

## **Dear expectant mother,**

Our names are Sharon and Matt and we are excited about adopting a baby. We can't begin to know the journey that brought you to us, but we are grateful for your love and courage in considering adoption. We hope to help fulfill your desire to find a loving family for your child.

### **Our Family**

We have known each other for nearly twenty years, and have been married for six. We have a large circle of supportive friends and their kids who will be thrilled to help us welcome a child into our lives. Our families live in the midwest, but our parents are retired and we expect frequent visits.

We adopted our dog Nadia from the animal shelter two years ago. Nadia is a devoted companion and very good with children.

We have a rich family life, but we are also itching to embark on the great adventure of having children. This baby will be a first child; we hope to adopt a second child later.



### **Our Commitment to Parenthood**

We have saved for years to have a baby with the goal that one of us would always be able to stay at home. Sharon trained as a midwife and now works as the computer tech at her midwifery school. The school is supportive of new families and Sharon will be able to take a full year sabbatical, as well as work flexible hours from home when she returns. Matt works part time as an architect and will also be able to take time off as our child grows.

We both grew up in secure and loving families. We will do our best to follow our parents' good example, providing unconditional love, support, and trust, in a framework of consistency and clear expectations.

We look forward to teaching and learning from our children and encouraging their curiosity, even at the "why" stage (Sharon promises not to let Matt tell too many whoppers). We believe in the value of education and will see that our children have the best opportunities possible.

### **More About Us**

We enjoy spending time together and are eager to share our hobbies and interests with our children. Reading aloud to each other is one of our favorite ways to spend an evening, and we have a library full of children's books. From the beginning, we'll carry our baby when we hike in the mountains, go dancing, work in the garden, and visit with friends. We've traveled a lot together and we can't wait to begin exploring the world with our children.

We have a comfortable home in Seattle with a real porthole in the front door (which Matt likes because he used to live on a sailboat) and a fenced back yard for children and dog. Every year we preserve apples, pears, and plums from our own fruit trees.

Sharon's family has vacationed for generations at a remote lake in the north woods of Wisconsin. We were married there, and we try to spend time there every year with relatives and old friends. The lake is a wonderful place for kids, with swimming, canoeing, and sailing. It is also a great place to learn about the natural world.

### **About Sharon, by Matt**

Sharon trained as a midwife out of a love for mothers and babies, and looks forward to mothering a child of her own. She has a beautiful singing voice and knows lots of lullabies and songs to share with our family. She is an avid reader and an enthusiastic learner. If anyone can inspire a child with a love of learning and exploration, Sharon can.

I admire Sharon's thoughtfulness. She treats others with warmth and empathy, considers her options carefully before acting, and often provides welcome clarity and insight. Sharon stands up for her beliefs and for the rights of others. These strengths are just part of what will make her a terrific mom and a great example to our children.

### **About Matt, by Sharon**

One of Matt's favorite sayings is "persistence knows no failure." He has a well-justified faith in his ability to figure things out, from machinery to botany to the clarinet. He first wooed me with his story of riding solo across the country on his bicycle. He even managed to convince me that hiking up and down mountains while wearing a heavy pack can be fun. Matt's can-do attitude will serve our family well.

Matt loves designing and making all kinds of things: costumes, cakes, buildings, sculptures, and tools. There will be no end to the creative projects he cooks up with our kids.

Matt is affectionate and playful with his friends and loved ones. I get a kick out of seeing his enthusiasm (and silliness!) when he plays with our friends' children. He will bring the same joy to caring for our child.

### **What Next?**

If you choose us to become your baby's parents, he or she will always know of your love. We are open to an "open" adoption and will work with you to create a plan that reflects what you want for you and your baby.

Thank you for taking time to learn about us. If you are interested in talking further, please call or send email. We've posted a photo album on our web site. We would also be happy to mail you a copy.

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**Our best wishes to you,**

