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John & Linda



Dear Birthparent,

We truly thank you for this opportunity to provide you with information about our lives and ourselves. We are so excited to have the opportunity to be a part of your decision for your child.



*About
Us. . .*



The essence of love is Kindness

Robert Louis Stevenson

We are John and Linda and we have been married for almost 6 years, although we were college sweethearts for several years before our marriage. We both love children and we have worked with children of all ages. We have both mentored high school students, and Linda has enjoyed participating as a science fair judge for a local high school science fair on several occasions; John was a counselor and group co-leader for therapeutic foster care groups for over 7 years. After several miscarriages and issues with infertility, adoption was our first choice which we feel is a special way in which we could build our family. We hope our letter will provide you with a glimpse into our lives and how a child would be a most joyful welcome.

*John
about
Linda.*

Linda is a truly amazing individual; she is kind, compassionate, intelligent and very loving. I met her during our first week in college. It did not take long to realize Linda and I were meant to be together. Linda and I continue to love and grow with one another as each day passes. Linda has been a critical care RN for thirteen years, although her job can be challenging and demanding she still makes it a priority to balance her work with our home life, family, friends and including our dogs. Linda is very active. She has run two marathons, and now enjoys running trails in the mountains with her friends and the dogs or hiking with them. She has many interests and her hobbies include skiing, gardening, knitting, camping and traveling. She also loves to have friends and family over for dinner and outdoor barbeques. Baking is also a favorite activity and preparing food for all invited. She is a member of several nonprofit organizations involved with wildlife and environmental conservation, very important issues for Linda, which she learned from her father. Linda is well loved by family and friends. She is easy to talk to and is someone many come to for advice. She loves to make people of all ages laugh! I truly believe Linda is going to be an exceptional mother.

Running a marathon
with friend Amy - San Diego



Skiing in Taos, NM

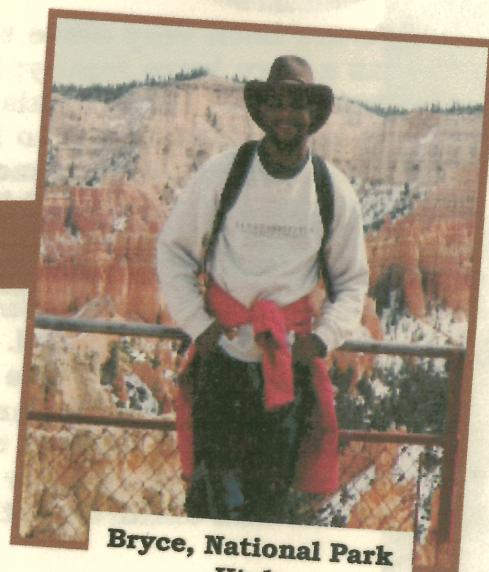


Collin wearing his handmade
knitted hat from "Auntie" Linda



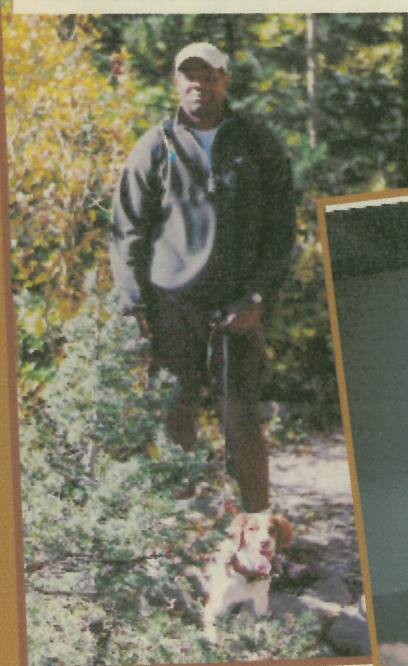
There are many reasons why I fell in love with John. He is one of the most honest, caring, laid back yet hardworking, intelligent, ethical people I know. He is very sensitive to the feelings of others and is someone people can always count on for helping them out or giving them advice that always holds true. I can not imagine my life without him. I love to watch him with all of our young cousins, nieces, nephews and our friends' children. Giggles, giggles and more giggles. The older children really look up to John. I know he can not wait for the opportunity to read to his own child, teach them to throw a football, dribble and shoot a basketball, or spoil his little girl. John loves to work in the yard (the yard always looks beautiful!). He also enjoys sports: football (he played in college), track and field (he has a couple of world class athletes in his family), basketball, hiking, camping and reading. A favorite activity is to have close friends and family over for his "famous" barbequed ribs and chicken, which no one can resist. John is strong in his Christian faith, another reason why I fell in love with him many years ago. John's experiences in working with children in foster care led him to become an attorney specializing in Family/Children's Law. He is in private practice with one of his best friends. I know without a doubt John will make an incredible father. There is no end to his capacity to love, protect and nurture, especially his own child.

*Linda
about
John. . .*

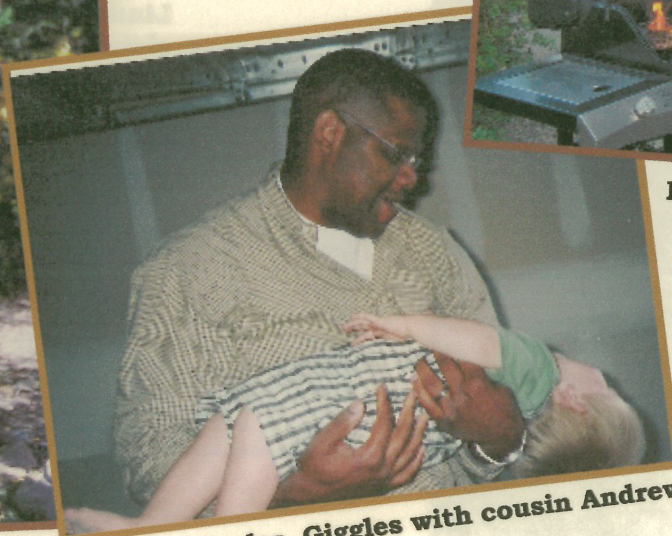


**Bryce, National Park
Utah**

**John hiking the local
Mountains near our home**



**Having fun at one of
Our barbeques!**



Giggles, Giggles with cousin Andrew!

Our Family...

We are both very close to our immediate and extended families. John has a very large family; he was the eighth child out of nine. John has always been close to his siblings, nieces and nephews as some of them are very close in age to him. Two of John's nephews will be first time fathers soon. John's mother is excited for us to start our family through adoption. She loves children and is an incredible family woman; she always makes a traditional southern meal for John, including meat, greens, cornbread, and cherry cream pie when he comes to see her! Linda has one sister, Dawn. Dawn lives several hours away with her two daughters and husband. Linda's mother lives in the same neighborhood, which is very nice. She stays very active and is also an amazing woman. She is an avid knitter and has already made beautiful items that are in our hope chest waiting to be worn by our child. She is eagerly awaiting to help care for another grandchild! Linda has several cousins with infants and children with whom we are very close.

We make it a priority to get together and always have the best time (lots of fun and laughter)! We all love to get together and go to the zoo, aquarium, "Explora" (hands on exhibits allowing all ages to think through experiences in science, technology and art) and parks. Family hiking and camping road trips are in the future plans for both of our families and we can't wait! Since both of our families are diverse and include many ethnicities we feel confident our family will embrace and support our child with love and acceptance; they are thrilled we have chose adoption to start our family.

John with his mother
And several of his sisters



Linda & John with her mother,
sister, uncle and family



**Linda with her sister Dawn and cousin Judy
visiting Sea Lions in California**



**John with his nephew
Shannon and fiancé**



**John with cousins
Judy & Amy**



Family Photos

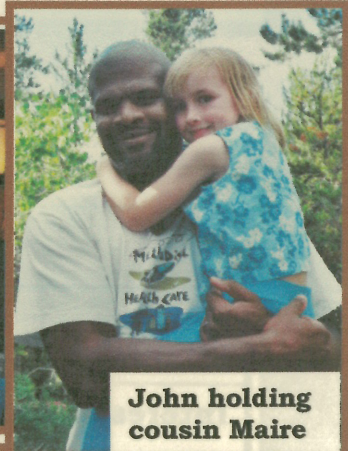
More of Linda's Family



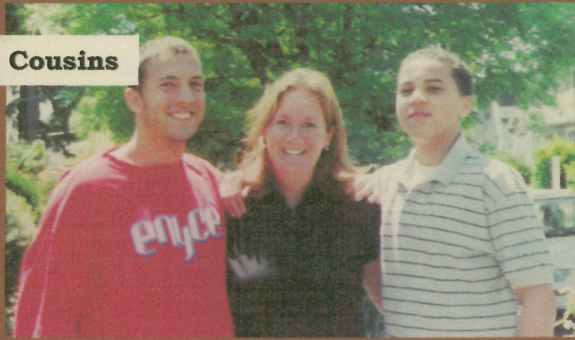
**Linda teaching cousin
Elise to fly fish**



**John holding
cousin Maire**



Cousins



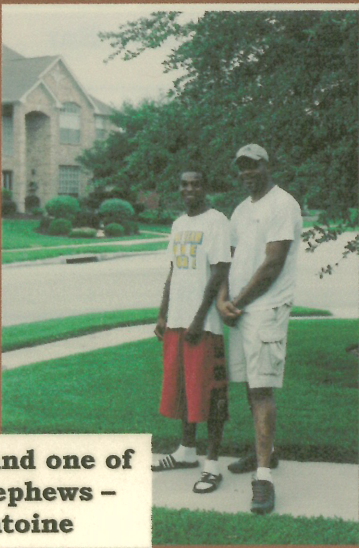
Linda's Family



**Linda with her mother,
Aunt & cousins**



**John and one of
his nephews -
Antoine**



**John and his sister Sonya
niece Kelly
playing around!**

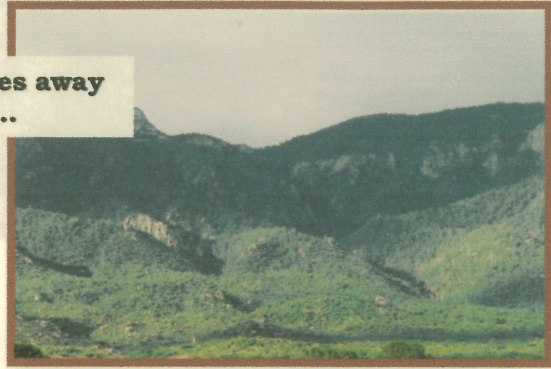


*Our
Favorites. . .*



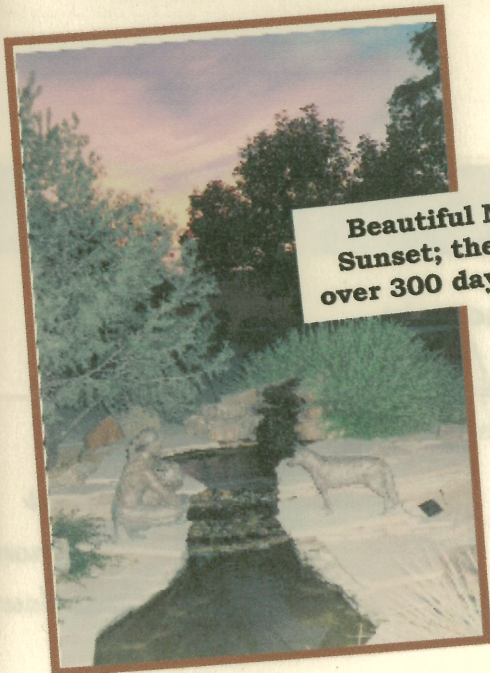
Name	John	Linda
Color	Blue	Red
Movie	Unforgiven – Clint Eastwood	When Harry met Sally – Meg Ryan
Interest or Hobby	Sports, reading, barbequing, travel	Running, skiing, knitting, animals
Food	Steak & Barbeque	Steak & Seafood
TV Show	CSI & Law and Order	Friends
Vacation Spot	British Columbia, Canada	Colorado, Glacier National Park – Montana
Candy	Snickers Bar	Red licorice
Song	“Me Too” – Toby Keith	“Never Felt this Way” – Alicia Keys
Ice Cream Flavor	Haagen Daz, Chocolate Chocolate Chip	Mint Chocolate Chip
Holiday	Christmas	Christmas

**The Mountains, minutes away
from our home...**



Our Home and Neighborhood

We live in a very culturally diverse city in the Southwest. Our home is three bedrooms and two baths with a beautiful big backyard. Our home is located in the top school district in the city and we are just minutes away from the foothills of the mountains. This is where we take our dogs for hikes and John mountain bikes. There is also a local ski area close by. Our neighborhood has a community library at the end of our street where Linda enjoyed attending "story hour" with family and children of our friends. The neighborhood is very family oriented with running/walking/biking trails for adults and children, as well as a recreational areas where they can play soccer, baseball and basketball. There is also a very nice gym with a great pool in the neighborhood, along with many cultural events to attend, museums, and shopping nearby.



**Beautiful New Mexico
Sunset; the sun shines
over 300 days a year here!**



Our Home

*In
Closing. . .*

We hope this letter gives you an understanding of who we are and what our life is like. John and I have always wanted a child to love and share in all of life's wonderful experiences. Our love and commitment for one another has been tested through life's storms, including our experiences with infertility, it has fortunately made us stronger as both individuals and as a couple. We promise you that if we are chosen for your child we will raise him/her with unconditional love, happiness and stability, strong Christian values and morals, a strong work ethic, a sense of self, as well as provide and support him/her with every opportunity to be the best person possible. We look forward to talking or meeting with you, if you choose. Please contact Lifetime Adoption at 1-800-923-6784 if you would like to learn more about us.



Sincerely,

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*Every
Sunset
brings the promise
of a new dawn.*