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Nate & Joanna

Hello

Thank you for taking the time to read through our profile book. We can't imagine the mix of emotions that you must be feeling right now. What we are confident in is that you are reading this letter right now because your number one priority is ensuring that your child has the best life possible. If you decide to move forward with choosing someone else to parent your child, we hope that you would consider us as those parents.



A little bit of background on us... we met through church in 2014 and quickly became best friends. After a year of friendship, we began dating and were married in 2016. There were a few things that we were certain of right off the bat; we loved to travel, we enjoyed a variety of events and activities together, and we wanted to be parents and enjoy all of these things with a family. After a couple years of trying, we had doctors confirm that we each had fertility issues. It became very clear to us that God was guiding us toward adoption.

Adoption is something that is already very much a part of our lives. I (Nate) am the oldest of four adopted children. I was an open adoption with extended family. My sister was an open adoption through an agency. My two brothers were closed adoptions through the state. Being adopted is something that we wear with a badge of pride. We love our parents, and we love our birth parents for loving us so much that they chose to prioritize a better life for each of us than they felt they could provide.

As we began to share with friends and family about our journey to becoming parents, we were so relieved to find out how many people within our extended families, friends, and community at church also had infertility issues and/or had gone through the adoption process. We feel incredibly supported through this and are confident that our child will grow up in a supportive and loving environment as well.

Lastly, we want you to know that we are praying for you. Whether you choose to parent your child or match with us or another family, I pray that God shows you the right path forward and brings you peace in your decision making.

Thanks again for looking through our book!

Nate and Jo

Our Story

On the surface, we couldn't be any more different! I (Nate) am 6'8", grew up in Los Angeles, played sports, and am very outgoing. Joanna is 5'4" (quite the height difference!), is a Colorado native, loves her studies, and is quite introverted. When we met, we quickly became best friends after realizing that we shared more in common than first glances would indicate. It was not long after that, that I realized I was interested in being more than friends. Joanna, on the other hand, took a bit longer to come around to the idea!

After being close friends for awhile, and my awkward charm finally wearing her down, we began dating in 2015, and we got married in 2016. We have very much enjoyed married life and are excited to expand our family through adoption.



Vancouver, British Columbia



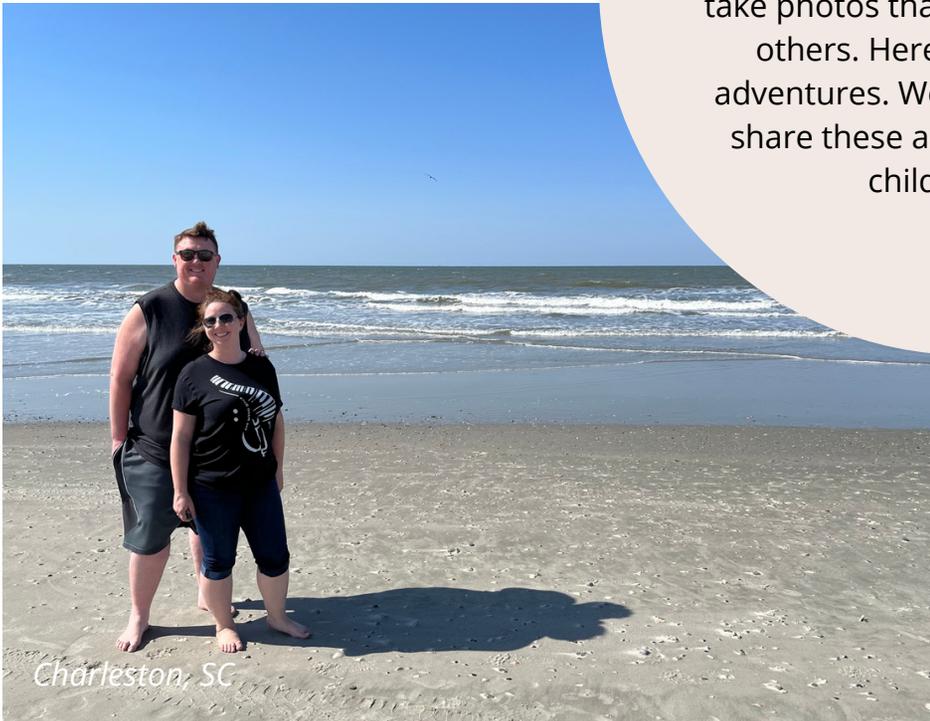
Buena Vista, CO



About Us

We love to travel! We also love to take photos that look very similar to others. Here are some of our adventures. We are very excited to share these adventures with our child one day!

Charleston, SC



Grand Canyon, AZ



Meet Nate

Hi there! My name is Nate. I grew up in a suburb of Los Angeles. I am the oldest of four adopted children. It is one of my favorite parts of our family's story, and I hope I get to share it with you. When we found out that adoption was our only path to becoming parents, I was so excited to be able to continue my family legacy of adoption. My mom was also adopted! It is something that I am so proud of and I look forward to developing that same type of pride and love in our child for their adoption story as well.

From a very young age, I loved sports. I have played soccer, hockey, football, baseball, and basketball. Out of all of these, basketball is by far my favorite, and it's not just because I am freakishly tall! Growing up in LA, I became quite the Lakers fan. I love watching them, and just about any other team/sport, with family and friends. I was also raised in a family that loved motorsports. On many weekends, you could find us out at Dumont Sand Dunes racing around in dune buggies or on dirt bikes. My passion for motorcycles continues to this day. I love finding scenic routes and cruising through the mountain roads. I can't wait to share these passions with our child one day.





AT HEART

My top-five most important character traits:
loyal, supportive, curious, protector, and leader

AT HOME

I enjoy being able to wind down at home. You can usually find me watching a movie, playing video games, or building Legos with Joanna.

AT WORK

I lead a team of account managers that support restaurant operations. I try to strike a balance between fun and accountability. My team often refers to my approach as a type of "Zen".

ON MY PLAYLIST

Depending on my mood, you can find me listening to rock of all eras and genres, classical, hip-hop, or pop.

FAVORITE FOODS

There are two things that I will rarely turn down. Tacos and Cheeseburgers. There are so many different ways to have each of those, so I couldn't list a specific kind of either.



Meet Joanna

Hello! My name is Joanna (or "Jo" as Nate calls me). I grew up in Colorado Springs in a family of four. We have always been very close, and my mom's side of the family lives in the area as well. I love spending my summers in the mountains, and I have always had a passion for learning and adventure. That has very much crafted who I am as a person and the things that I love to do. I enjoy learning about science, history, art, and mythology. When reading or playing games, I pick out experiences that take me to different magical lands or into the future of space and time travel. In my free time, I will usually be trying out a new baking recipe, playing a game, or researching a new place that we might want to visit.

All of this factors into why I am so excited to be a parent. I had known for awhile even before meeting Nate that it might be difficult for me to get pregnant. I have a lot of friends and family who have also experienced struggles with infertility and have been very supportive. While it was heartbreaking for us to accept that we wouldn't be able to conceive, we are excited about the opportunity to adopt! I cannot wait to go on adventures with our child to zoos, to museums, on hikes or other outdoor activities, and anything else that we can do together.



AT HEART

My top-five most important character traits: empathetic, creative, passionate, idealistic, and open-minded

AT HOME

My biggest hobby is baking. I've tried cookies, cakes, breads, sourdough, and anything else that I can do in a home oven. I also love reading, playing games, and being outside.

AT WORK

I supervise a team of instructional designers that develop training for public assistance programs. I value knowing that the work I do has a positive impact on my community.

ON MY PLAYLIST

My playlist usually includes acoustic folk or lo-fi beats. I tend to enjoy more mellow music and find it very relaxing. I also listen to a lot of podcasts!

FAVORITE FOODS

I absolutely love breakfast food! Bacon is always included, and my favorite dish is Eggs Benedict. I'm also a huge fan of almost any kind of cheese.



Things we do for fun

We love exploring and finding new experiences together. That includes going to concerts, museums, sporting events, outdoor activities, trips to the zoo, and anything else that we discover. One of our favorite things to do is go on motorcycle rides. We want to encourage a healthy sense of adventure and curiosity with our child.



On a family ride through the mountains



Nate and Joanna at Pepsi Center to see Imagine Dragons



Joanna walking through The Butchart Gardens in Victoria, BC



Joanna in front of Air Force One at the Reagan Library Museum



Nate watching the sun rise at the edge of the Grand Canyon



Nate hanging out with some primates at the Albuquerque Zoo

Our Home

We live in Berthoud, CO on a cul-de-sac in a fairly quiet neighborhood. We have a large back yard with pretty views in all directions. The sky truly does get as blue as the pictures show.

Our home is a ranch style home with a fully furnished basement. There are five bedrooms and three baths.

There is a large deck off the back of the house where we spend a lot of time hanging out by the fire, playing games, or eating some of Nate's BBQ.





Childcare Plans

We both work from home full time and have flexible work schedules. Nate's parents also live with us and are more than willing to help. Our church community is also very tight-knit, local, and has a lot of young children and families.

Where we live

BERTHOUD, CO

Berthoud is a cute, small town along the Front Range in Northern Colorado. We are about 30 minutes south of Fort Collins and about 30 minutes north of Denver.

THINGS TO DO NEARBY

We are also about a 30 minute drive away from Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park. There are almost limitless opportunities for exploration. We live close enough to Denver to enjoy all the amenities that it offers such as a performing arts center, Red Rocks Amphitheater, a great restaurant scene, and a few water and amusement parks. We live in a pretty unique area and are excited to grow our family here.

Fun Fact: Joanna's dad (John) took both of these pictures on family vacations in here in Colorado.





Our community

Berthoud offers all of the things you would think of when it comes to small town living. The town shuts down for "major" events like homecoming and the 4th of July. There is a little part on main street that hosts farmers markets, movie nights, and some fun festivals. Berthoud has a brand new rec center that we like to go to a few times a week, and it has a lot of family friendly events and activities.

We attend a church with a thriving children's program that is just a few miles from us. Our church's main priority is making sure that regardless of where people are at in their lives, they feel valued and accepted.



Nate's Family

FROM JOHN AND SONNI:

John and I met and immediately knew we would be together forever because we had the same life goals, the same love for life, and both came from huge families. We were married, and it seems like it didn't take much time for us to see our home filled with four adopted children that we loved as our own, we've never considered them to be anything else. We have never regretted the decision to adopt and have had the greatest pleasure watching our children grow into thriving adults that give so much to this world.

We understand adoption and are thrilled to be on this adoption journey with our son Nathan and his wife Joanna, who also understand adoption and how special it is. We look forward to meeting this little one that will be placed in our lives, in a caring home with loving parents and a large family that will support them. We know that Nathan and Joanna have prepared for this baby and will be great parents. We can't wait to be grandparents and the joy coming our way!



From Right to Left: Joanna, John, Kevin, Nate, Sonni, and Andrew

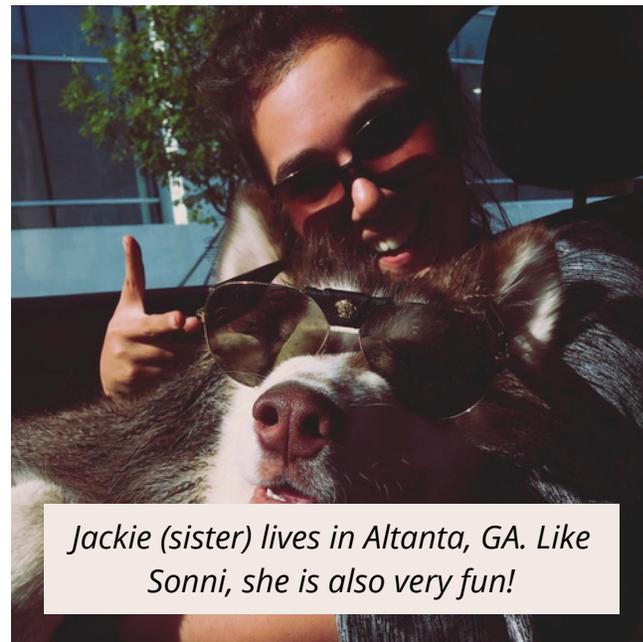




*Sonni and John at our rehearsal.
She is often the life of the party!*



*John loves cars and builds hot rods.
Here are two cars he built!*



*Jackie (sister) lives in Atlanta, GA. Like
Sonni, she is also very fun!*



*Kevin (brother) and Nate share a
love of sports!*



*Andrew (brother) enjoys movies and
legos. He also loves helping others.*



*Nate has a large extended family
with lots of cousins, 50+!*

Joanna's Family



From Right to Left: Joanna, Nate, Wendy, John, Angela (Sister), and Jon (Brother in Law)

FROM JOHN AND WENDY:

We are so excited to be grandparents and already there is a deep love in our hearts for the child Nate and Joanna are bringing into the family. We are looking forward to being involved; together growing as a family and sharing in the joys of every life experience.

Joanna and Nate will be wonderful parents! They will have a strong support system, being surrounded by grandparents and aunts & uncles who will provide encouragement and assistance when we are needed. Like a ribbon lovingly tied around a lock of hair, so this precious child will be encircled with our love.



Joanna and Angela (sister) near Orlando on a girls trip



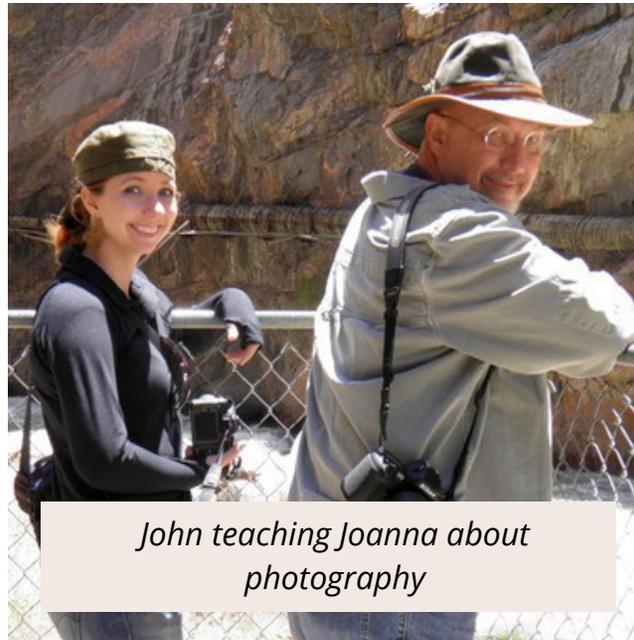
Escape Room for Nate's Birthday with Jon and Angela



John and Wendy on a hike near Maroon Bells, CO



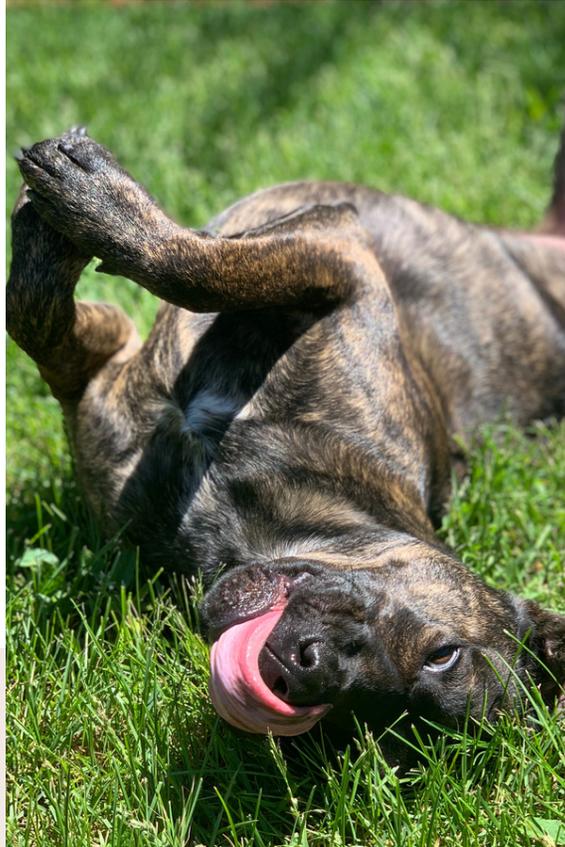
Angela and Jon (brother in law) at a local Lantern Festival



John teaching Joanna about photography



Wendy helping us shop for nursery room furniture



Nala



Maggie

Our Pets

We have three pets - two cats and a dog. Mosley is goofy, playful, and is almost three years old. Nala is about twelve years old and is the biggest cuddler of the bunch. Maggie is about six, and she is the most curious, sociable cat we have ever known.



Mosley



Our Friends

Our friend group is a mix of people that we have met through work, church, or have known since high school or college. We are blessed to have them as a part of our lives, and they are very supportive of our journey.

On a special note, Johnny and Kelsey (bottom right photo) met through the same church group that we did. Johnny officiated our wedding!



Family Information

NATE

- **Occupation:** Manager of Account Management for OpenTable
- **Education:** Associates Degree from AIMS Community College
- **Religion:** Non-Denominational Christian
- **Date of Birth:** March 5, 1986
- **Hair Color:** Brown
- **Eye Color:** Blue
- **Height:** 6 feet 8 inches

JOANNA

- **Occupation:** Instructional Design Supervisor for the State of Colorado
- **Education:** Bachelor's Degree from Colorado Christian University
- **Religion:** Non-Denominational Christian
- **Date of Birth:** October 10, 1988
- **Hair Color:** Brown
- **Eye Color:** Blue
- **Height:** 5 feet 4 inches

Date of Marriage: January 17, 2016

Children: No children

Interests and Hobbies: Traveling, Exploring Outdoors, Movies, Games, Music, Sports, Baking, and Cooking

Home: Our home is a ranch style home with a fully furnished basement. There are five bedrooms and three baths.

Pets: Mosley - 3 yr old lab mix; Nala - 12 yr old cat; Maggie - 6 yr old cat

Why Adoption? We have always been interested in adoption because of the legacy in Nate's family. Also, we cannot have children of our own and we both have a strong desire to grow our family and raise a child.

Openness to Birth Parents: We believe that an open adoption is best for everyone involved. We are open to twice annual visits and additionally to staying connected through email and social media.

Childcare Plans: We both work from home and have flexible work schedules. We also have family who live with us and would love to help.



*Thank you for taking some time to
get to know us!*