



**LISA & MARY**



hello

## WELCOME! WE ARE LISA AND MARY

Before we begin we would first like to say thank you!

We cannot begin to imagine the courage and strength you must have as you begin this journey and for that we want to say thank you. We are a fun-loving, outgoing couple with huge hearts hoping to fulfill our dream of becoming parents. We are surrounded by a large number of supportive friends and family who are waiting with us to welcome a precious little one into our lives through adoption.

We want you to know that our love has led us to adoption. We are offering not just our love but the love of our entire family.

If chosen, you would be giving us the greatest gift of all - the gift of a family!







## DATING AND MARRIAGE

Our first date was in  
March 2011.

By our second date we pretty  
much knew we were meant  
to be together.

We were engaged in  
September 2011.

We married in July 2012 in  
front of our loving and  
supportive family and  
friends.

We still enjoy date nights  
and rediscovering our love  
every day.

We know that our love will  
make a strong foundation  
for our growing family.

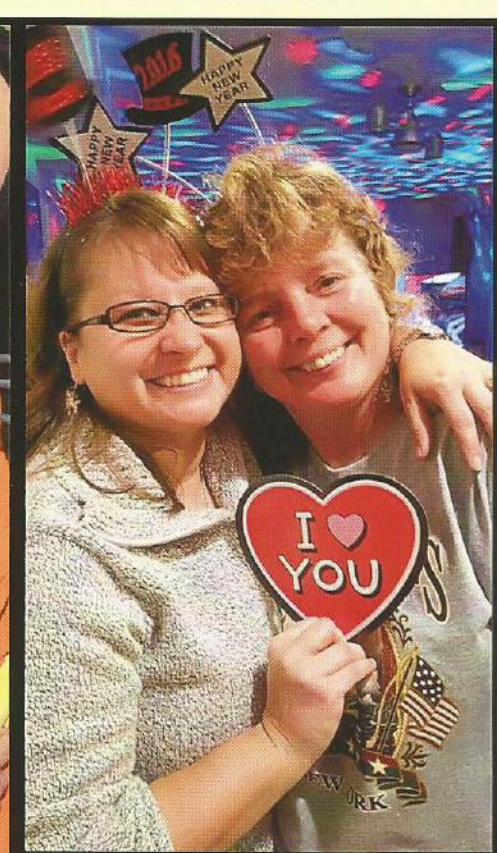
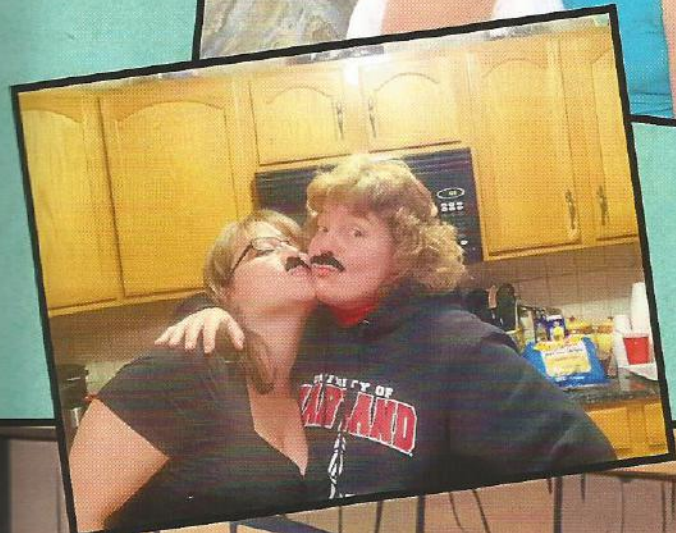
The foundation  
of our marriage  
is built on love,  
trust, honesty,  
friendship and  
respect for who  
we are as  
individuals.





## OUR THOUGHTS ON PARENTHOOD

We were both eager to grow our family and become parents and our first thought was adoption but together we decided to give fertility treatments a try. After battling through two and a half years of infertility, with multiple failed attempts and a miscarriage, we decided to take a deep breath, rise above our sorrow, and reassess what was important and that was to have a family. We decided why not go back to the very start...adoption! We shared our plans with our closest friends and family and were met with sincere love and enthusiasm.





# MORE ABOUT US

WE BOTH ENJOY

Going to Concerts

Dancing

Anything Disney

Hiking

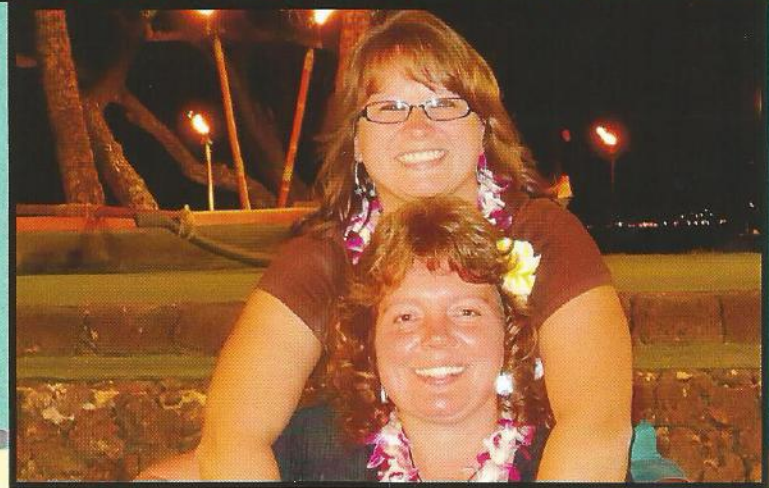
Biking

Walks in the Park

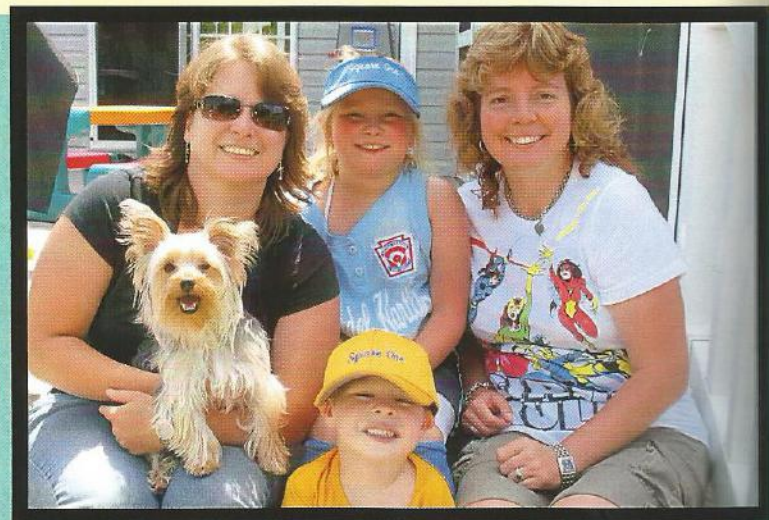
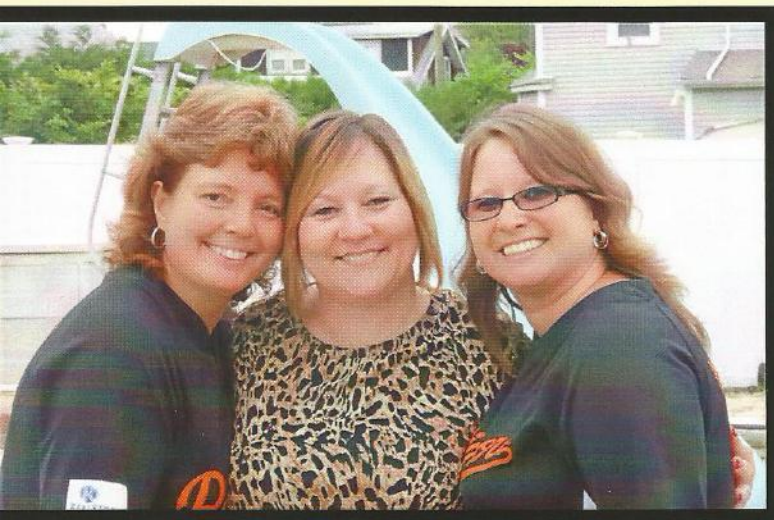
Going to the Theater

Traveling

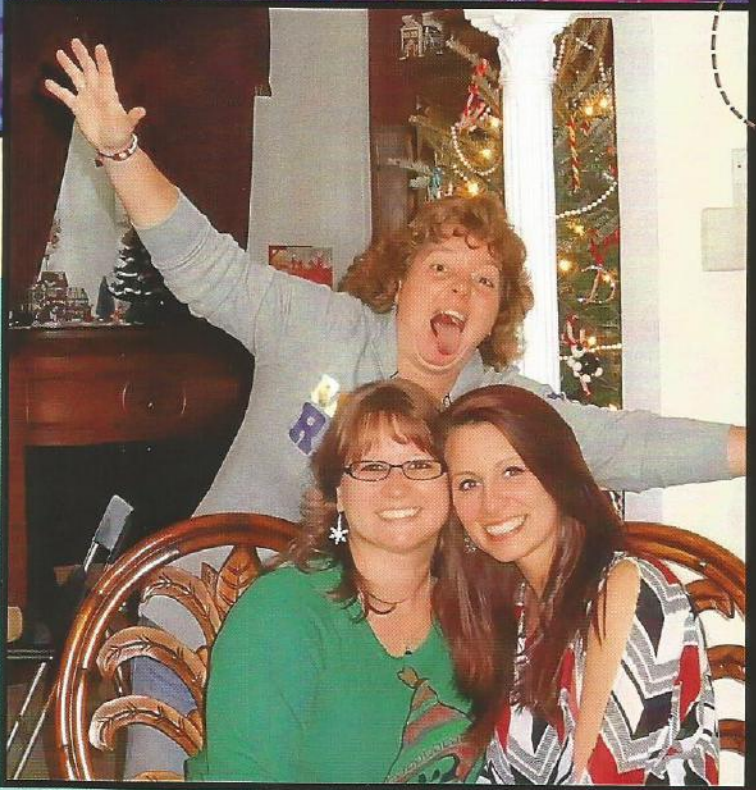
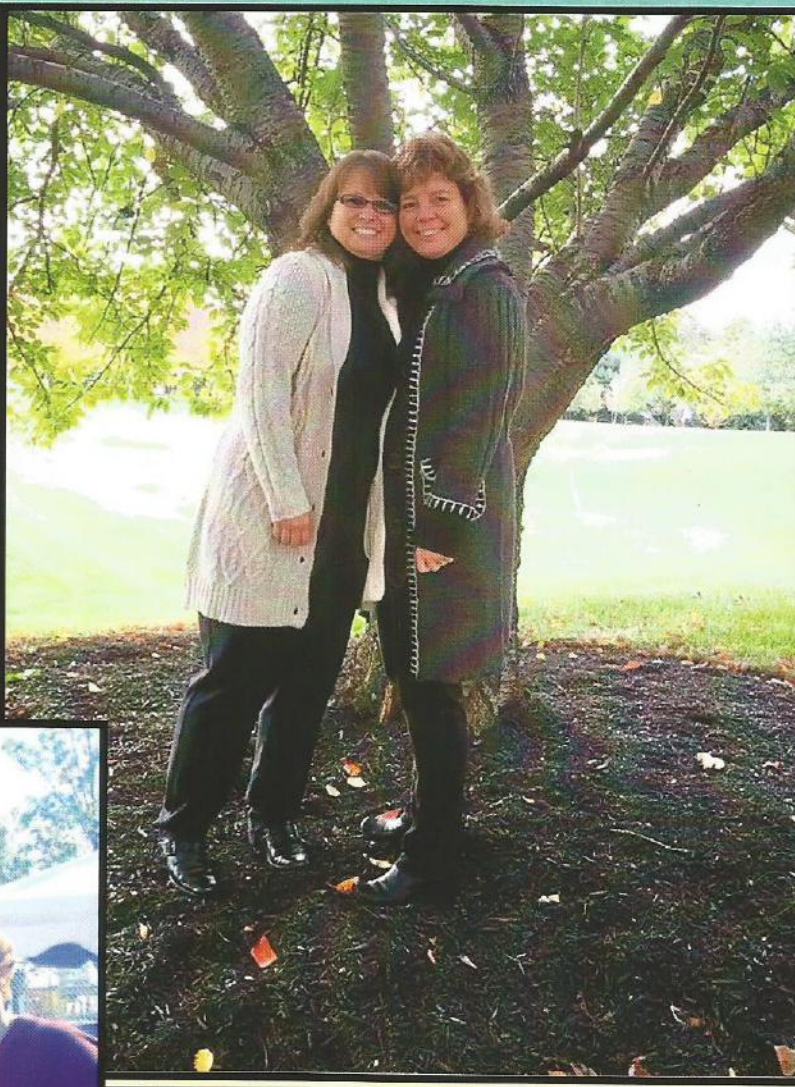
Spending time with family



We are a very responsible, down to earth, fun-loving couple who enjoy living life to the fullest. We look forward to providing a secure, fun, warm, and loving environment for a child. We balance each other very well and cannot wait to be parents together. Both of us love spending time with our families. The child we welcome into our lives through adoption will never go without constant love. Our entire family and our friends fully support our decision to adopt and are eager to welcome a child into our lives together. We, along with all of our friends and family have already been praying for our future adopted child and that child's entire birth family.

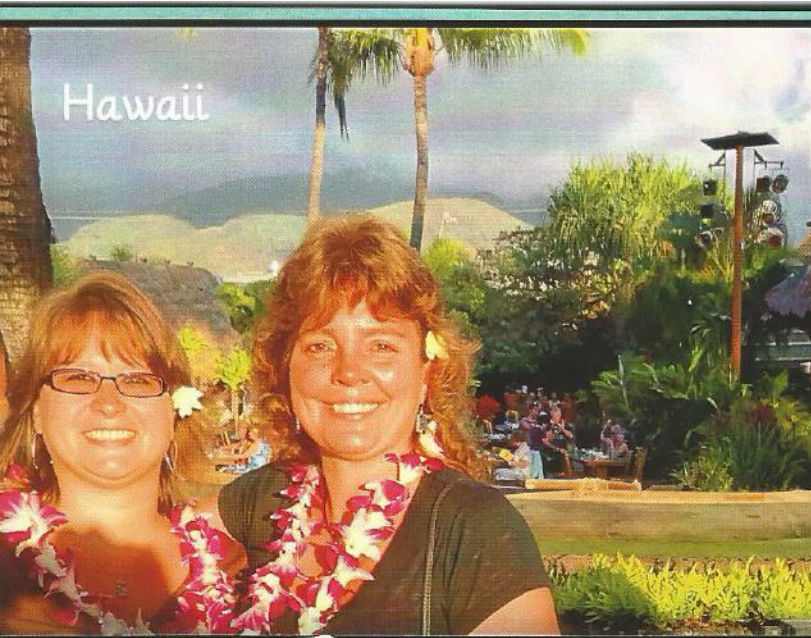








Hawaii



Washington, DC



# WE'VE TRAVELED TOGETHER TO

Alaska

Hershey, PA

Philadelphia, PA

Chicago

New York, NY

Seattle, WA

Deep Creek, MD

Niagara Falls, Canada

Universal Studios, FL

Disney World, FL

Las Vegas, NV

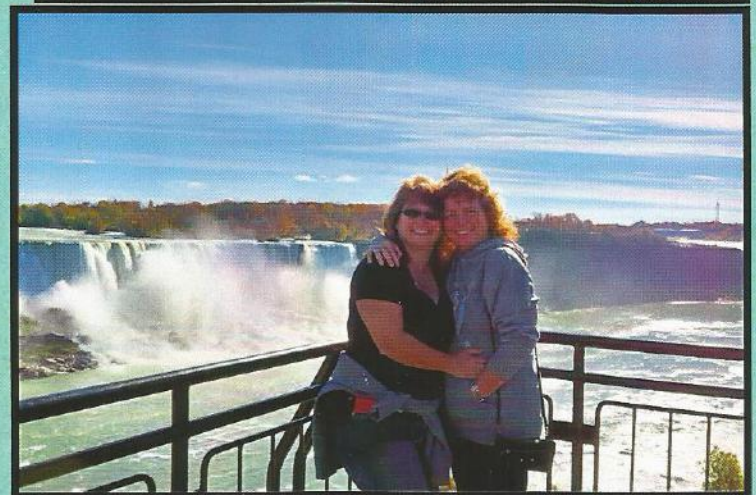
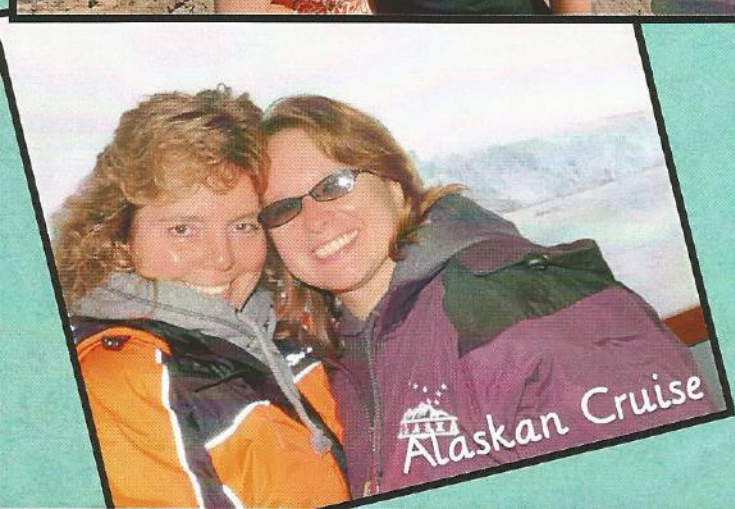
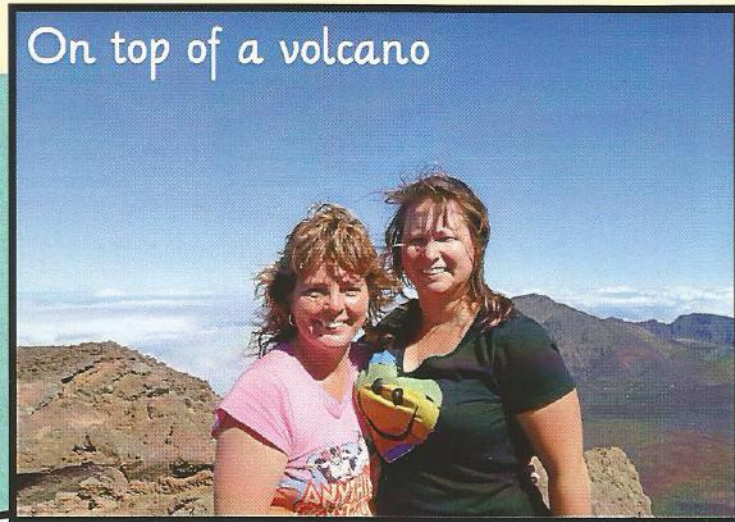
Victoria, British Columbia

Maui, Hawaii

Ocean City, MD

Washington, DC

On top of a volcano





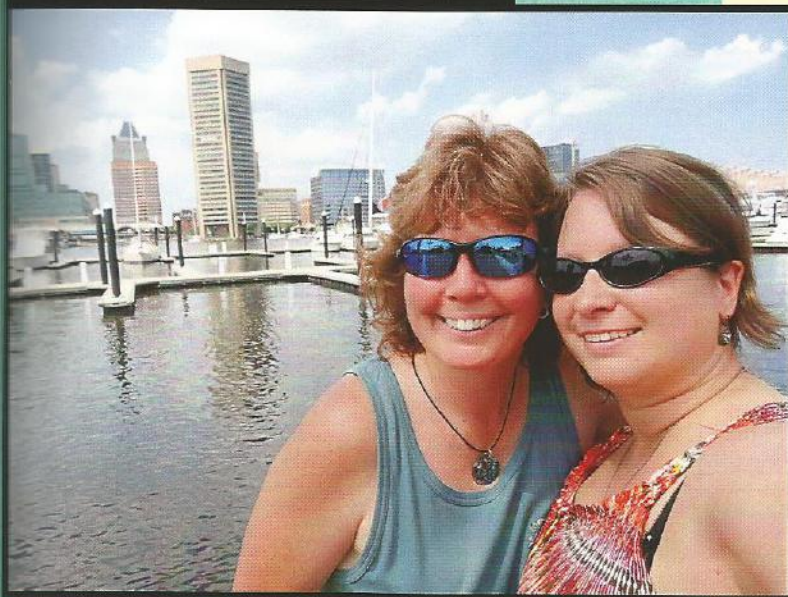
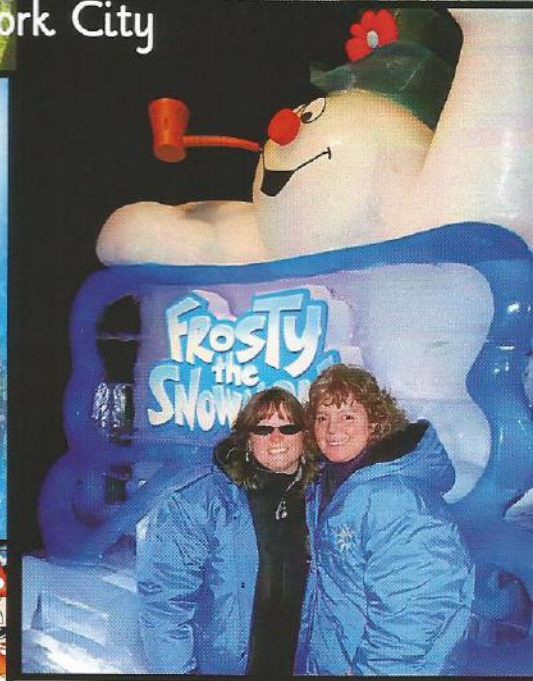
Niagara Falls



New York City



Ice Cream Factory Tour



## LOOKING FORWARD TO

Walks in the Park  
Days at the Zoo and Aquarium  
Attending Sporting Events  
Visiting Local Ice Cream and  
Chocolate Factories  
Family Vacations  
Lots of CUDDLES

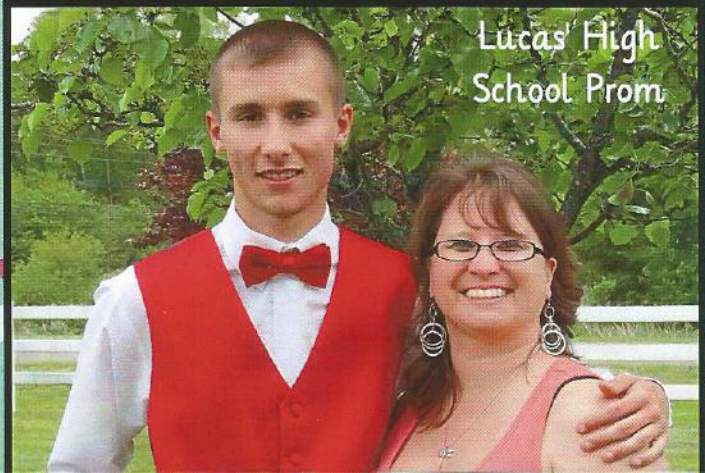


*Lisa*

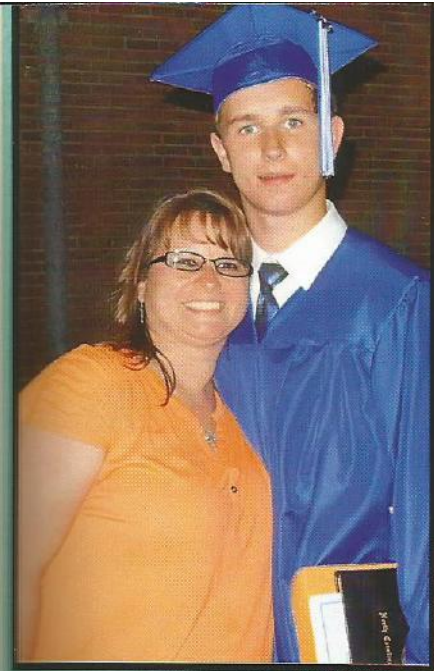
*Through Mary's Eyes*



Lisa has a wonderful relationship with her nieces and nephews and just has this natural ability to connect with children. I tell her all the time that she will be an amazing mom since she is a "child whisperer". She has worked hard for everything she has achieved in life. I love that she enjoys completing little do-it-yourself projects around the house and cooks some amazing and some not so amazing meals. She loves grilling outside all year long. I know that she looks forward to encouraging our child to push themselves to do better and to constantly learn new things and foster new passions. I also know that she can do anything she sets her mind to.







Ryan's High School Graduation



Destinee's College Graduation

**MOST OFTEN DESCRIBED AS**

- Charming
- Intelligent
- Funny
- Kind Hearted
- Outgoing
- Warm
- Loyal



**FACTS AND FAVORITES**

- OCCUPATION:** Part-time Forensic Death Investigator and Administrative Assistant
- RELIGION:** Nondenominational
- FOOD:** BBQ chicken with mac and cheese
- HOLIDAY:** Christmas
- INSECT:** Dragonfly
- ACTIVITY:** Cooking, Music, Coloring



Kayaking on the local lake



Skydiving over Ocean City, MD





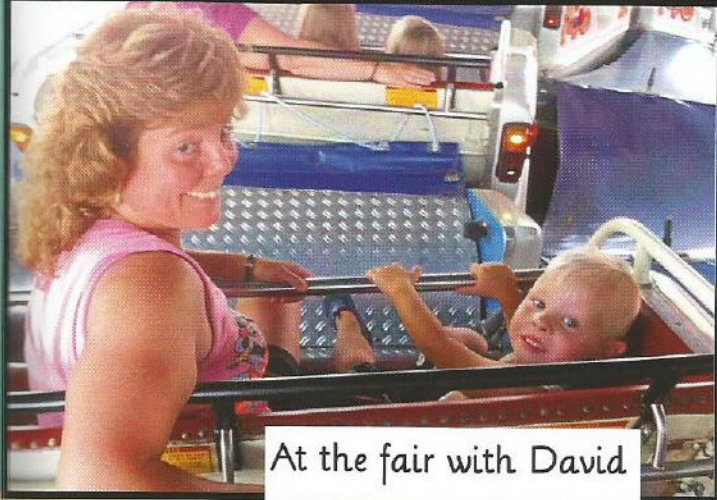
# Mary

Through Lisa's Eyes

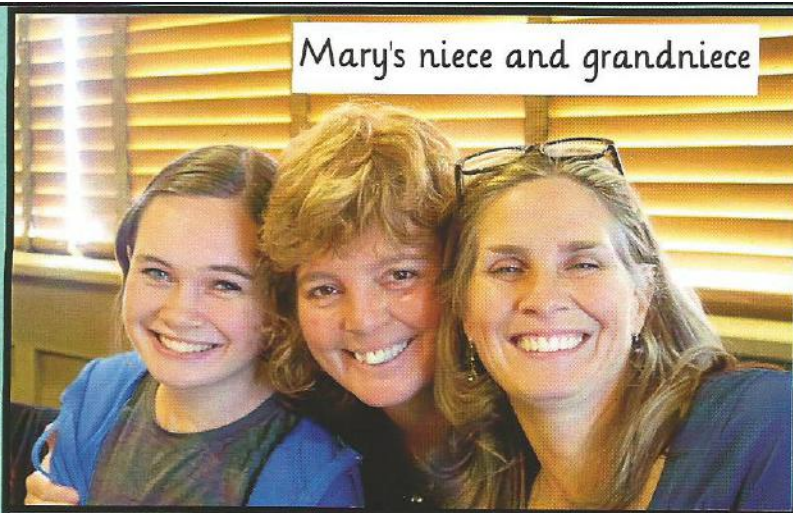
What I love most about Mary is that she always puts the needs of others above those of herself. She grew up on a large farm in Western Maryland so she loves gardening, bird watching and just being outdoors. She enjoys spending time with her family although she doesn't get to see them as much as we see my family because most of them live far away. I love that she is just as close to my family as I am and enjoys spending time with them. I know that she will be a great mom because she has such a nurturing spirit. She is extremely hard working and dedicated to her career which has awarded her a flexible schedule and will allow for me to be a stay at home mom.







At the fair with David



Mary's niece and grandniece



Hiking

## MOST OFTEN DESCRIBED AS

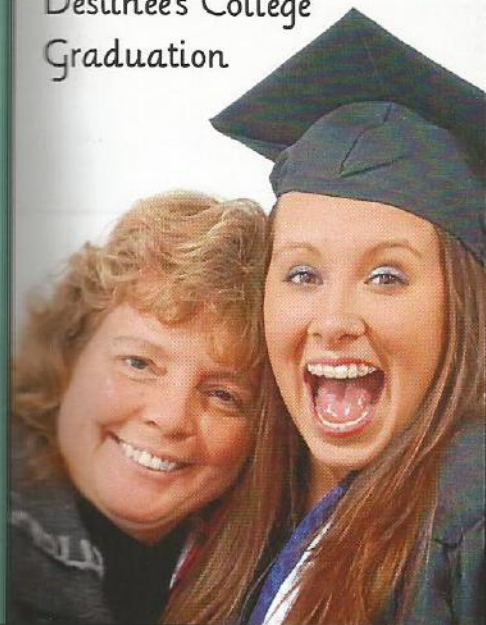
- Funny
- Passionate
- Selfless
- Supportive
- Caring



## FACTS AND FAVORITES

- OCCUPATION: Forensic Pathologist
- RELIGION: Baptist
- FOOD: Spaghetti with meatballs
- HOLIDAY: Christmas
- BIRD: Chickadee
- ACTIVITY: Hiking, Traveling, Kayaking

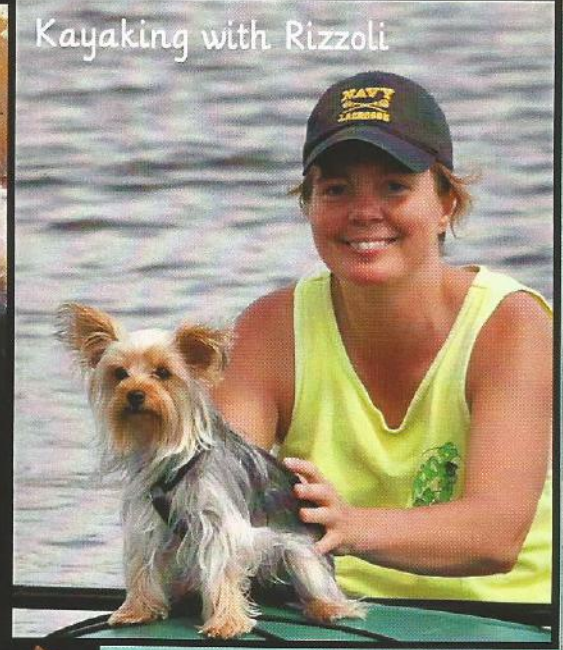
Destinee's College Graduation



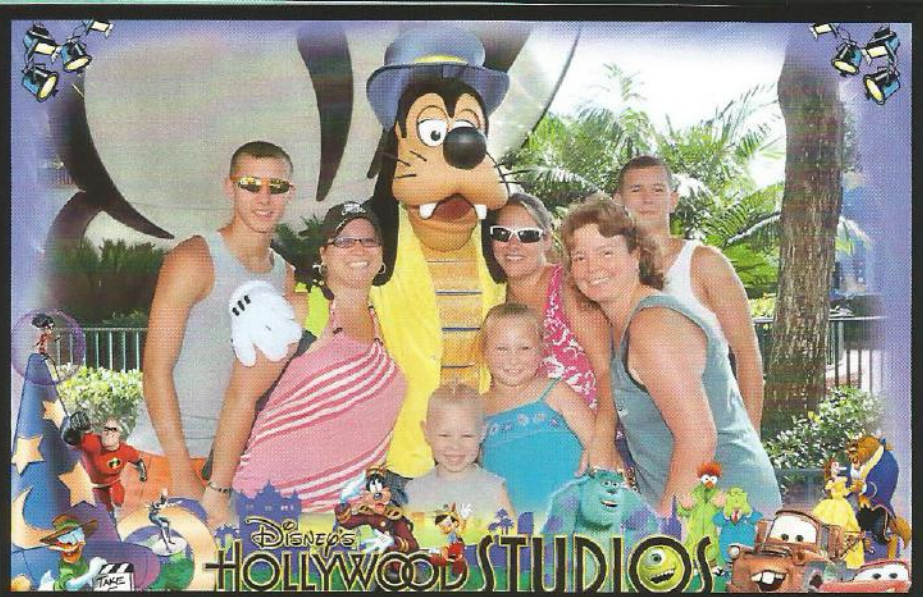
Mary's older Sister Ellen



Kayaking with Rizzoli



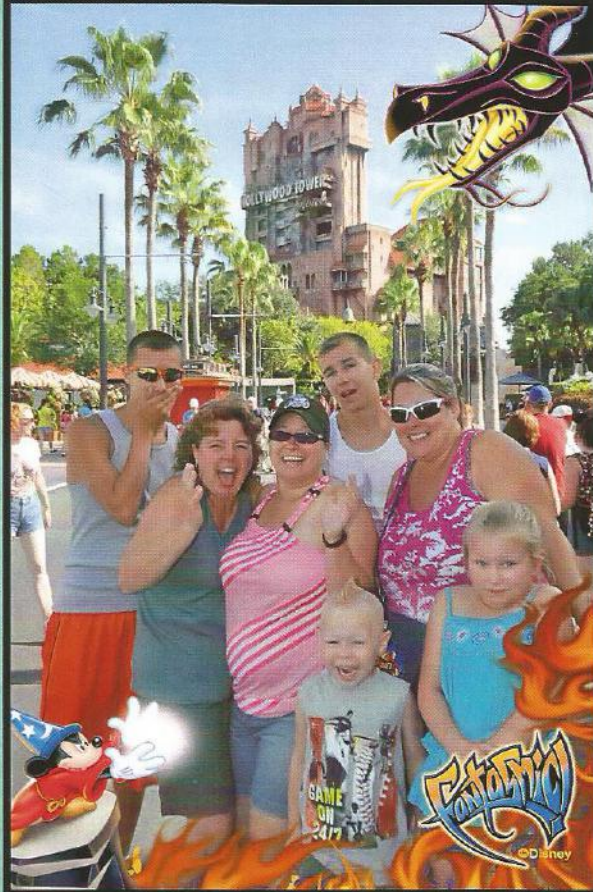




THE  
**BEST  
THINGS**  
in life  
ARE MEANT TO BE  
**SHARED**

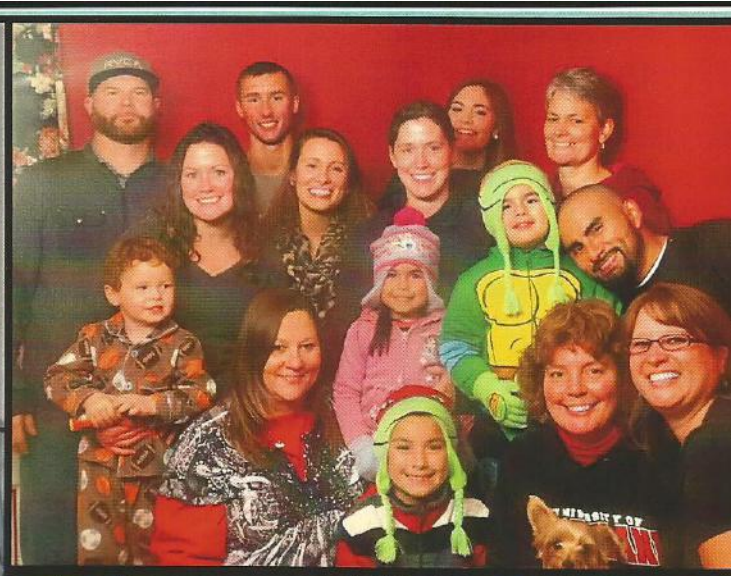
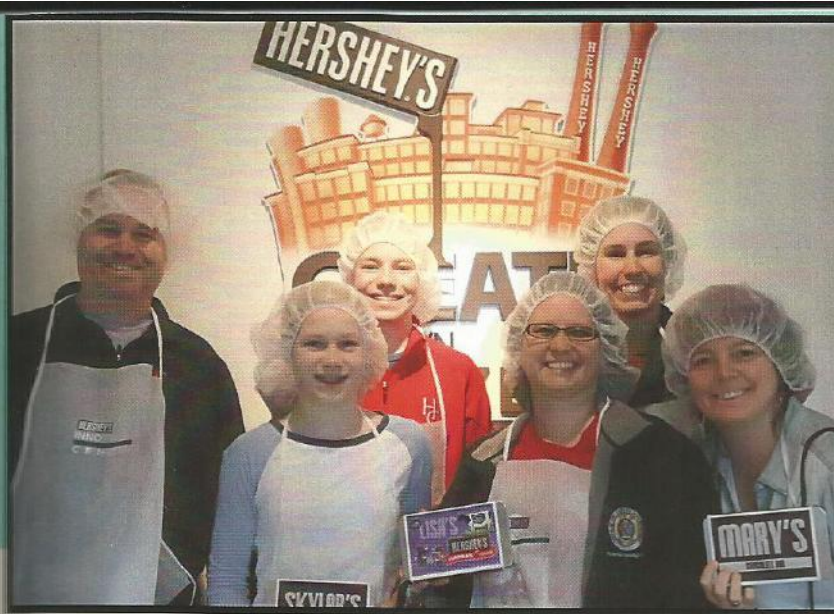


We love hanging out with Lisa's nieces and nephews. We have so many memories that it's hard to pick a favorite but a couple of our best times were when we took Lisa's sister and her kids to Disney and also when we had all the kids at our house for a Frozen themed slumber party. We can't wait to start making wonderful memories with our little one.

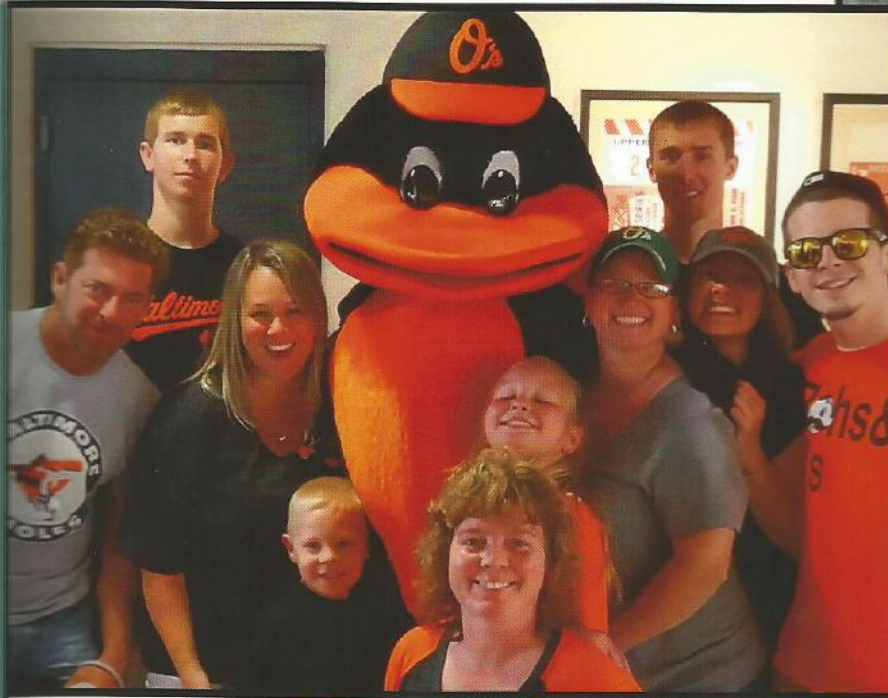


*live*  
WELL  
*laugh*  
OFTEN  
*love*  
MUCH





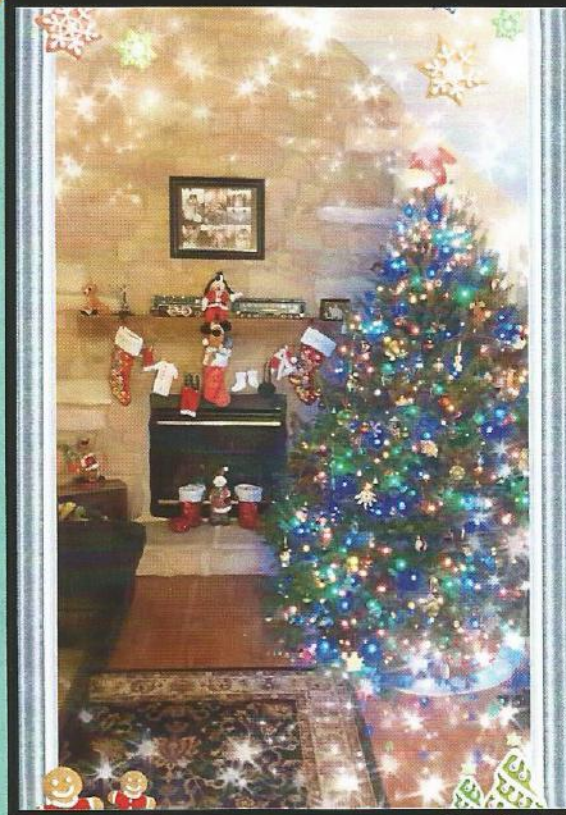
Spending time with our extended family is also important and everyone tries to get together at least once a year.





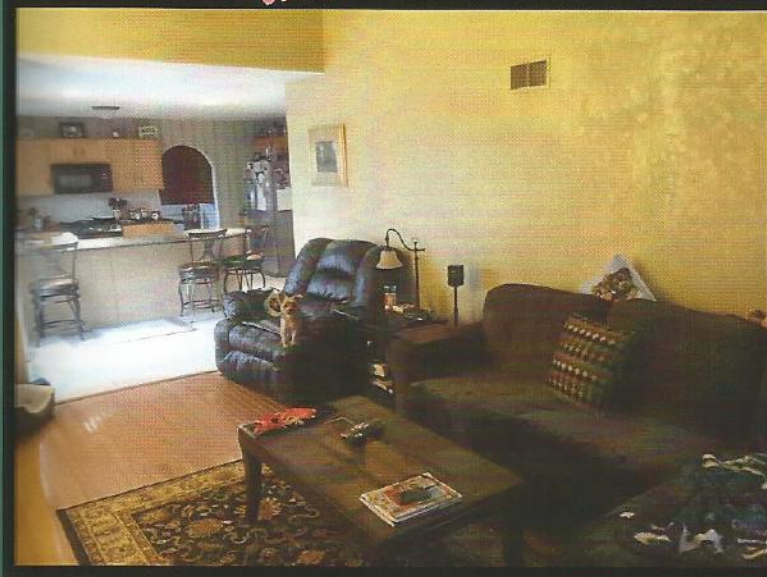
# OUR HAPPY HOME

We live in a 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, two story home with a large finished basement that we can't wait to turn into a children's playroom. We have a large fenced in backyard with an in-ground swimming pool and plenty of room for a swing set. Our home is in a well established, family friendly neighborhood close to some of the top schools in the state, several lakes with hiking and biking trails and community parks. We eagerly anticipate spending evenings as a family playing in the park and going on walks.

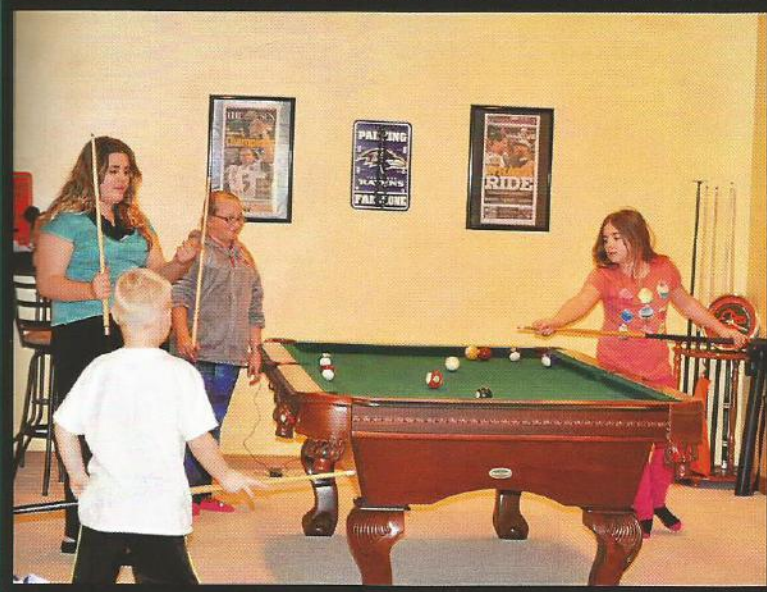




# COMMUNITY PARK WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE



## Family Fun



*Energy and Persistence Conquer All Things*





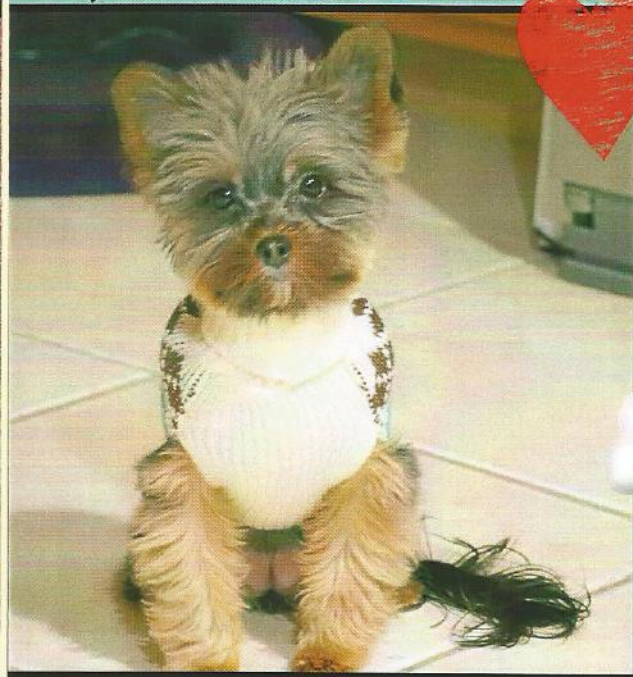
# PUPPY LOVE

We love our precious Yorkshire puppies, Rizzoli and Gemma. They each have fun and loving personalities. We can't wait until our family is complete and our pups have a human little one to protect and love. We have an empty space in our hearts and home that is just right for our

Gemma

little bundle of joy.

Rizzoli



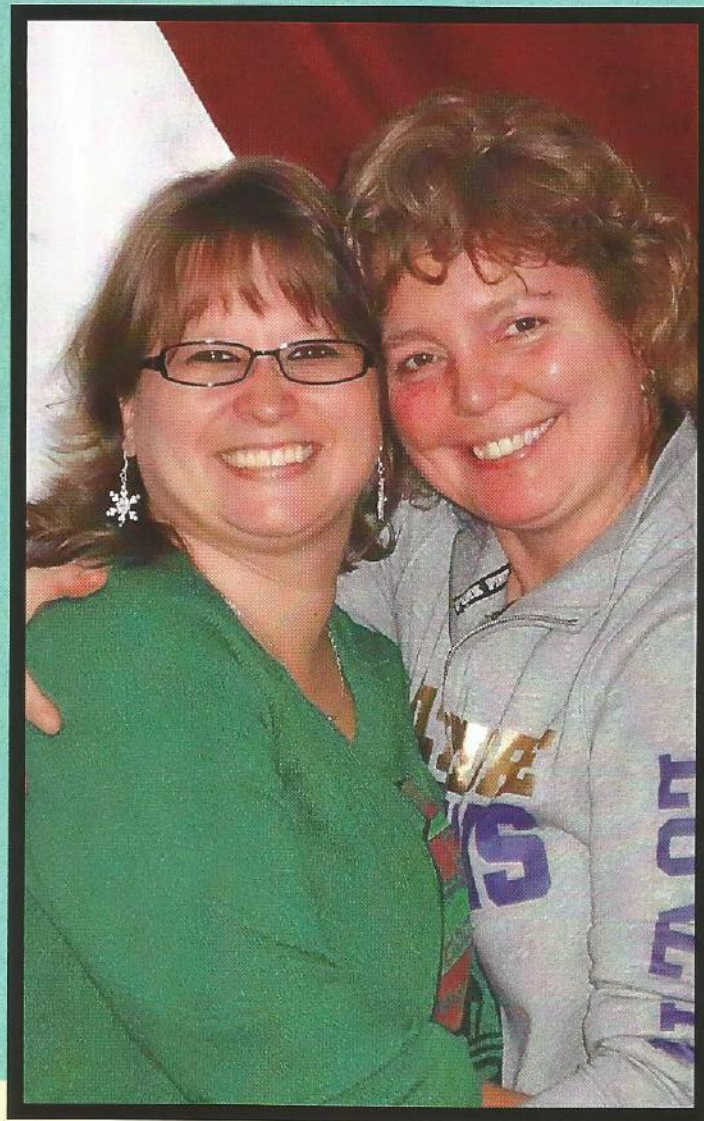
## WOOF!





## ADOPTION OPENNESS

Our hope is to enter into a mutual agreement, whether it be open, semi-open, or closed. If you wish, we would include you in the child's development throughout their life. The birth family deserves respect and a place in our hearts and lives forever, if they choose. We are certainly not perfect, but we seek to ensure that our child will always feel completely loved, valued and appreciated. We are passionate about being parents and helping our child grow and develop. If chosen, we promise to love and support the child unconditionally.



## OUR PROMISE

We are excited to see what is in store for our precious little one and will support them in their decisions for a healthy future. We promise to cheer them on and encourage them to be a good sport in everything they do; win or lose. We promise to provide them with all of the love and support they need as they grow, and are raised and directed on the path to being an understanding, happy, and productive adult. We promise to provide a bright future and the means to further their education through college or work experience. We promise to lead by example in raising a kind, selfless, respectful, and responsible child. We promise to introduce them to religion and faith and when the child is old enough they will be allowed to follow their own path. We promise to be open and honest with them about their adoption.

With Love and Respect,  
Lisa & Mary





*A dream is a wish  
your heart makes*

