



Dear Birth Mother/Parents,

First we would like to thank you for your courageous decision that you are embarking on. We know this must be a difficult time for you and our thoughts and prayers are with you no matter the family you choose for your child. Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family.

We are currently a family of four; Dad Mike, mom Anna, daughter Paige, seventeen, and son Evan, eleven. We have been married for over 21 years. Mike is an electrician which allows Anna to stay at home and raise the children. We are lucky enough that he hardly ever has to work out of town.

We are family oriented, many of our relatives are close and we visit them frequently, having holiday dinners with Mike's parents and Anna's family (her parents, an aunt, and grandparents live just down the road from us), along with regular family get-togethers. We find it important to support each other as a family with Paige attending Evan's baseball games and Evan attending Paige's writing awards ceremonies, among other things.

We live on a small plot of acreage. We enjoy animals, and raise a nationally known herd of dairy goats which keeps us busy throughout the year, during kidding season (having babies), showing season, and milking season. We also have chickens whose eggs we hatch, multiple cats and a dog, all of whom are child-friendly. We are thankful we live out in the country so we can support these interests.

We believe families help each other so we all have daily chores for the betterment of the family. One new tradition we have started is Paige and Evan have

begun taking turns every Sunday to make breakfast for the family. We go up to the mountain each fall to gather our supply of firewood bringing homemade scones and hot tea to keep us working. We also gather and stack hay together. The kids often come along to the dairy goat shows and help wash, clip, show, and care for the animals we are showing.

We attend church weekly, Paige sings in the choir and Evan helps to serve Mass up at the altar. We also enjoy potlucks and other church sponsored get-togethers with the other members of the church.

Our educational philosophy is that we have chosen to home school our children. We like home schooling because of the freedom it gives us to allow the kids to explore their personal interests in more depth. We use a combination of curriculum styles. We teach all the basic subjects, but we also enjoy learning to play the piano, voice lessons, and Latin. For socialization we have participated with library and swimming groups, and most currently a drama club. Paige has also attended some homeschool dances. Making homemade bread, photography, and helping in the garden are some unofficial subjects.

For fun we enjoy taking family drives and walks. During the summer we have regular cook-outs roasting hotdogs and marshmallows and set off a yearly 4th of July fireworks. When the kids were old enough they started having sleep outs in the playhouse. A regular family movie night also is fun. While having milking animals tends to keep us at home most of the year we enjoy taking short vacations including swimming trips and drives down to Denver to watch the Colorado Rockies play. With so many of our family around there is no need to leave the area to visit them.

We enjoy reading together out loud as a family and playing board games; one reading tradition we have is to read "A Christmas Carol" yearly. We tend to read a lot of classical books as a family.

We would love to adopt your child, our family has so much love to give, and we would love your child to be the recipient of that love and care; the kids really want to have another brother or sister to love. As with all families we are not perfect, but we love one another, have a great sense of fun, and feel that we have a wonderful support system. We would be greatly honored if you chose us as the family to raise your child, and would love him/her very much and raise them to be kind, loving, hard working, and faith filled. Thank you.

Mike, Anna, Paige, and Evan