

STEPHANIE and PATRICK

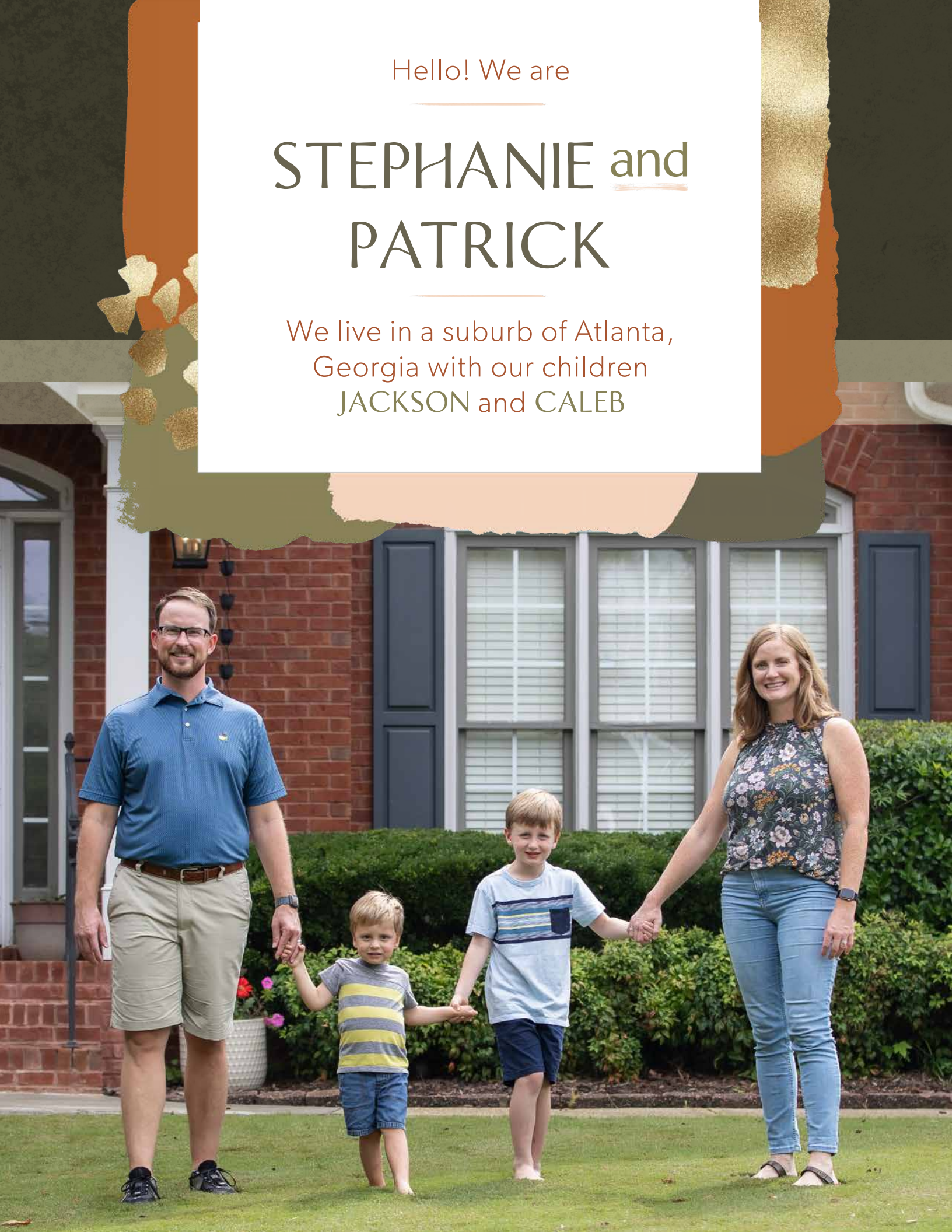
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Hello! We are

STEPHANIE and
PATRICK

We live in a suburb of Atlanta,
Georgia with our children
JACKSON and CALEB





THANK YOU

for taking the time to look through this book and consider us as an adoptive family for your sweet child.

We want to start by saying that you are BRAVE, WE ADMIRE YOU, AND YOU MATTER. Please know that we are praying for you and your child.

We met in college at the University of Georgia and have been happily married for 12 years. We have two biological sons who are eager for another sibling to join the fun.

Adoption has been in our conversations since we were dating and we've always known it was part of God's plan for our family. After our 2nd was born traumatically through a placental abruption and a 3 week NICU visit, our doctor cautioned us in pursuing another pregnancy. After processing through this news, we felt God tugging at our hearts to begin the journey to grow our family through adoption. We very much want another child and feel peaceful and confident that God is leading us to pursue adoption. We are passionate about teaching the next generation to "love God and love others" and we believe adoption is a beautiful way to do that. We are eager to meet you, get to know you and hopefully get to love you as well.

OUR FAMILY (SO FAR!) IN MATCHING T-SHIRTS



our STORY



ALL DRESSED UP FOR A WEDDING

We met in a dentist office where Patrick worked in college.

We joke that Patrick got to know Stephanie very well on their first meeting even asking her height and weight! I (Stephanie) went home and told my college roommate about this really cute guy I met at the dentist office that I would probably never see again. Over the course of a year, we kept "running into each other." One random day out of the blue, Patrick asked me out on a date and I said yes! He kept asking me out and I kept saying yes.

Three years later, we got married in 2011 in the classic city of Athens at Christmas time. We love each other's company and strive to communicate well with each other always. We enjoy adventure and experiencing new things and places together. One person's strengths help encourage the other person's weaknesses and we balance each other out so well.

The foundation of our marriage is God and faith is everything to us. As a couple, our goal is to model the love of Jesus and to love people well. We do this better together.

WE LOVE OUR GEORGIA BULLDOGS!





SUPPORTING OUR LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYER

LESSONS

we will teach our children

BE KIND /// LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY
AND ALWAYS FORGIVE /// CELEBRATE
THE WINS AND LEARN FROM THE
LOSSES /// SHOW GRATITUDE BY
COUNTING YOUR BLESSINGS ///
LAUGH AND DANCE OFTEN!



WE OFTEN BURST OUT LAUGHING WHEN WE READ BOOKS

A few of our favorite TRADITIONS

Each summer we attend family camp at Pine Cove. It's a full week of time together to dive into enriching Bible studies, laugh together at meals, and experience high-adrenaline thrills at a variety of activities such as zip lining, water skiing and horseback riding. It's the most fun vacation we take and it grows our family spiritually while having fun at the same time!

We host and co-lead a small group of people weekly from our church called a missional community group. We have 7 families who have been in each other's lives for 6 years now. We study the scriptures, pray together, serve one another, and live on mission together. These families have kids the same age as ours and we love them like family!

ALL SMILES AT FAMILY CAMP



about
STEPHANIE

written by Patrick



DECORATING OUR FRONT STEPS FOR THE SEASON!

**Stephanie is a very selfless person.
She puts others needs above her own.
Her role as a mom is no different.**

Taking care of her three boys (yes I am including me as her boy) is something she loves to do. Stephanie loves being a mom and enjoys when she gets to teach her children new skills and then watch them use those skills. She gets really excited when the traits and characteristics she has sought to grow in our children start to present themselves. Those are the moments she celebrates with them the most.

As a nurse, she sees it as a privilege to love others and take care of them in their most vulnerable state. She keeps very flexible hours as a part time radiology nurse only working a few days a month so she can be home with family.



I LOVE SEEING MY NEURO PATIENTS IMPROVE





I LOVE READING GOD'S WORD WITH A CUP OF COFFEE

HOBBIES

Stephanie's hobbies center around quality time with both family and friends. Some examples include:

- LAKE DAYS AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE ///
- GOING TO A NEPHEWS SOCCER GAME ///
- PICNIC PLAY DATES WITH MOM FRIENDS ///
- ENJOYING A BEACH OR MOUNTAIN VACATION WITH FAMILY ///
- FREE TIME WITH OTHER PEOPLE ///
- STEPHANIE IS TRULY IS A JOY TO BE AROUND.**

a few FAVORITES

Dessert

Anything with chocolate

Sports team

Georgia Bulldogs

Seasonal activity

Fall corn mazes & pumpkin patches

Source of inspiration

Bible and my mom

Lunch box snack

Salt and vinegar chips

Ice cream flavor

French silk by Eddy's

Dream job

Event planner

Vacation spot

Beach

Children's book

Little Blue Truck

Can't live without

Coffee

TRICK OR TREAT!



I LOVE VOLUNTEERING IN THE COMMUNITY



about PATRICK

by Stephanie



PATRICK LOVES TO READ - HE'S IN AN UNOFFICIAL BOOK CLUB!

Patrick is a loyal husband, brother, friend, and son. He cares for his people deeply and is always looking for ways to love and serve those around him.

He wants people to feel special, known, and prayed for. He is a generous person and loves to lavish gifts on people whether that is treating others to a meal or donating to a fundraising cause. Patrick is an orthodontist and is passionate about helping people love their smile. Patrick is a fun dad who loves playing any kind of sport in the backyard with his kids. He does a great job at making our kids feel needed by involving them in little tasks like washing our cars or helping with lawn care. Patrick loves all things sports related and loves how it brings together people from all sorts of backgrounds. He loves and cares for our family so well.



PATRICK ENJOYS GRILLING FOR OTHER PEOPLE





HOBBIES

Patrick's hobbies center around working hard and playing hard. Some examples include:

- WASHING CARS WITH THE KIDS ///
- TAKING CARE OF THE LAWN ///
- PLANTING NEW TREES AND PLANTS IN OUR BIG BACKYARD ///
- WOOD WORKING ///
- CHEERING ON HIS FAVORITE SPORTS TEAMS ///
- LAKE SPORTS

PATRICK ENJOYS WORKING HARD FOR A GOOD CLEAN CAR

a few FAVORITES

Dessert

Anything chocolate and peanut butter

Dream job

I have it! An Orthodontist

Ice cream flavor

Anything chocolate and peanut butter

Seasonal activity

Watching football

Place to take a child

Playground

Can't live without

COFFEE

Lunch box snack

Nutty Buddy or trail mix

Sports team

Braves, Falcons, Georgia Bulldogs

What I like to collect

Shoes

Vacation spot

Lake

Sport you like to play

Baseball

SCOOTER RIDES WITH DADDY ARE THE BEST



SPENDING TIME FISHING





future
BIG BROTHERS
Jackson and Caleb

HELLO! I'M JACKSON AND I'M SIX YEARS OLD

JACKSON

Jackson is our first born and is 6 years old. He is a servant at heart and loves without boundaries. He is our fun loving extrovert that hasn't met a stranger. He is the life of the party and is always making us laugh with a joke or silly dance. He enjoys any sport with a ball and somehow never runs out of energy (except when he's sleeping). He is so excited to be a big brother again and "help you with my baby."



HI! I'M CALEB, I'M THREE YEARS OLD!



CALEB

Caleb is our second born son and is 3 years old. He proved his strength early in life with a 3 week NICU stay. Caleb has a sweet and tender heart and loves to snuggle. He is the most friendly kid and will say hello and give high fives to strangers in the grocery store. He enjoys swinging really high and jumping on the trampoline. He can't wait to be a big brother like his big brother. He says he will "love and protect" the baby.

OUR HOME

is our happy place!



OUR BACKYARD HAS SO MUCH ROOM



THE PLACE WE CALL HOME



WE HAVE MANY PLAYDATES HERE



WE LOVE HOSTING PARTIES AT HOME



We have a big backyard and often play baseball and soccer until dark. We built a swing set this year and have loved making memories just a few steps away from our back door.

We live in a very nice, safe suburb of Atlanta with events going on every month such as festivals, fun runs, farmer's markets, etc. We love going to these events because the kids know they can always get a sweet treat! We have excellent libraries and love going to story time once a week where we interact with puppets and sing songs. Our town is full of parks and playgrounds and we have visited most of them! We have 4 seasons in Georgia and our favorite is fall because we go to pumpkin patches and corn mazes and eat all things pumpkin. We love Georgia football, water sports on the lake, hiking, board games, and family movie nights.

Our Loved Ones

STEPHANIE'S FAMILY

By Stephanie /// I have been outnumbered since birth with 3 older brothers. Growing up with 3 brothers and a military dad, I felt very protected as a kid and annoyed as a teenage girl. Our family genuinely enjoyed spending time together. My parents taught me to love people well and this was evidenced by frequent surprise guests at dinner or throwing a baby shower for a friend in need. I became an aunt before becoming a mom and currently have 14 nieces and nephews. I think being an aunt first has helped me be a more fun mom.



STEPHANIE AND HER MOM HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CLOSE



STEPHANIE WITH HER MOM, DAD AND BROTHERS

STEPHANIE'S EXTENDED FAMILY; LOTS OF COUSINS, AUNTS AND UNCLES TO LOVE!



Our Loved Ones

PATRICK'S FAMILY

By Patrick /// I grew up as the middle brother in a family of 3 boys. Each boy was very independent growing up but always knew how important the loyalty of family was. I can remember my oldest brother checking on me several times a day during my freshman year of high school and wanting to make sure I knew he was there for me. My parents taught me a genuine work ethic and the value of making memories with family. Most of our immediate family live within a hour of us so we see them often at our kid's ball games, UGA football watch parties, or family cook outs. Your child will be loved and welcomed warmly by our extended family.

PATRICK IS SUPER CLOSE TO HIS BROTHERS AND DAD



PATRICK'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY



Our Missional Community Group is like family, too!

SOME OF OUR MISSIONAL COMMUNITY GROUP ARE WEARING OUR ADOPTION SHIRTS!



our thoughts on PARENTING

If you choose to welcome us into your life and to parent your child, these are commitments we make to you:

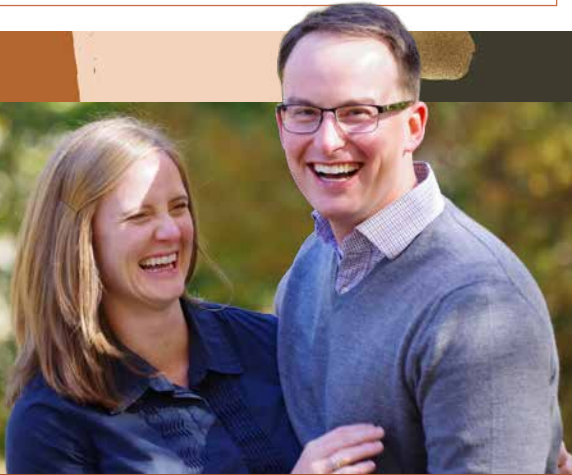
- WE PROMISE to honor, respect, and speak highly of you, and your child will know of your sacrificial love and strength.
- WE PROMISE to lead your child to love others well and to be kind, and do our best to embody that love as parents.
- WE PROMISE to always have a safe, nurturing home.
- WE PROMISE to be your child's biggest cheerleader and encourage them to chase their dreams.
- WE PROMISE to incorporate your child's heritage into our lives, teaching them the diversity of God's family.
- WE PROMISE to have fun and teach your child the power of laughter.
- WE PROMISE to share the love of Jesus with your child and pray that one day they will come to know Him.



**You will always
be the mother
of your child.
Nothing can take
away that title.**

We realize this process brings intense joy for one family while bringing intense sorrow for another. We will speak about our family's specific adoption story often in our home. Your selfless decision will be a topic we speak of with honor and dignity. We promise your child will know and understand the immense love you have for them. We want to include your perspective and involvement in your child's life as much as you are comfortable. We look forward to including you in our lives and building a meaningful relationship with you.

FAMILY information



FATHER'S NAME Patrick

OCCUPATION Orthodontist

EDUCATION Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry

RELIGION Christian

DATE OF BIRTH May 20, 1987

HAIR COLOR Brown

EYE COLOR Brown

HEIGHT 6'0"

MOTHER'S NAME Stephanie

OCCUPATION Stay at home mom, nurse

EDUCATION Bachelor's of Science in Nursing

RELIGION Christian

DATE OF BIRTH September 3, 1985

HAIR COLOR Red

EYE COLOR Green

HEIGHT 5'5"

→ **DATE OF MARRIAGE** 🏠 December 10, 2011

→ **CHILDREN** 🏠 We have two biological sons. Jackson was born on June 2, 2017 and is always up for an adventure; he is a servant at heart and loves without boundaries. Caleb was born on June 14, 2020 and has a sweet and tender heart. He loves saying hello to anyone that will chat!

→ **INTERESTS + HOBBIES** 🏠 hosting gatherings of people, Georgia football, s'mores in our fire pit, screen porch sitting, wood working, exercising our bodies, lawn care, trying new adventures together

→ **HOME** 🏠 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath two story house with a basement. Our home is our happy place. Big fenced in backyard with playground and trampoline, neighborhood hosts lots of events for kids.

→ **WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?** 🏠 As Christians, we believe adoption is not just a calling but something that we are. We are adopted into the family of God through Jesus. We very much want another child, and know that adoption has always been God's plan for our family. We are passionate about teaching the next generation to "love God and love others" and we believe adoption is another way to do this.

→ **OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S)** 🏠 We are interested in whatever level of openness feels comfortable to you whether that looks like pictures, letters, phone calls, visits, etc. We would love to discuss this with you.

→ **CHILDCARE PLANS** 🏠 Stephanie is a stay at home mom first. She keeps flexible work hours to maximize her time in the kid's activities and to be home. Your child will be cared for by Patrick when she works or grandparents when needed.

THANK YOU

for taking the time to get to know us.

We are committed as a family to being the best parents we can for your child. We promise to always keep learning and growing spiritually and emotionally as parents. As you work through these hard decisions, please know that you are not alone. Even if we never meet, know that God is with you. We're praying that He gives you miraculous comfort and peace.

**In the Bible's book of
Isaiah God says,**

"...do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you." We are praying for you and your child.

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