

Dear Expectant Parent:

We cannot begin to imagine the emotions you are experiencing and the difficult decisions you have to make. We appreciate the fact that you are even considering adoption and we wish you well, no matter what choice you decide is best for you and your child. We appreciate you taking the time to read our letter and would love the opportunity to meet and get to know one another.



We are David and Kelly. We have been married for 4 seven years and have one adopted child. We were given the most wonderful gift when on June 22, 2006, our little girl Lauren, was born and

placed in our family. Prior to making the decision to adopt, we had exhausted our emotions and finances on many different medical options in an attempt to become pregnant with a biological child. We decided that we no longer wanted to pursue that course of action, but we still wanted very much to have a family. We were convinced that God had a different plan than what we had imaged for ourselves, and Lauren has confirmed this. Our families are very supportive and enthusiastic about adoption and they love Lauren unconditionally. We are all hoping to add another member to our family and give Lauren a brother or sister with whom to grow up.

Dave...

*My most favorite thing in the world is being a dad. I never knew how much I could love someone, until Lauren came into our life. Whenever I am not working, I try to spend as much time as possible with her and Kelly. When Kelly travels with her job, I get Lauren all to myself. There is nothing I would rather do than spend the day with my daughter. I am glad I was 35 years old before becoming a father. I believe it has helped me to be a better dad and to appreciate even more the awesome gift that Lauren's birth mother gave us. I cherish every moment with my daughter.*

*I grew up in the hills of West Virginia, where coal mining was the main industry. I have one younger brother and realize how important it is for Lauren to have siblings. After graduating high school, I joined the Air Force and was stationed in Montana. When my service was complete, I tried to return back East and found that my heart was still in Montana. The farm and ranch lifestyle along with the wide-open spaces called me back and I have no been here for more than 14 years. Kelly and I met in the fall of 1998 when I was hired by her uncle to gather cattle. We rode together for three days and got to know each other; two years later we wed. My family still lives in West Virginia and we are very close, even though they are far away, as love easily transcends the distance. I am currently a full-time employee of the Montana Air National Guard in the Security Forces Squadron. I love the outdoors and my hobbies include hunting, fishing and boating. I am an avid skier and love animals.*

Kelly...

*I have always loved kids, and being a mom has been the most wonderful and gratifying experience of my life. Lauren makes every day an adventure and nothing brings me more joy than spending time with her and watching her learn and grow. I work from home, which allows me to limit Lauren to only a couple days of daycare each week, and spend lots of time at home with her. I often wonder what we did with ourselves before we had Lauren to entertain us!*

*I was born and raised on a farm and ranch outside Valier, Montana, just east of the Rocky Mountains. I have an older brother who was my best friend while growing up in the country. I also have a younger sister, who is now one of my best friends, and a younger brother. I would love for Lauren to experience a similar companionship with a little brother or sister. I have a degree in Business Management from Montana State University and spent my junior year of college at New Mexico State University, where I made many friends and had a great experience. After college, I obtained an entry-level position in the crop insurance industry; thirteen years later, I find myself in the same industry, but in a position that allows me to work from my home and have more flexible hours. I love to cook, sew, and read. I also love the outdoors and hobbies like snow skiing, water skiing, gardening and riding horses.*

Although we were not raised in the same denomination, we share the same Christian values and beliefs. Family is the focus of our lives. We both grew up in very close, family-centered environments. We love to spend time with our niece and two nephews and we make every effort possible to ensure that both sets of Lauren's grandparents get quality time with her on a regular basis. We currently live on the ranch where Kelly's mother was raised. We love country life and the opportunities it presents for our children.

We don't believe that family consists only of "blood" relatives. We both have large, extended families made up of a diverse group of relatives and close friends. It is our belief that any person, especially a child, can never have too many people who love him or her. We believe that the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of the children come first. In order to satisfy these needs, we understand that it is important for a child to know where he or she came from and the circumstances surrounding his or her present situation. Therefore, we believe it is beneficial that we have a continuous, open relationship with the child's birth family.

If you would like to speak with us, please contact Catholic Social Services of Montana at (800) 222-9383.

Thank you for considering us as potential parents. May God guide you in your search for the perfect plan for your child.