CANDACE & JONATHAN

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Hello + Thank You

Hi there!

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family! We want you to know how much we admire your strength in making such a difficult decision. Adopting has always been in our hopes for our family. Please know that we plan to love with all we have and protect this future child to the best of our ability. We hope with our photos that you sense the love that we have for each other. our family and our friends. Thank you for considering us.

Jonathan & Candace



A FEW OF

THINGS

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TRAVELING **FAMILY ADVENTURES** FAVORITE **ICE CREAM** COFFEE **DATE NIGHTS SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS**



onathan and I met in 2006 when we were in high school and became close friends. Not long after, we started dating and became high school sweethearts. This coming year in spring we will be celebrating 8 years of our wonderful marriage. Jonathan and I are thankful for the moments, months and years we get to spend together as best friends. We are both lucky and thankful that we grew up in loving families, where we learned about how to grow a caring household. Both of us have already overcome so much together, from graduating college, battling medical issues, and becoming parents. We both believe that we can overcome anything that lies ahead of us. We hope to have a full and loving home where anyone is welcome!

Jonathan and I thank the Lord often that we have each other and get to share this life together. We look forward to the journey ahead as our family grows through adoption. ALL ABOUT



A NOTE FROM JONATHAN

Candace is very passionate, gentle, and patient. She is an open person and lets her friends and family know her on a deep level. Not only is she a great best friend, but she is an even better mother to our daughter. She

volunteers with kids ministry in church, is creative, and loves to cook meals for her family. Candace enjoys hosting social events for her friends, family, and neighbors. She loves to

keep active by walking around neighborhood parks and enjoys yoga. Candace was adopted at a young age by her loving and supportive parents. Because she was adopted she has always felt the need to grow her family by adopting a child. With her loving nature and personal experiences with her own adoption, I know she will be able to connect easily with our future child.

Candace loves her job and works 15 minutes away at an OBGYN clinic as a Certified Medical Assistant. She has been working for the office for over 8 years and considers her coworkers as close friends. She has always had a care-taking personality and showcases this by passionately working in healthcare. When she was younger, she volunteered with the Red Cross and local hospital after school. Currently her job is very flexible and allows her to have work from home days and in office days.

CANDACE'S FAVORITE THINGS

- Visiting nearby parks
- Spending time with friends & family
- -> Baking
- Hosting social gatherings
- Crocheting blankets



Jonathan

A NOTE FROM CANDACE

Jonathan is patient, understanding, and a great father figure. The first thing I loved about him was how he puts his whole heart into something he loves or enjoys. I also admire that he is always so quick to step in and help someone. I know I can always count on him to save the day. He makes our family feel safe, but at the same time he is such a kid at heart. One minute he will be fixing the lights in the house, and then the next he is rolling on the floor with our daughter. I have loved watching Jonathan become my husband and an amazing father. He has taught our daughter so many things over the past five years from walking to reading. He has always shown the role of servant leadership to our family and I am so happy to share this life with my best friend.

Jonathan works at a local grocery store 20 minutes from home as a butcher. He is a hard worker and his coworkers know they can always count on him. Jonathan has been working there for the past 4 years and enjoys preparing food for others. His love for food has always shown and he is usually the designated grill master at our social events. His job is very supportive and allows him to have flexible work schedules which allows someone to be home everyday between the both of us.

With his free time he loves to have game nights with his best friends once a week. He loves to learn and try new activities and foods. Jonathan also loves to travel and learn about history. When our family went to Germany this past spring, Jonathan enjoyed seeing all of the historic castles. Jonathan would love to visit Korea in the future to visit his mother's side of the family.

JONATHAN'S FAVORITE THINGS

- ---> Game nights
- ->>> Building model kits
- -> Traveling
- ->> Listening to podcasts
- Trying different food from different cultures

OUR Little One

Our sweet girl was born in Spring of 2019 with a joyful and caring nature. She is a social butterfly and loves to talk to anyone she meets. She loves her elementary school and is one of the most outgoing girls in her class. Her hobbies include ballet, reading, and playing with her friends on the playground. She always makes sure she does not leave anyone out of any game or activity. She is aspiring to be a future kindergarten teacher when she grows up. She also enjoys playing with her dog Luna and learning how to bake with her mother.

We know that she has so much love to share and will be a great big sister as our family grows!

OUR LITTLE GIRL IS SWEET, CARING, AND ENERGETIC!

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Both of our families live about 20 minutes from our home. This makes it verv easy to visit each other on weekends and for the grandparents to babysit if needed. Jonathan has two sisters who are amazing aunts to our daughter. Our daughter also has a few cousins that she gets to have regular play dates with. We have many family traditions that we cannot wait to share with a new little one. Both of our families have been very supportive with our choice to adopt. Our family loves to do anything together such as taking trips together, having family parties, and spending the holidays together. We feel very blessed to have such a big support system who are so excited to be a part of our growing family.

We have a beautiful, big, and diverse family.









We also have many wonderful friends who we consider our chosen family. We have lots of neighbors who we have known for over five years and have social gatherings with regularly. Jakki and Ty are very close friends that we met through Candace's job that recently moved out of state. They do plan on visiting us and our growing family often. Kayla and Mike have become close friends through our church. Their children

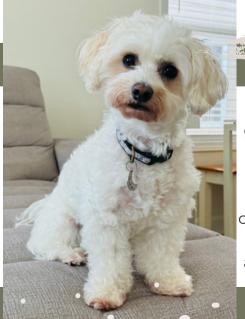
OUR Friends Family

and our daughter have play dates frequently. We met Dottie and Sloan through Jonathan's work. We often meet them for dinner and they both also hope to adopt one day in the future. Our home is located in a beautiful neighborhood near a small downtown area that has lots of family friendly activities. We enjoy going to the playground, going for a walk, and socializing in the parks around our home. During the summer months we love to order pizza and have dinner at the pool. The best part about our home is our neighbors who have become our close

friends over the years. Everyone is willing to help each other and we have amazing memories of the kids playing with each other. Our neighborhood also hosts lots of social events for children and families. We recently renovated our home and our home offers lots of room for our family to grow.



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Luna

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Our dog Luna is the first one to greet you when you walk through the door.. She is very social and loves children, but she also enjoys calm evenings and snuggling up on the couch. Her favorite things to do are playing fetch, taking naps, and getting scraps from the table.

Thank

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW OUR FAMILY. ADOPTION HAS BEEN SOMETHING WE HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT FOR A VERY LONG TIME, AND WE ARE SO HAPPY TO FINALLY BE PURSUING IT. WE WOULD BE HONORED TO BE CHOSEN BY YOU AND WILL NAVIGATE THIS JOURNEY TOGETHER. WE CANNOT WAIT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT YOUR STORY. PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ALWAYS!

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