

TOM and JESSICA

Dear Birthmother,

We are excited to give you a sneak peek into our lives!
We are ready to give our unconditional love to a child and expand our family through adoption. Our lives have been blessed by adoption in the past and we are excited to see another child join our home.



OUR STORY

We are high school sweethearts and have been married for 11 years. We both love children and knew early in our relationship that we would like to have a family of our own. After several miscarriages and failed fertility treatments we discovered that having a biological child was not in God's plan for our family.

We quickly came to the conclusion that our ultimate goal was to be parents. Adoption came as an easy answer, as we knew we have a lot of love in our hearts to give children. In 2012, we were blessed by the adoption of our son. In the summer you will find us going for walks, playing at the local parks, fishing, or enjoying the lakes near our home.



ABOUT TOM *(written by jessica)*

FAVORITES:

- MOVIE** Tin Cup
- FOOD** Cheese
- SONG** "Going to California" (Led Zeppelin)
- SEASON** Summer
- VACATION SPOT** Siena, Italy – Jessica and I traveled to Europe several years ago and Siena was my favorite.
- ANIMAL** Grizzly bear
- FAVORITE MEMORY TOGETHER** Going skydiving for my 30th birthday!
- CHILDHOOD MEMORY** I went on a fishing trip to Canada with my dad and a few friends when I was a teenager. It was a great trip and many memories were made.

Tom is my best friend and the love of my life. I have always been amazed by his ability to stay calm and optimistic, no matter the situation. Tom loves people and people love Tom. Many people call Tom a friend because he has such an outgoing and charismatic personality. Tom is an amazing dad to our son. He is a hands on father whose biggest joy is to make our son laugh. Tom enjoys playing golf, fishing, and playing piano.

Tom is a sales representative in the medical device field.



ABOUT JESSICA *(written by Tom)*

FAVORITES:

- MOVIE** Shawshank Redemption, Pretty Woman
- FOOD** Iowa sweet corn! (I'm a farm girl at heart), Pizza
- SONG** "Black Bird" (Beetles)
- SEASON** Fall
- VACATION SPOT** New York City - I love the hussle and bussle of the city, but couldn't live there!
- ANIMAL** Golden Retriever
- FAVORITE MEMORY TOGETHER** Traveling Europe together
- CHILDHOOD MEMORY** My grandparents owned a cabin at a small lake while I was growing up. Every week-end in the summer we would go to the lake and boat, ski, hike, and just spend time together as a family. I hope to have a cabin again at a lake sometime and share those memories with my family.

Jessica makes me a better person. She is a generous, compassionate, and a dedicated woman. After she became a mother, I have gained a deeper love and appreciation for all she does. She is nurturing, gentle, and playful.

Jessica works as a Benefits Specialist for an electrical distributor. After adopting our son, we decided that Jessica would reduce her work hours to allow more time with our son. Outside of spending time with our family and friends, Jessica enjoys cooking, reading, and traveling.



ABOUT OUR SON

Our son Tripp loves life! Nothing makes him happier than a new adventure. Tripp enjoys swimming, going for hikes, playing sports and with his trains, helping mommy cook, and reading books. Tripp is extremely social and knows no strangers. He loves kids and requests to hold babies whenever in their presence. Tripp will be a great big brother! We have an open relationship with his biological family which includes Facebook updates, periodic emails, and several visits a year.



Watching trains



ABOUT OUR HOME IN IOWA



We live in eastern Iowa in a family friendly neighborhood. We have a spacious home with lots of room to run and play. Our community is growing and has recently added new nature trails, bike paths, and parks. Our community has been recognized for the wonderful schools in the area.

Our goal is to provide our children with unique opportunities to not only learn in a traditional school setting, but to also teach them life lessons that can only be taught outside of the classroom.

FAITH *and* FAMILY

Our love and faith in Jesus Christ is the center of our lives. We have been attending our non-denominational church for 8 years. We are a part of a faith family that meets weekly to study God's word, share in life's ups and downs, and pray for one another.

Family is very important to both of us. We are fortunate that our parents live about a mile from each other! Our family is blessed with active and fun grandparents. We have a "Papa Tractor" who is a farmer. We also have a grandpa who lives near a railroad. Many weekends are spent playing on the farm, watching trains, taking golf cart rides, and being spoiled by grandpa and grandma. Together we have 2 sisters and 1 brother. Tom's brother and family lives in Florida. Every winter we visit them and they live just miles from the beach!



OUR PROMISE

We love our family, each other, and God. We promise to love your child and allow them to experience the world. We will teach them how to love as Jesus loved. Your child will always know how they came into our lives and we hope we can share this journey with you.

We look forward to speaking with you.

You can contact us through Lifetime at 1-800-923-6784.

With Gratitude,
Tom and Jessica

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DEAR BIRTHPARENT,



Tom and Jessica give Tripp so many opportunities and provide him with so much love. They are very interactive with him and attentive to his needs. While watching them, you can just see how much love there is between Tom, Jessica, and Tripp.

They not only let Tripp's birth father visit him, they allow any and all family members to come. Jessica once told me that they don't have a problem with various people coming because then Tripp will know just how many people really love him and a child can't have too much love. Tom and Jessica have a great support system with their family, friends, and church. I believe Tom and Jessica would be a blessing to any child and their family, and I know they would feel so blessed to be able to give another child a warm and loving home through adoption.

Ryan (Tripp's biological grandmother)



Tom and Jessica give us the opportunity to see firsthand how they interact with Tripp. It is such a joy to watch his daddy on his hands and knees chasing after Tripp in a restaurant and playing catch and trains at our house. Also, you can see the love in Jessica by the way she hugs and rocks him in her arms. You can see in their actions and their faces the love they have for this little boy. Tom and Jessica are kind and patient and show creative guidance in limit setting for Tripp.

Tom and Jessica are providing a loving stable home for Tripp. They have a large support system through family, friends and church. We feel truly blessed that Tripp was placed with such warm and loving parents and know Tripp would be very excited to have a new brother or sister. We can think of nothing that would prevent Tom and Jessica from adding to their family through adoption and want nothing more than this to happen for them.

Shanna (Tripp's biological great-grandmother)

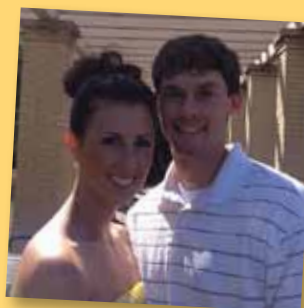
DEAR BIRTHPARENT,



Tom and Jessica are one of the most caring, loving, fun couples you will ever meet! Both Tom and Jessica care immensely for their friends and family, and we have been blessed over and over again by their generosity and friendship. They are committed to each other, their family, and their faith.

Tom and Jessica's strength of character and commitment to each other are qualities that are rarely seen in couples these days, and we are blessed to call them friends. These are also the qualities that make them wonderful parents. They will joyfully provide a caring, stable, loving environment for any child that comes into their family.

Grant and Tara (Friends of Tom and Jessica)



If you have the chance to meet Tom and Jess, even if only for a few minutes, it's not hard to see all the reasons why they would be (and are) amazing parents. The joy and adoration that pours out of both of them is tangible. Jess is the most natural mother in the world; she stepped into new her role without missing a beat. Tom was the proudest father I have ever seen; every yawn, diaper change, bath, the first few steps, Tom was always bursting with pride.

I cannot think of better parents than Tom and Jess. In selecting them, you would be selecting the most loving, safe and fun-filled home for your child. I hope you strongly consider helping Tom and Jess expand their family, because there is truly no greater gift you could give.

Meghan (Friends of Tom and Jessica)



Jessica and Tom are natural parents. As Jessica and Tom raise their son, I have seen the love and care that they give him. They are actively involved in daily "adventures" and love making memories as a family. I love how purposeful they both are to spend time daily with their son. Jessica and Tom make decisions well together and provide a very stable home where communication is key.

Jessica and Tom have embraced this role of parenting, and I really admire their patience and resolve to the changes life has brought them. This couple has a deep sense of knowing that God has them on this path for their lives. Jessica and Tom are so full of love that any child would be blessed to be a part of their family.

Jill (Jessica's sister)

with love.

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