



TJ, ALYSSA & ELIE RUE

DEAR EXPECTANT MAMA,

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LOOK THROUGH THIS BOOK AND LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FAMILY. WE FEEL HONORED THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING US TO BE ADOPTIVE PARENTS OF THIS CHILD AND ELIE RUE IS EXCITED TO BE A BIG SISTER.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT THIS DAY WILL BRING BECAUSE PAGING THROUGH PROFILE BOOKS, READING LETTERS AND TRYING TO UNDERSTAND STRANGERS THROUGH A BOOK OF PICTURES IS A SURREAL PROCESS FOR SURE, BUT WE WANT TO GIVE YOU STRENGTH. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN OUR HEARTS AND OUR PRAYERS. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOT ALONE AS YOU PROCESS THROUGH YOUR DECISIONS.

WE ARE OPEN TO COMMUNICATING WITH YOU FURTHER AND ANSWERING ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. PLEASE REACH OUT TO YOUR WORKER TO GET OUR CONTACT INFORMATION. ONE OF OUR GREATEST STRENGTHS IS THAT THAT WE ARE GOOD COMMUNICATORS AND KNOW THAT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS ARE BUILT WITH TRUST, VULNERABILITY AND GRACE.

WARMLY,

TJ AND ALYSSA



TJ IS A SERVICE MANAGER FOR AN AUDIO/VIDEO COMPANY. HE ADORED BEING A STAY AT HOME DAD FOR ELIE RUE'S 1ST YEAR OF LIFE AND STRIVES EVERYDAY TO MAKE THE PERFECT CUP OF COFFEE...OR TWO.

TJ



TJ IN ALYSSA'S WORDS:

LIGHT-HEARTED & FUN
AN AVID SKIER, BIKER & HIKER
COFFEE & CHOCOLATE LOVER
A DEDICATED FATHER, SON,
BROTHER & FRIEND



ALYSSA IS AN ACUPUNCTURIST AND CURRENTLY MANAGES A WELLNESS CLINIC. SHE HAS A BA IN ZOOLOGY, HAS WORKED WITH RETIRED CIRCUS ANIMALS & AT A WILDLIFE PARK IN AUSTRALIA. SHE IS A STAINED GLASS ARTIST, A TEA EXPERT AND PREFERS TO RELAX WITH A GOOD BOOK BY THE FIRE.

ALYSSA



ALYSSA IN TJ'S WORDS:

PASSIONATE, CARING AND KIND
INNOCENT WITH A SWEET HEART
LOVES ANIMALS AND ADVENTURE
ENJOYS SOCCER, THE CABIN & HIKING
BEST AT GIVING ADVICE & HELPING
PEOPLE HEAL

ELINOR RUTH



"ELIE RUE" IS BRIGHT, ATHLETIC AND JOYFUL. SHE LOVES TO BIKE, CLIMB, DANCE, SKI AND DO GYMNASTICS. SHE IS A PUZZLE WIZ, A SOCIAL BUTTERFLY AND IS HAPPIEST WHEN SNUGGLED BETWEEN HER PARENTS ON THE COUCH.







FAMILY FIRST

WE CAN'T GET ENOUGH
OF EACH OTHER!



ELIE RUE'S COUSINS (THE 3 AMIGAS)



TJ'S FAMILY

THEY PLAN ACTION PACKED FAMILY VACATIONS, ATTEND SPORTING EVENTS, ENJOY FANCY MEALS AND GIGGLE TOO MUCH. THIS FAMILY KNOWS HOW TO SPOIL ONE ANOTHER! OH...AND THEY TALK TO EACH OTHER AT LEAST EVERYDAY.



TJ'S COUSINS



**GRANDMA, GANDPA AND UNCLE
AJ'S FAMILY**



**TJ'S AUNT & UNCLE
AND THEIR FAMILY**



PAPI



IS A TEAM. THEY WORK TOGETHER, KNOW EACH OTHERS STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES, AND SHOW UP FOR ONE ANOTHER THROUGH THICK AND THIN. LOVE RUNS DEEP, TIME IS CHERISHED AND A STACK OF COOKIES & A CUP OF TEA IS ALWAYS PRESENT WHEN THEY ARE TOGETHER.



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AUNTI EMILIE

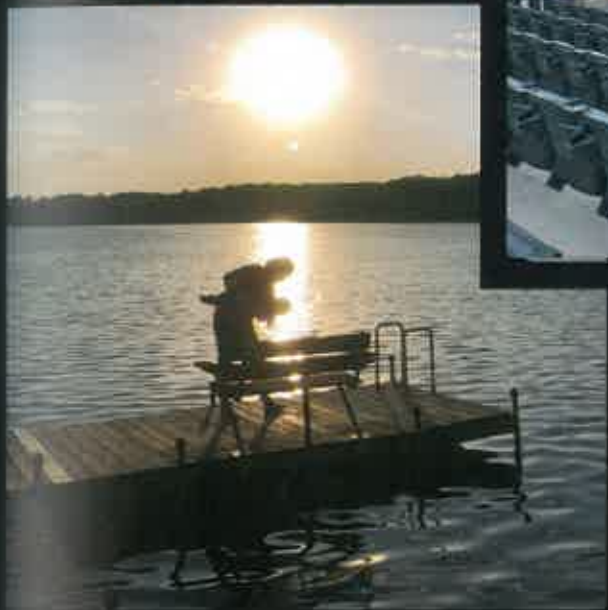
ALYSSA'S
FAMILY





WHERE WE LIVE





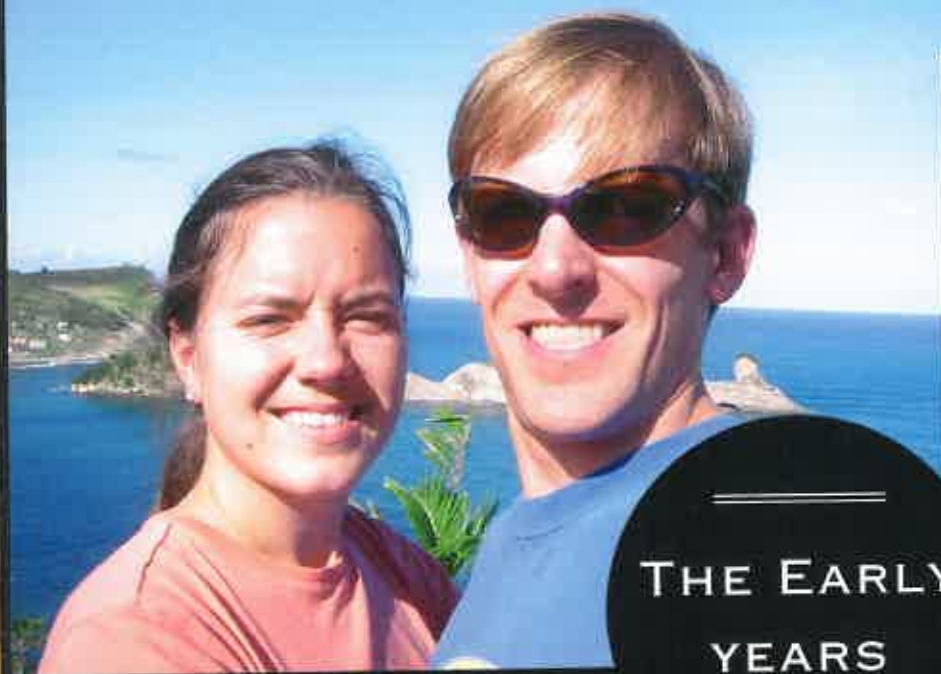
WHERE WE PLAY



WE ADORE THE CLIMBING GYM, THE
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND LAKE PATHS.

WE ATTEND CONCERTS, SPORTING
EVENTS, PLAYS AND MOVIES.

WE SPEND LONG WEEKENDS AT OUR
CABIN AND LOVE TO CAMP & HIKE.



THE EARLY
YEARS



FRIENDS INTRODUCED US OVER
EMAIL, WE DATED FOR 2 YEARS
AND HAVE NOW BEEN MARRIED
FOR 13.



WE BELIEVE ALL RELATIONSHIPS
TAKE WORK AND ARE MOST
REWARDING WHEN WE CAN
FULLY ACCEPT & EMBRACE ONE
ANOTHER AS WE ARE DAY BY
DAY.

LOVE ALWAYS WINS



TWO BECOMES THREE



GROWING OUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR PLAN. EVEN AS A CHILD ALYSSA KNEW SHE WAS MEANT TO HAVE A DIVERSE FAMILY. WE EXPECT TO FEEL OUR FAMILY IS COMPLETE WHEN THREE BECOMES FOUR.



RAISING ELIE RUE



BE KIND
LOVE DEEPLY
LAUGH A LOT
DREAM BIG
FORGIVE FAST
HAVE FAITH
SHOW COURAGE
BE GRATEFUL



ENJOYING
EVERYDAY



EMBRACE THE
ORDINARY AS
EXTRAORDINARY



OUR CHURCH FAMILY GROUP



ELIE RUE'S
BEST FRIEND



SCHOOL FRIENDS



FUN WITH FRIENDS



THANK YOU FOR
CONSIDERING US



WE WOULD LOVE TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT
YOU



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