



JOHN & MELISSA

Hello + Thank You

Hi there!

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us! We are John and Melissa, and we are so excited to start our adoption journey. We know this time is filled with uncertainty and difficulty as you try to plan the best option for your baby. We understand that this decision you must make is the hardest decision that you will ever make. We are deeply grateful for the time you spend reading our book and getting a glimpse of our family. We are parents to two little boys whom we absolutely adore. Being a parent is the greatest joy, and we would not trade it for the world, but our family does not yet feel complete. We struggled with infertility and multiple miscarriages for over five years before we decided that we are ready to adopt.



WE KNOW THAT OUR HEARTS ARE OPEN, AND WE DESIRE ONE MORE CHILD TO MAKE OUR FAMILY WHOLE.

We have chosen to pursue adoption because we believe that families are created in all different ways and biology is only one small aspect of building a family. We feel that being chosen to raise a child through adoption is an absolute honor and it is a responsibility that we do not take lightly. Your child would be the greatest gift to us. Our hope is that this will be the start of a long-lasting relationship between you and our family. We promise to teach our child about their heritage, and we want them to have a relationship with you in whatever capacity you choose. While we cannot promise a life without disappointment or pain, we do promise a lifetime filled with laughter and unconditional love. We promise to fill their life with love and memories for them to cherish forever. Please know that our thoughts are with you no matter what path you choose to pursue. Your bravery is nothing short of amazing.

WITH LOVE, *John & Melissa*

A FEW OF **OUR FAVORITE THINGS**

- **SPENDING TIME TOGETHER AS A FAMILY**
- **GOING SWIMMING/TO WATER PARKS/TO THEME PARKS**
- **BASEBALL AND OTHER SPORTING EVENTS AS A FAMILY**
- **TRAVELING**
- **RIDING BIKES AND PLAYING TOGETHER OUTDOORS**



John is a Paramedic and Melissa is a Nurse. We both have a love of helping and serving others. It's what drew Melissa to John in the first place! We met online in 2016. Melissa reached out to John first.

His profile showed that he worked at a theme park in First Aid. Fun fact, Melissa worked previously as a paramedic there too and thought it was awesome to have that in common! It was love at first sight and we married in June 2017. We renewed our vows on our five-year anniversary to celebrate our love story. We adore our two boys and just know that our family is not yet complete. We are hoping to adopt one more bundle of joy to make our family whole. We love to travel and make memories together as a family. We enjoy being outdoors and are always looking for new places to explore. We can often be found hiking on the weekends, spending afternoons at theme parks, or picnicking at a local park. We spend time at our happy place, the beach, every summer. We love baking with our boys – sprinkle cookies are their specialty!

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ALL ABOUT

Melissa

A NOTE FROM JOHN

Melissa is the kindest, most caring woman I've ever met. From the first moment I spoke with her, I knew she was someone I wanted in my life. She's an amazing mother, an exceptional nurse, and the best partner anyone could ever ask for. She loves our kids and is always there to kiss a boo-boo or help them pick themselves up when they fall. Whether it's decorating the house for EVERY holiday, volunteering in the classroom, or helping the kids with their crafts, her love for life always shines through. She's looking forward to having another little one to love and watch grow!

~John

MELISSA'S FAVORITE THINGS

- SCRAPBOOKING
- HIKING
- READING
- FAMILY GAME NIGHT
- CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES **Extra chocolate chips of course*



ALL ABOUT John

A NOTE FROM MELISSA

John is the most patient, loving, and kind man that I've ever known. I am so blessed to have him as my husband and the father of our children. He is so selfless and would give anyone the shirt off his back. He sacrifices so much to make sure our family is taken care of. His ability to remain calm in any situation brings peace to everyone he comes across. He encourages our children to try new activities and is always there to lend a helping hand. He loves playing sports in the backyard with our children, sharing his love of roller coasters with our boys, teaching them how to cook, and taking them on adventures to the aquarium and zoo. He makes fatherhood look effortless and I know that adding another little love to our family would bring him so much joy!

~ Melissa



JOHN'S FAVORITE THINGS

- ROLLER COASTERS
- BASEBALL (GO BRAVES!)
- MUSIC
- CROCHETING
- COOKING

ALL ABOUT The Boys

Big Brother

Our oldest son is the best big brother. He is so patient with his little brother and loves to build Legos and ride bikes with him. He enjoys reading, playing video games (what teen doesn't), spending time with his friends, playing board games with his parents, and building robots. Science is his jam, and he loves sharing his knowledge with others. He is so kind and gentle with younger kids and they just flock to him! He is very excited to have another little sibling.



Little Brother

Our youngest son has a heart of gold. He makes friends wherever he goes! He is such an outgoing little guy. He makes it a point to include everyone while playing so that no one is left out. He shares John's love of adventure and is always willing to try new activities. He loves Legos, riding his bike, playing baseball, and making crafts. He is always drawing or painting pictures. The refrigerator is covered with his creations! He is so excited to be a big brother.



OUR Family

John has one sister, three nephews, and two nieces. His father is deceased, but his mother lives in the area and is actively involved in the kids' lives. John's family lives nearby and we see them regularly. Melissa has a brother and a sister, an adult nephew and adult niece, and both her parents are still living. Melissa's family does not live locally but we keep in touch through lots of phone calls and hours of FaceTime, as well as taking road trips to Melissa's family farm.



We have several close friends in the area who we consider family more than friends. We make it a priority to get together with them as often as we can—often going out to dinner. We have been lucky enough to know many of them for over a decade. They are so loving and supportive of us and our family. We also get together with our neighbors often, attending neighborhood celebrations and block parties.



OUR Home

We live in a suburb of a major metropolitan area. John grew up locally and Melissa moved to the area about 15 years ago. Melissa grew up on her family farm, which her family still owns, and she visits to this day. Our home is in a small, close-knit neighborhood with lots of families and small children. We have 4 bedrooms and a large, dedicated playroom that our boys love to spend all their time in, with a large yard perfect for games and play.



Knox & Bingo

WE HAVE THE TWO SWEETEST KITTENS IN THE WORLD, KNOX AND BINGO, WHO LOVE SNUDDLING WITH THEIR PEOPLE.



Thank
you

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO
KNOW US AND OUR FAMILY. WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN FEEL
THE LOVE AND SUPPORT THAT WE CAN GIVE TO YOUR
CHILD. WE ARE THINKING OF YOU ALWAYS.

♥ John & Melissa