

# Dear Birthmother:

WE ARE AMAZED AT YOUR COURAGE, LOVE AND DETERMINATION TO FIND A WARM, LOVING HOME FOR YOUR CHILD. We truly appreciate the enormous sacrifice you are making and have the greatest respect for you. Thank you for opening your heart to this letter.

In choosing adoption, you are giving your beautiful child the greatest gift possible. In turn, we can only fulfill your promise by making each day a joyful and enriching one for your child.

We would be proud to have your child know the true meaning of giving, from your example. By letting us know you, we can build on a foundation of love and compassion. By knowing us, we can reassure you about your decision to bring your baby the comfort, care and warmth of a loving family.

Life is full of blessings, and we've truly been blessed with each other, Angelina, our 2½ year old daughter, and great family and friends. We promise your baby will receive an abundance of love and be cherished forever. It would be a blessing to welcome your child into our life.



## why WE WANT TO ADOPT

We treasure children and believe that they are a gift from God no matter how they come into this world. We love holding and comforting babies when they cry, watching their first bubbling laughs when we move our hands to do "Pat a Cake", capturing a child's discovery of the world, and unconditionally sharing our life and what we have learned and love.



From the moment we fell in love, we knew we wanted a family together. After Angelina's birth, we prayed God would bless us with another child. We had numerous unsuccessful infertility treatments and learned that Diane could no longer bear children. Diane's mother was adopted as an infant. For this reason, we have

a close and personal appreciation of the meaning of adoption. Every member of our family is so excited about a new precious addition to the family.



TeleTubbies surprise Angelina on her 2nd birthday.



## ABOUT us

We have a solid marriage of 6 years and we have been best friends for 12. We met at the grocery store, of all places.

Diane was goofing around with her friends and almost knocked Peter over with her grocery cart. Peter turned around, we laughed together, and the rest is history.



Is it soup yet?

We were raised Roman Catholic in traditional

Christian homes with strong Christian values. We regularly attend Church on Sundays and are active in our community.

Our interests include theater, concerts, antiques and cooking. Diane has collected cookbooks since she was 10 years old. We especially love the authentic dishes from our families and have many recipes passed down to us. We've gotten some great recipes from Peter's mother, and spent many messy and delicious weekend afternoons with her.

We are healthy and work out regularly. We believe being fit is essential to everyone's physical and emotional health

## about DIANE

We love having children in our lives and being a mother is an important part of Diane's existence. She loves being silly and doing all sorts of wonderful things with children, from getting messy with play dough, jumping on the bed singing "10 Little Monkeys" to getting dizzy from "Ring-Around-The-Rosie." But most importantly, she is selfless, kind and loving.



*Diane graduates from law school.*

Diane is a successful attorney who takes a lot of pride in her work, but she derives the most pleasure by being a mother. We do not believe in nannies or daycare and we are fortunate that she has a flexible work schedule and is able to care for our children at home, with the help of Grandma.

Diane loves to dance and sing and was an accomplished ballet dancer before going to law school. Every morning, she enjoys singing "Oh What a Beautiful Morning". Diane is in love with her voice even though nobody else is!

## about PETER

Peter is a compassionate, trustworthy, hard working man. He is someone that will listen when you want to talk and understand when you don't. He admires your good qualities and overlooks your bad. Everyone likes him.

Peter operates his own successful marketing firm. He has many interests, including reading, writing poetry, building and taking long walks in the woods. He is a loving father and looking forward to savoring every precious moment of our children's growth.



*Peter takes Angelina on her first pony ride.*

## OUR family

Diane's father is now retired and owned a successful business for almost 50 years, built his own house, cooks authentic Greek cuisine and can fix anything and everything. The grandchildren are never happier than when they have



*Grandpa enjoys music.*

Grandpa's full attention. Grandpa is always great for some amazing paper airplane, huffing and puffing at the big bad wolf and talking to Santa Claus on the night before Christmas.



*Grandma teaches the Girl Scouts dog training.*

Diane's mother is a former professional dancer who runs 5 miles a day, trains obedience show dogs and helps us with childcare. Grandma is known for her repertoire of songs and nursery rhymes

to comfort her grandchildren to sleep or make them laugh.

Peter's mother is renown for her enormous organic garden and home baked cookies that are sure to keep a smile on your face. We can't wait to have our children's little hands help with the mixing and spooning. Peter's father was a wise and strong man. He was a middle school professor and fluent in six languages – English, Russian, German, Italian, Latin and Classical Greek.



*Grandma with Angelina.*

Our siblings and their spouses are professionals in the medical, legal and investment professions. Our children will have lots of fun playing with their cousins. Everyone is healthy and dedicated to the family.



*Grandpa is proud to be a veteran.*



*Diane's parents on their recent anniversary.*



*Grandma and grandchildren enjoy Disneyland.*

## our CHILD-REARING PHILOSOPHY

Our family and friends were active in our own upbringing, and similarly, they will play a vital role with our children. We were raised with stay-at-home mothers, nightly family dinners and weekends and holidays shared with the warmth and good times of relatives and friends. We want the same lifestyle for our children



*A family outing in the Windy City.*



*Uncle Tim and his family*

We have a separate savings account established for our children's education. We were raised to appreciate the importance of college and intend to encourage our children to

pursue higher education. We also enjoy the arts and athletics and believe they are a wonderful discipline for children.

We live in the woods and animals are much a part of our lives. We intend to teach our children compassion and communication with animals.



*Uncle Tom and family*

Most importantly, we believe that it is more about the do's than it is about the don'ts for a child. With guidance, children can reach their fullest physical, intellectual and spiritual potential.



*Aunt Mary and her family*

## OUR home

We planned for children when we bought our home and it is the perfect place to live and raise a family. We are nestled in the woods on 2 acres with a swing set in the back, terrific neighbors and lots of children on our safe and private lane. Pete, the neighbor's Lab, is the unofficial mayor of our area and regularly stops by to say hello. Our neighborhood is zoned for horses and it is not uncommon to see someone trotting their horse down the lane.

We enjoy the comfort of a safe bedroom-type community with no crime, top-notch grammar and high schools, a children's farm and several parks nearby. Our town is surrounded by natural forestry where hills, lakes and trees abound. All of the community members actively work to maintain our rural splendor, which includes Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter parades, chili contests and other fun events. When we want to enjoy city life, we are only 35 minutes away from downtown Chicago.

Inside our home we have lots of books, enough toys and all the necessary essentials to provide our children with a comfortable, yet not excessive lifestyle.



*Our home in February, 2006.*



*In the backyard.*



*A quiet moment in the backyard.*

## Conclusion

**THANK YOU FOR READING OUR LETTER.** *We wish you the best of health and happiness on the path to adoption. Should you choose us to be your child's adoptive parents, we would be honored. You can put away your worries, and rest assured your child will be met with the greatest love, joy and devotion.*