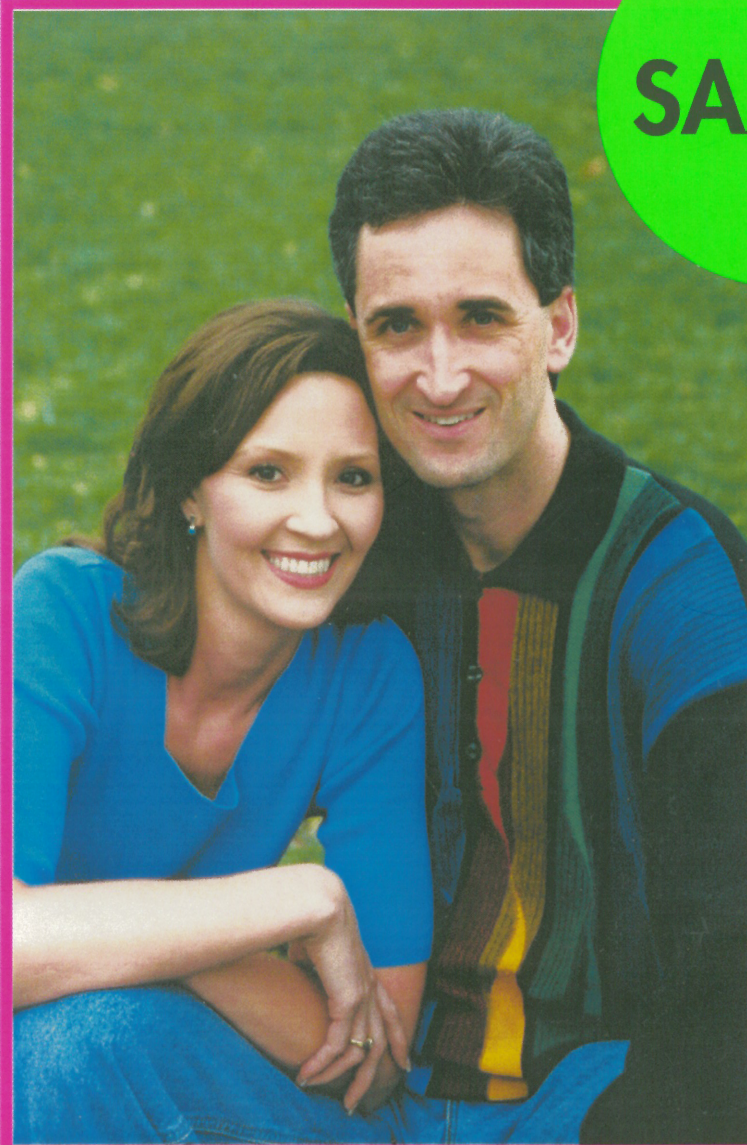


# Johnny and Rayanna

Dear Birth Family,

WE ARE JOHNNY AND  
RAYANNA.

Thank you for considering us as potential parents for your child. We have been happily married for 11 years and have a loving, supportive relationship. We are each other's best friend. More than anything, we desire to share our lives and unconditional love with children. Because of infertility, we are unable to have children. Adoption has been and remains the answer to our prayers. During 2001 our lives were blessed with the adoption of our first child, our son, Jack. We hope to see our family continue to grow through the gift of adoption. We anxiously anticipate the joys another child will bring to our family. Your child(or children) will be our life's blessing.



**SAMPLE**



## OUR HOME AND OUR COMMUNITY

Our home has lots of room for children. We live in a beautiful 2-story, 3-bedroom, 3-bath brick home. Our large kitchen is the heart of our home. We also spend lots of time in our



den, where, in winter, we enjoy building fires and watching movies. The den hearth is a perfect place for children to sit, sip hot chocolate and warm small hands. Johnny has built a large model railroad in the upstairs playroom, but he has saved plenty of work for a child's creative mind to finish. Several neighborhood children bike, skate and play along our street in our small, quiet, cul-de-sac subdivision.







Our house has a large, fenced-in back yard with many large, old trees, several of which are planned for a swing and tree fort. Our two dogs, Gussie and Emma (Cairn Terriers, like Toto on *The Wizard of Oz*), love to romp and play with Jack and enjoy having children around to play ball with them and share their adventures. We live in a small city of approximately 12,000 persons, not far from three metropolitan areas and enjoy the benefits of small town closeness yet still have access to cultural opportunities the large cities offer. We look forward to sharing with children our County Fair, Fourth of July Celebration, Fall Festival and Children's Halloween Parade, or traveling to one of the nearby cities to visit zoos, theme parks, museums, botanical gardens or ball games. We are fortunate to have safe, excellent schools in our community. Our school's graduates have achieved great success in all types of careers.





For example, two former students recently won Grammy and Pulitzer Prizes in the same year. Our community and schools work together to provide many extracurricular programs for children of all ages. Just a short bicycle ride from our home is a beautiful park and athletic complex that is shared by our community and school. Our community has summer programs for T- ball, swim team and little league soccer and basketball.

### ABOUT RAYANNA (Written by Johnny)

Rayanna is stunningly beautiful. She is tall and lean and moves with the easy grace of an athlete. Her personal qualities, however, go far beyond even her external beauty. Rayanna brings enormous energy and focus to whatever task has her attention. She is extremely devoted to family. Rayanna has a keen and intuitive ability for relating to children, and she always uses just the right balance of gentleness and firmness. While I first observed these gifts as she interacted with our nieces and nephews and her students, during the past two years I have watched little Jack blossom and thrive in her loving care. Rayanna is loyal. Her family, friends and students know they can count on her to be in their corner. Her cooking skills reflect both our families' traditions of home growing and home cooking. We eat at home most every night, usually enjoying a recipe that has been in one of our families for several generations. Nearly everything is made from scratch. In the summers, we pick, freeze and can



vegetables grown on local farms, so we enjoy fresh, seasonal food all year. In addition to gardening, Rayanna enjoys all aspects of nature. Rayanna teaches biology and biochemistry in our local high school, where she shares her love of nature and science with her students. It is easy to picture her holding hands with our children, walking through woods or a park, pointing out the different plants and animals, or imagining her teaching our children to plant and care for flowers and vegetables, introducing another generation to the miracle of how things grow.





### ABOUT JOHNNY (Written by Rayanna)

Johnny's handsome good looks were first to catch my eye but what captured my heart was his tenderness, openness, honesty, integrity and his ability to make any situation adventuresome and fun. Uncle Johnny is always in great demand at family get-togethers. He is the first to volunteer for whatever mischief our many nieces and nephews devise. Johnny has a natural ability to connect with young children and never tires of having fun. Johnny has shared his childhood love for planes, trains, science, music and nature with my nieces and nephews and looks forward to doing the same with our own children. Our older nieces and nephews know they can count on him to be a compassionate listener and motivator. Johnny is a tremendous father. Family is always first. Johnny takes a very active role with our son, Jack. Whether it's bath time, playing, feeding, or even diaper changing, Johnny is always having fun being a daddy. Johnny is patient and understanding and has the innate ability to solve problems. Johnny is an attorney and practices with his father in the firm his grandfather started before he became Governor of our state. Johnny enjoys considerable flexibility in his schedule and is able to enjoy lunch at home almost every day. He always places our marriage and family at top priority and would continue to devote his time and attention to being a wonderful father for another child.





## ABOUT JACK

Our lives have been richly blessed by the adoption of our son, Jack. We adopted Jack through Lifetime in July 2001 and we are excited about beginning the journey again. Jack will be two years old in July '03 and we have watched with amazement as he has grown into a very active, healthy, inquisitive, loving little boy. Life with Jack includes lots of outdoor play, visits with grandparents, cousins and many play dates, reading (lots and lots of) stories, and every day adventures together.

Jack is a very happy boy with an outgoing, exuberant personality. Jack loves playing with other children and will make a wonderful "big" brother.



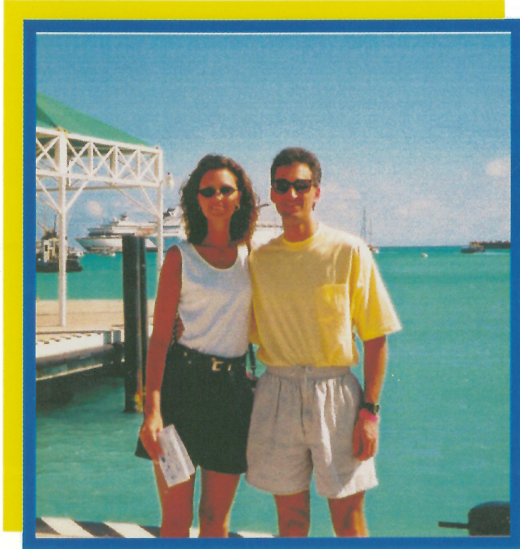
## ABOUT US

As a family, we spend time in our yard, including working in our garden pond and numerous flower beds, or tossing a ball for the dogs. In the summers, we enjoy boating and swimming at an area lake. Johnny has a pilot's license, and we enjoy flying to all sorts of places.





We are both avid readers but we have plenty of bookshelf space waiting for more books of fairy tales and bedtime stories. We both play the piano and Johnny plays the bass guitar and know our music will sound sweeter when accompanied by the voices of small children.



We value education and continued learning. We were both high school valedictorians and both obtained graduate and post-graduate degrees. All our brothers and sisters are college graduates, and many of them also have multiple degrees. We will share our love for learning with your child and strive to provide him or her the education necessary to fulfill his or her dreams.

We both enjoyed athletics in high school and college and continue to work out at our local gym and enjoy biking, running, and walking. We enjoy traveling and have taken trips to the beach, to the mountains for skiing, to the Caribbean on cruises and to the Ozarks for

canoeing. While we have enjoyed all these experiences as a couple, we look forward to taking family vacations and are anxious to share these experiences with children. While we hope to show our children as much of the world as we can, our favorite place to be will always be our home.

### OUR FAITH

We were both raised by Christian families and share a strong Christian faith. We regularly attend the Presbyterian Church that Johnny grew up attending and are blessed with the love and support of our family and friends. Our church's focus is community outreach, fellowship, and promoting the spiritual growth of its youth. Our church boasts many programs for its children, including "Kinder music" for toddlers, handbells,

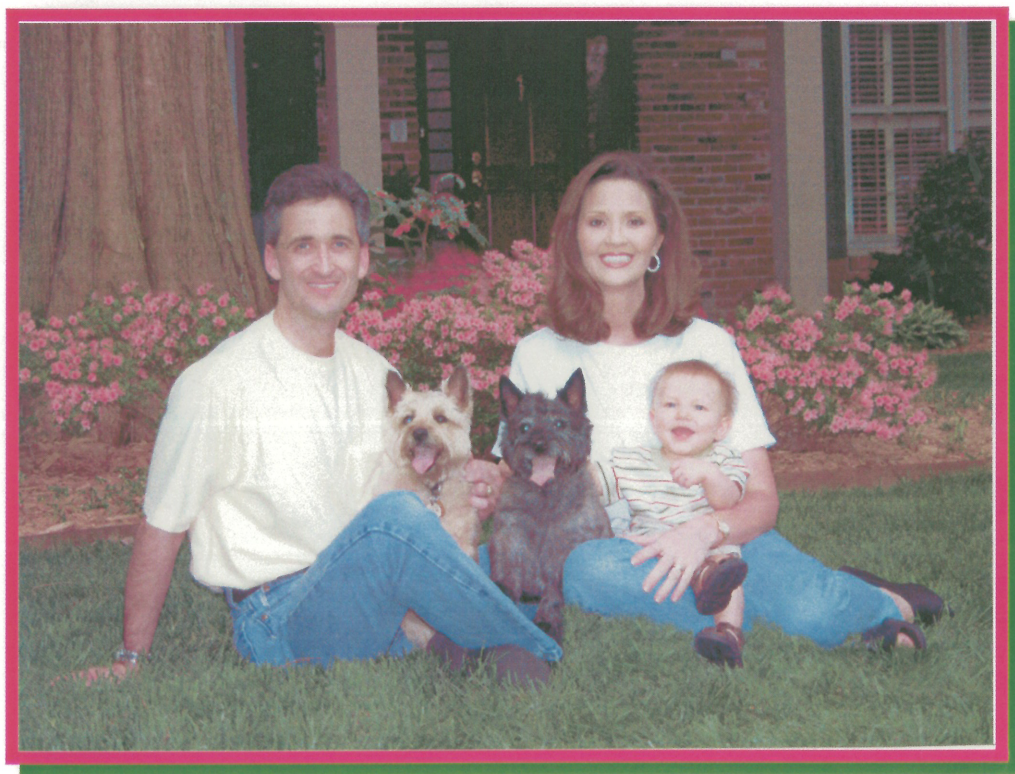


and a youth program we share with another church. We will instill in your child morals and teach your child by example to be considerate, compassionate and loving.



## OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Your child will be loved and given every opportunity available. Your child's happiness will be our life's focus. We will strive to provide your child with all the opportunities for him / her to reach his / her fullest potential. Our families strongly support our desire to adopt another child and are anxious to give their love and provide additional guidance for a tender heart and mind.



Your child's life will be filled with people committed to providing him or her with a warm, loving, nurturing environment. Your child will be raised with love and respect and an understanding of the miracle that created our family. We would be willing to share photos and letters, if you so choose. You may contact us by calling A Lifetime Adoption Facilitation Center at 1-800-923-6784.

Sincerely,

Johnny and Rayanna





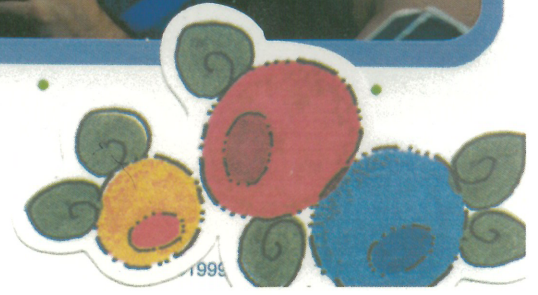
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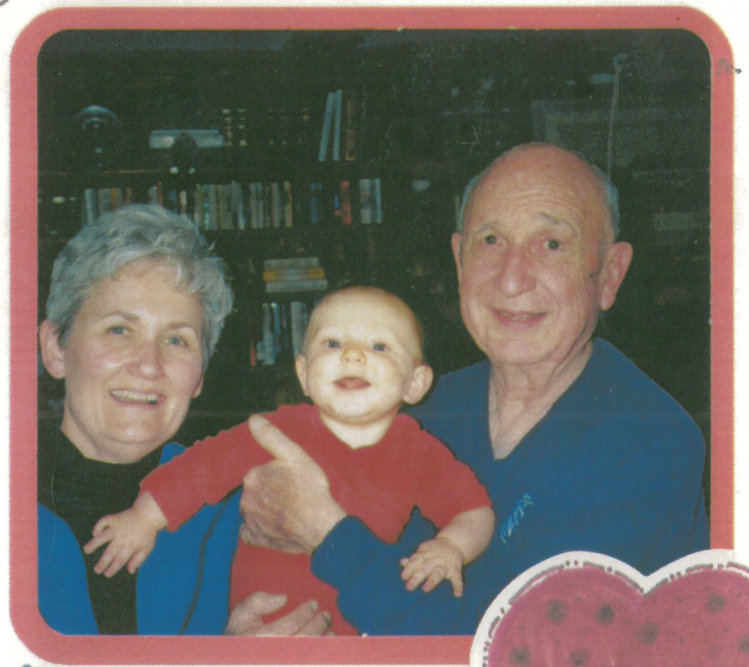
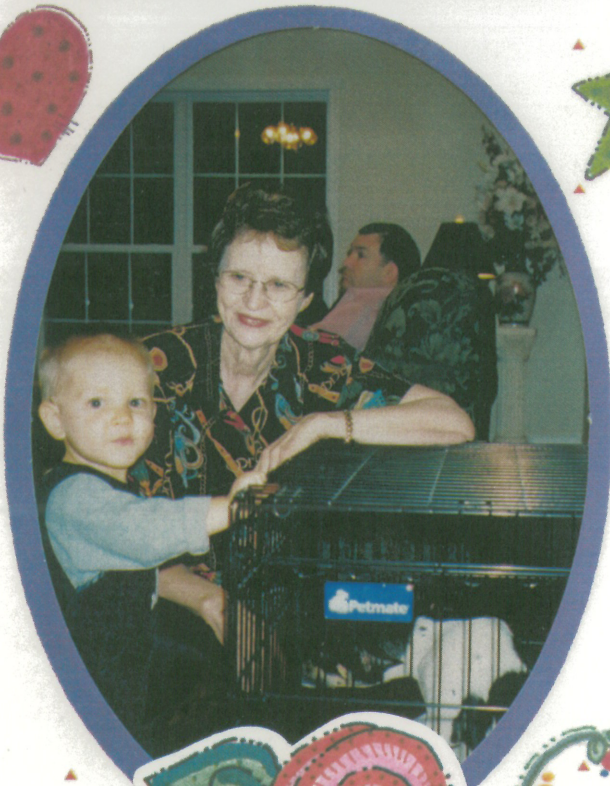




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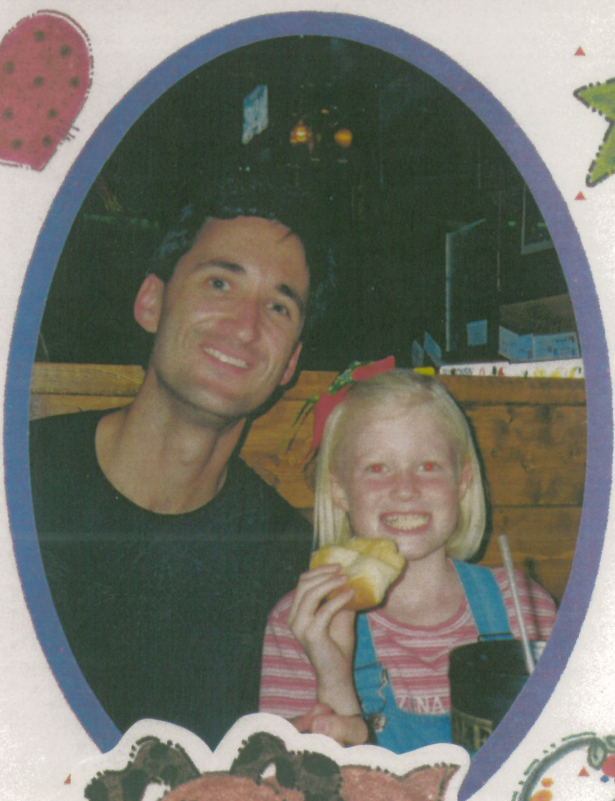
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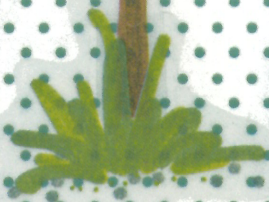
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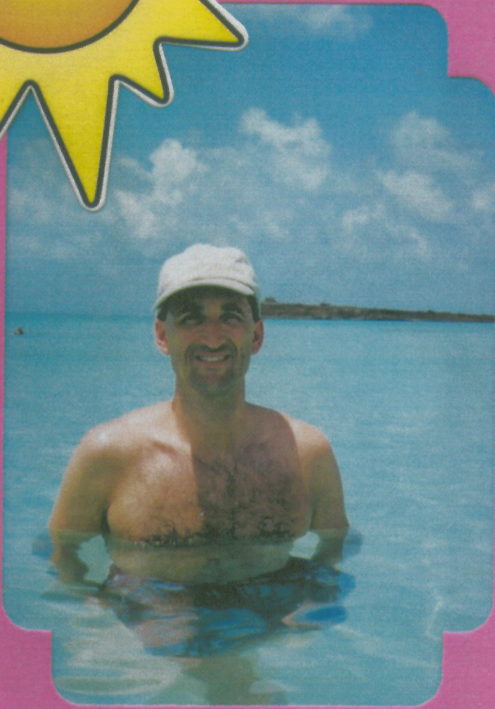
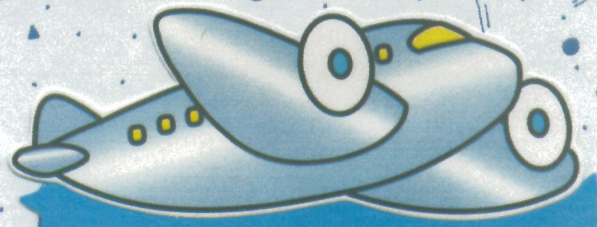


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# VACATION







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