

Jessica & Lisa



Dear Birth Parent,

The gravity of what you are going through right now is not lost on us. The crossroads you find yourself at is surely scary. If you are thinking about adoption, we hope that you will consider us as adoptive parents. If we are lucky enough to be part of your future and your child's future, there is no way we could ever thank you enough. We can simply promise to honor your choice by providing a loving, supportive, and empowering environment for this child to thrive in and allow you to participate in that in whatever capacity you would like. Adoption has always been an intentional choice, and we have been waiting with open arms and hearts for some time. We welcomed our son into the world in April 2020 and the love we have for him and for being parents only further solidified our desire to adopt. Your child will be the greatest gift we have ever received, and we will cherish that for the rest of our lives.



sincerely
Jessica and Lisa



Our Story

When we first met in medical school we actually didn't like each other. Jess thought Lisa talked too much and Lisa thought Jess was weirdly quiet. We got to know each other through mutual friends during our years at Ohio State and began to ride bikes together. Friendship blossomed into love, and the rest, as they say, is history. As we continued our medical training after school, we spent most of the time living in separate cities. Through the long distance, our friendship and love for each other grew stronger, and our commitment to a life together became undeniable. We were married in San Francisco in 2017 and moved together to Michigan after Lisa finished training. We are finally under one roof and plan to be for the rest of our lives. We completed our first home study for adoption and have been hoping to adopt since 2019. We also welcomed our son home in early 2020. Our marriage and our home is a peaceful place, filled with laughter, food, and board games. We take any chance we have to escape to the great outdoors or to explore the world.

About Jessica



Jessica is Chinese and was born and raised in Northern California, near San Francisco. She is an only child and always grew up around dogs. She played soccer, watched the San Francisco Giants play baseball, and traveled the world on family vacations. She has lived all over the country, including New York, Boston, Phoenix, Ohio, and now central Michigan. She is a primary care doctor for adults. She is a great listener, loves to eat donuts, and never says no to playing a board game. She is quiet and introspective, and an avid reader. My favorite part about her is that she is always the one who finds her way to the legos with the kids at neighborhood get togethers, and sincerely enjoys a good playground.

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About Lisa

Lisa is from Ohio and grew up gallivanting with her two brothers; one younger and one older. Amongst her siblings she was definitely the brainiac. She is incredibly close with her family and is thrilled to be back living in the MidWest where they are just a weekend trip away! She is a surgeon who works primarily with breast cancer patients. She can hold a conversation with a brick wall, loves to eat pizza, and never says no to trivia or happy hour. She is the extrovert in our family and is always planning our next adventure. My favorite part about her is her generous spirit. She is always quick to volunteer her time and energy to help others .





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About our Family

Right now our nuclear family includes the two of us, our son, and our two dogs, Frank and Lucy. They were both rescues that we adopted during residency training. Jess's parents, Sam and Naegwen, are happily married and retired, and recently moved to Saginaw to be closer to us. They also love to travel the world, particularly to see exotic animals first hand. Lisa's parents, Dennis and Lynette, are also happily married. Her older brother, Dan, is a fireman and is married to his college sweetheart, Erica. They welcomed their first child to the world in early 2020. Lisa's younger brother, Dave, is a competitive athlete and sports coach and recently married Mary Catherine. They all live within a couple of miles of each other in Columbus, Ohio. Lisa's grandmother is the leader and matriarch of their family, and is the strongest of the bunch. At 82 years old, she can run circles around us. Family means everything to us, and we can confidently say that our children will be surrounded by love from every direction.

About our Community

We live in mid-Michigan in the city of Saginaw. Our neighborhood is a quiet, family-friendly development right next to an elementary school. One of our favorite things to do is go biking along the various trails that branch out all over the entire state. The medical community is thriving here and offers us great jobs and awesome colleagues. Also, we are about two hours from everything: hiking in upper Michigan, cherry-picking in Traverse City, beach trips to Lake Michigan, and nights-out in the big cities of Ann Arbor and Detroit.

