

JENNIFER AND WESLEY



DEAR EXPECTANT PARENT

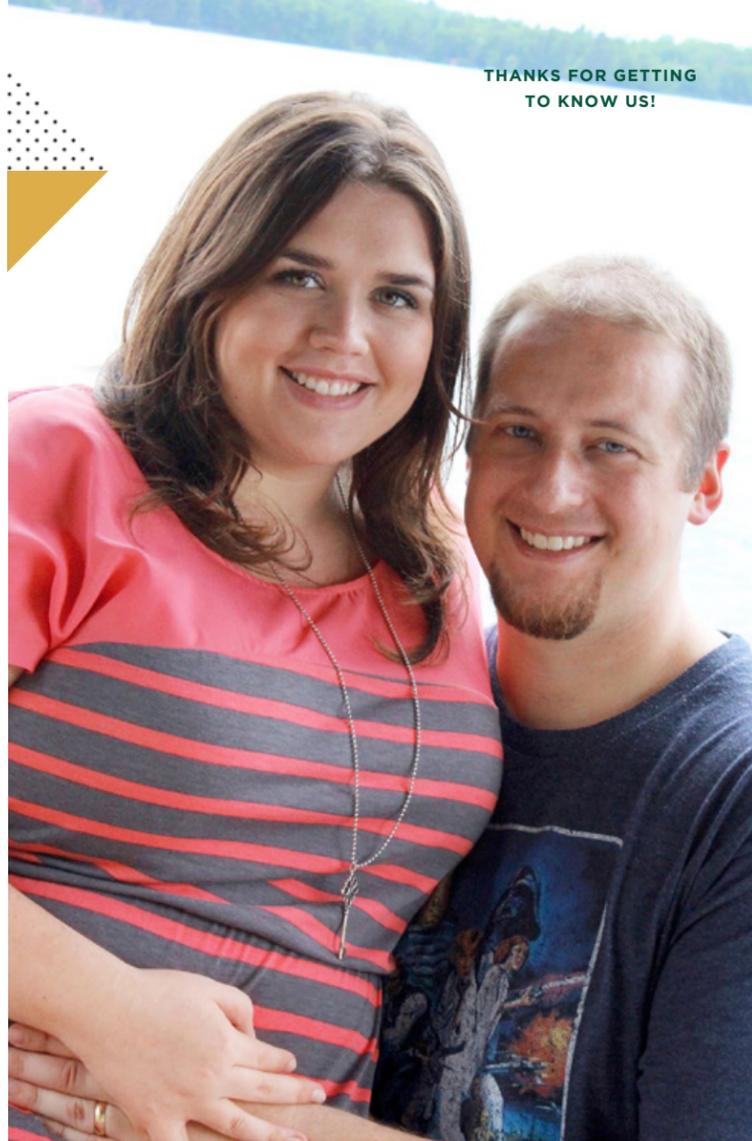
HI, WE ARE

JENNIFER AND **WESLEY**

Together with our sons Louis and Bobby, *we live in Wisconsin* on beautiful tree-lined street

Both of us are so **GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION** of us as adoptive parents of your precious child. *We couldn't be more excited about providing a loving home for your baby.*

We have a close-knit community of friends and family who are nearly as thrilled as we are about this adoption—this includes grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins. Also, our four-year-old son, Louis, couldn't be more excited. All she he talks about is wanting to be a big brother again, saying things like *"when are we going to bring the baby home?"*



THINGS THAT MAKE US **HAPPY**

WESLEY

- Summer walks to the park with the boys
- Grilling on a warm day
- Weekend mornings
- A good cup of hot coffee
- Pumpkin everything

JENNIFER

- Cooking a good meal
- Visiting family and friends
- A good cup of iced coffee
- Taking photographs of my family
- Target



WE CAN'T WAIT TO BECOME PARENTS AGAIN TO A THIRD CHILD

ABOUT US

WE MET THROUGH A MUTUAL FRIEND 12 YEARS AGO and got married on a beautiful winter day in 2010 with our closest family and friends.

Because we met at a young age, we've been through a lot together—college, moving out of our parent's homes, our first jobs, buying our first house, and now, parenthood (the best part!). We love spending quality time together. *We are homebodies and there's a lot of love in our house.* We have family over at least once or twice a week. We also enjoy exploring Wisconsin and traveling as a family.

GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS—all are within driving distance. Most live within 30 minutes of our home!



WES



WHAT AM I LIKE?

I grew up in Illinois but I am proud to call Wisconsin my home. I grew up playing a lot of sports, like basketball and football. I went to college on a football scholarship, even. I've always had a love of anything sci-fi and fantasy. I grew up playing D&D and I'm self-proclaimed a nerd (*in the best way possible, if I do say so myself*). Some of my other hobbies include playing guitar, writing poetry, and brewing beer.

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A FATHER. One of my sister's is 13 years younger than me, and I always loved helping care for her. I remember waking up in the middle of the night, changing diapers, and making her laugh. My favorite is Saturday mornings where we laze around and play and watch cartoons. **I love being a dad to my boys and I can't wait to become a parent once again.**



TWO OF WES'S FAVORITE THINGS—COFFEE AND GAMING!



WES LIKES TO PLAY GUITAR! HERE HE'S PLAYING A UKULELE

"I AM A BIG KID AT HEART. One of my favorite parts of the day is coming home after work and play-wrestling or dueling action figures with the boys."



THERE'S SO MUCH JOY WITH CHILDREN IN YOUR LIFE

WHAT DO I DO FOR WORK?

I'M A SCIENTIST. I work with good bacteria—the kind that goes into yogurt and other foods. I work with bacterial DNA. I'm also a published scientific author. I love that I get the opportunity to work with people all over the world. **My job allows me to be home at 5pm every day and spend lots of quality time with my family.**



MOTHERHOOD HAS FELT LIKE A CALLING



WHAT AM I LIKE?

I was born and raised here in Wisconsin and I can't imagine living anywhere else. **I'VE BEEN ARTISTIC FROM A YOUNG AGE.** I was in after-school art classes, and even did cake decorating in 4H. I won Grand Champion twice while competing. I knew I wanted to be a graphic designer by the time I was 14—*not many people know what they want to do at 14!* In High School, I played ice hockey.

I soon met Wes and attended college in Madison, Wisconsin. I received an associates degree in Graphic Design. I've been working for the same company ever since graduation. Seeing adoption up-close has inspired me to adopt. Being a mother has been the favorite chapter of my life. It's a lot of hard work but I find it so rewarding. **I seriously can't wait to do it again!**

WHAT DO I DO FOR WORK?

I'M A GRAPHIC DESIGNER AND I WORK IN THE FIELD OF ADOPTION!

In fact, I design the very books you're reading! Helping connect expectant parents to adoptive parents is an incredibly rewarding career. I get to call myself an "adoption auntie" and I **LOVE** seeing forever families being built. My job is super flexible, and I get to work from my home! I plan to take 9 months off of work when baby arrives.

JENN



MIDWEST KIND OF FRIENDLY



JENN AT HER PORTFOLIO SHOW





ABOUT LOUIS

LOUIS IS AN ACTIVE AND HAPPY 4 YEAR-OLD!

Louis is a sweet boy with a lot of energy and a big imagination. He has taken to being a big brother wonderfully. Louis's favorite things are chips and salsa, karate, and wrestling with dad.



OUR HOME



OUR HOME WAS MADE FOR CHRISTMAS!



OUR KITTY, MAGGIE



KITTEN STELLA NAPPING ON WES

ABOUT BOBBY

BOBBY IS A SUPER SMILEY 6 MONTH-OLD!

Robert, "Bobby", is the newest addition to our family. He absolutely loves his big brother Louis! Louis can just glance at Bobby and he grins from ear-to-ear. *Bobby is a easy-going baby who smiles and laughs a lot.*



WE LIVE IN WISCONSIN

We live on a tree-lined historic street in a cute little tan, brick bungalow. **Nearby are several parks, a cool park with deer you can feed/pet, and a library.** We are just blocks away from a great school system. We live with two cats, Magnolia (Maggie), and Stella. They are great with kids and have become best buds with Louis and Bobby.

OUR FAMILY

JENNIFER has a small but tight-knit family who all live within 30 minutes of our home! Jenn is very close to her mom and sister and we get together frequently with them both. **HER SISTER, EMILY, JUST HAD A BABY GIRL WHO IS ONLY 3 MONTHS OLDER THAN BOBBY.** *We can't wait to see them grow up together!* Jenn's grandparents drive school buses and Louis loves when they give him a ride in one of their buses. We feel fortunate to have great grandparents in the lives of Louis and Bobby. We see Jenn's mom and dad at least once a week. They are very supportive of our decision to adopt and can't wait to spoil a new grandchild.

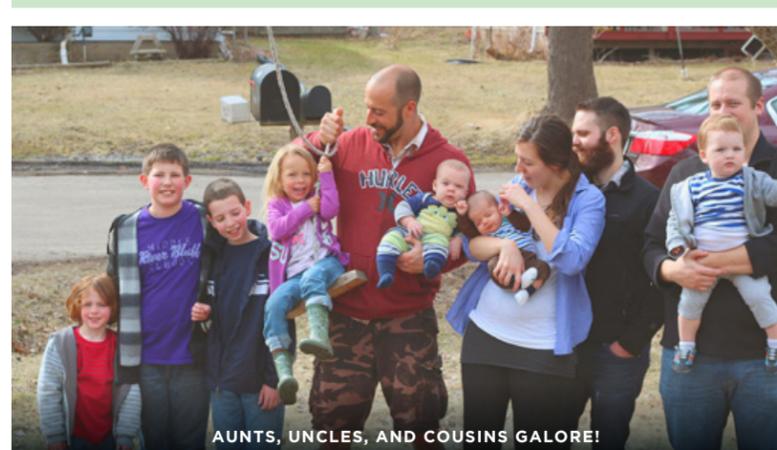
WESLEY has a large family (3 brothers and 2 sisters) who we see often! Wes's dad and step-mom live within 15 minutes and we visit them frequently for family dinners and grill outs. **LOUIS LOVES GOING TO THEIR HOUSE BECAUSE HE GETS TO PLAY WITH HIS UNCLES WHO ARE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL.** Wes's mom lives in Illinois on the family farm. *The boys get a taste of country life whenever we visit.* Thankfully, it's only about an hour and a half drive away. Wes's other siblings live within driving distance, one in Minnesota and the other near Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Wes has 4 nieces and nephews who are close in age to Louis and Bobby. **They have a blast when we get together!**



PUMPKIN PATCH WITH JENN'S FAMILY



LOUIS LOVES WHEN AUNT HALEY VISITS



AUNTS, UNCLES, AND COUSINS GALORE!



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WE

MAKES A FAMILY.

WE PROMISE

YOU & YOUR BABY:

- To provide **unconditional love** and ensure **the baby feels loved.**
- To **pass on core values** like education, generosity, kindness, respect for others, and justice.
- To **provide the resources necessary** so your baby grows up to be able to take advantage of life's possibilities.
- To embrace your **child's individuality.**
- To understand the **generous gift** given to us and our family by the birth mother.

THANK YOU,
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We are **SO GRATEFUL** for your consideration of us as parents. It would be an extraordinary gift to us and our larger family to raise this child with all of the love we have to share.

