. Chelsee checked yes!

Now, we enjoy a simple, meaningful life in our small town. A night at home with us might mean working outside together, taking our dog Moe to the dog park, or popping some popcorn to watch an episode of Chopped—one of our favorite shows. We find the most joy in life when we are together.

Some of our favorite memories together have come from our hiking trips to national parks. One of our most memorable adventures was camping in Grand Teton National Park. We stayed in tents, hiked beautiful trails, and bundled up for the chilly nights. That trip wasn't without its hiccups: Jake sprained his ankle on a hike, and just as we started the long journey back to our car, the rain began to fall. Despite the limp and the downpour, we couldn't help but laugh once we made it to the parked car. It's still one of our favorite stories—and a perfect reminder that we can get through anything together.





MEET CHELSEE

written by Jake

Chelsee shows her love through quality time and acts of kindness—always making sure we slow down and share meaningful moments together. She believes in giving kids a wholesome childhood—one filled with open time to explore, play in the dirt, get messy, and just be kids. Watching her with her nieces and nephews—taking them swimming at the pool, hosting sleepovers, and being fully present in their lives—just reinforces what a playful, loving mom she'll be.

I know Chelsee is excited to become a mom and looks forward to the simple, meaningful routines like reading bedtime stories and saying nighttime prayers. Chelsee has a love for creating joyful moments. I know she'll be the kind of mom who makes childhood feel safe, fun, and full of wonder.

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THINGS THAT MAKE MY WIFE'S HEART HAPPY:

Stitching Some Love into Quilts

Chelsee pours love into handmade quilts, especially made for family members—each one a cozy masterpiece made with them in mind.

Growing Goodness in the Garden

She finds joy in tending our gardens. Recently, she's taken on the challenge of trying to grow strawberries and rhubarb to make Jake's favorite pie.

Life on the Farm

There's nothing quite like the energy of spring—especially when baby calves wobble into the world, warm summer days in the pasture with cows, and crisp, cool air during harvest time. Seasons full of hard work that she loves.

Capturing Life Through a Lens

She has a gift for photographing life's special moments, making people feel comfortable in front of the camera. Photography is her art, and it makes her heart sing.



MEET JAKE

written by Chelsea

Jake has one of the biggest hearts I know. He's kind, thoughtful, and always leads with compassion. He listens with genuine care, sees the good in others, and is quick to encourage those around him—qualities that I know will make him an amazing dad. He has a steady, calm presence that brings peace to any situation, and I can already picture him being that reassuring, patient parent who helps guide our child through life.

Jake will pour his whole heart into parenting—a quality I can already see in him as we start our adoption journey. He will always encourage our child's curiosity, helping them learn while showing them love through his actions and words.

One of the many ways Jake shows his love is through acts of service. He's always doing something special for those he cares about. One of my favorite examples is the deck he built on our home with his dad. It's not just a beautiful part of our home—it's a gift of love from Jake. I can already picture us sitting there together as a family. I know Jake will be just as excited to build a swing set in our yard, creating a special space for our child to play.

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THINGS THAT MAKE MY HUSBAND'S HEART SMILE:

Early Morning Runs

While most of us are still waking up, he's out chasing the sunrise. Jake comes from a family of runners that enjoy 5Ks, 10Ks, relay races, and he's even completed a half-marathon with his mom.

Grilling Up Tasty Meals

The grill is his happy place. Whether it's his specialty of ribs or something new he's trying out, he takes pride in cooking meals that bring people together.

All Things Sports

Watching, playing, or coaching! He loves going to baseball games during the College World Series and, in the fall, cheering on his Packers and Notre Dame teams with his dad.

Getting Lost in Classic Tunes

Fleetwood Mac, Elton John, Journey, and Heart are the soundtrack of his soul. Music is a nostalgic family tradition that brings him joy—and something that brings his family together.





FAMILY

“I can already picture us sitting there together as a family—just like we do now with the people we love, only with one more heart to hold close.”



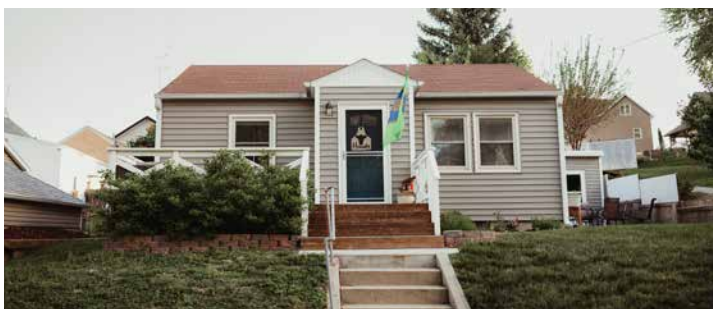
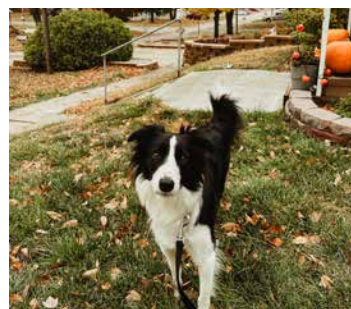


THOUGHTS ON ADOPTION

We truly feel that life has brought us to adoption, and we are filled with excitement and gratitude as we take this step. Adoption is not only a journey we are choosing for ourselves, but it is also a path that runs through our families—there are adoption stories in our own backgrounds that have shaped how we see family and love. Our family is beyond excited for the opportunity to welcome a new member and can't wait to have someone new to love, play with, and grow up alongside. There is so much joy and anticipation in our families' hearts as they look forward to this new addition.



“Adoption is a path that runs through our families—woven with love.”



WHAT WE HOPE TO OFFER A CHILD

With unconditional love, we hope to give our child a playful childhood where they are encouraged to be exactly who they are. They'll have space to be creative, try new things, and discover hobbies that build confidence and make them feel proud of their own unique talents. Our lives are rooted in strong, faith-based values, and we look forward to raising our child in the Catholic Church and celebrating weekend Masses and holy days.

Chelsee will be a stay-at-home, working mom. She runs her own photography business and also works alongside her dad at the farm. When she's not home with our child, they'll be spending time at the farm with Grandma. It's a setup that allows our child to be cared for by people who love them deeply and be surrounded by family. The farm is full of simple childhood joys—swinging on the tire swing, playing in the mud, riding bikes, and helping feed cows and baby calves.

Our community is a great place for a child to grow. Our church, library, healthcare, and playground are all within walking distance of our home, making everyday outings

simple. The library offers excellent children's programs. Just down the road, our community park features a new playground and a story-walking path that brings books to life as you explore each page along the trail. The park is perfect for both play and learning. Our small town also has a beautiful community theater with live performances and movies on the weekends.

We're also lucky to have a strong 4-H program that encourages kids to learn new skills and hands-on projects. Our whole family has been involved in 4-H and looks forward to the county fair at the end of every summer, where we enjoy taking in all the fun and food—pork burgers, funnel cake, and lemonade. The fair is a family tradition we can't wait to share with our child.

When it comes to school, we're grateful that Jake is the Assistant Principal and Activities Director at the local school, which is known for its strong academics, small class sizes, and caring teachers. We're excited knowing our child will be surrounded by people who are already cheering them on—and where Dad is just down the hall.

*"We hope to give our child a playful childhood,
rooted in love and faith."*



THANK YOU

We can't pretend to know the weight of the decision you're facing, but what we do know is that it comes from a place of incredible love. Our child will grow up knowing exactly where they came from, with their adoption story shared openly and lovingly in ways that make sense as they grow. They will know that they were—and always will be—surrounded by love from both their birth and adoptive families. We will honor you, your story, and the life you created. If you're comfortable, we would be truly honored to build a relationship with you over time—one that allows us to share photos, milestones, and the beautiful moments that will shape their life.