



*Hello!* We are Jeanette and Alan, and we very much want to adopt a child. We admire you for considering placing your baby with a loving, adoptive family, and we wish you peace and happiness with whatever you decide.

We were introduced through a mutual friend when Alan organized a dinner of friends on a warm, summer evening. The mutual friend brought Jeanette as one of her guests. After dinner, the mutual friend separately encouraged us to go out on a date! We had an instant connection. We found we had many similar life experiences, having grown up as the oldest sibling, being fluent in Spanish, having spent some of our college years in St. Louis, and having attended 2 or 3 of the same annual conferences through volunteer work we had each done. Early on in our relationship, we talked about how we always dreamed of being parents. Alan has one nephew and two nieces and Jeanette has two nephews whom we love dearly. Since we have been unsuccessful in having a child ourselves, we hope to realize our dream through adoption.

### *A Quick Look at Us . . .*

We got married about 1 ½ years after our first date. We felt we had known each other for a lifetime! At our wedding, our family and friends toasted to our future together. It was wonderful to hear that our loved ones saw us as having similar natures. Our guests talked about us as caring people, who both had been fortunate to keep life-long friends. Both the best man and the matron of honor had known each of us respectively since we were 15 years old.

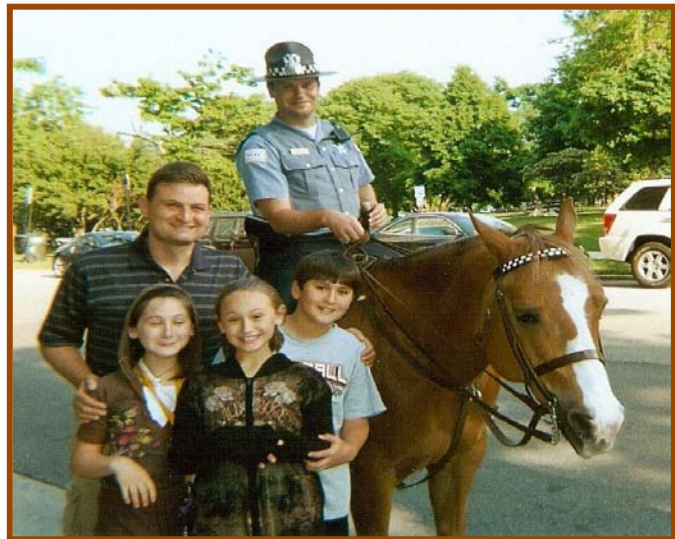


Today, we live in a roomy condo in a family-friendly high rise building in Chicago. We have lots of bright light and huge windows overlooking Lake Michigan, a few steps away from our door. We are surrounded by parks, walking trails, playgrounds, and the nearby Lincoln Park Zoo. We enjoy walking along the lakefront as long as the weather allows, and our neighborhood affords us that unique opportunity. We often see families with children on our walks, and we look

forward to being able to do that with our little one someday soon.

### *About Alan...*

Alan is a romantic at heart. He is definitely a people person who gets along with everyone. He grew up in Lincolnwood, IL, a suburb just outside the Chicago city limits. His parents, a businessman and a teacher, live in the Chicago suburbs as does his younger sister and her family. Alan attended Washington University in St. Louis, and then he transferred to the University of Miami where he graduated with a business degree. He is a big sports fan. Though professional sports are his first choice, he still follows the University of Miami Hurricane teams closely. Alan returned to Chicago after college, where he has worked in his family's business. They sell clothing and uniforms for school children, construction workers, nurses, security officers, etc. Alan loves working with the many people at his job. He has also obtained a masters degree in human resource management from Loyola University in Chicago.



Fitness is an important part of life for which Alan makes time. He loves to swim! You can usually hear Alan humming some sort of tune, as he loves most types of music. The I-pod was a great invention for him, as he can carry around lots of tunes in a small device while he works out. He loves to dance to this music too, and he is not a bad dancer! Alan enjoys volunteering with senior citizens, high school job applicants looking for some interview tips, and most recently with visitors of the Children's Museum at Navy Pier in downtown Chicago. He also adores spending time with his nephew, David (12), and his nieces, Arielle (10) and Leah (9).



### *About Jeanette...*

Jeanette grew up in Louisville, KY. Her parents, a pharmacist and a teacher, still live there. Her younger brother and his family live in suburban Philadelphia where her brother is a doctor for babies born prematurely. Jeanette is more analytical, yet she has a creative side too. She received a business and Spanish degree from Washington University. Yes, that is the same school Alan attended. We joke that had Alan not transferred to Miami, we could have met sooner, as we missed each other by just 1 year. Jeanette is a certified public accountant. Jeanette returned to Louisville after college, and she worked for two accounting firms and then in the



accounting department of a hospital. She also earned a masters degree in education from the University of Louisville.



Jeanette did a variety of volunteer work too such as reading with third graders at an inner city school, interviewing future students for her college, and volunteering as a greeter at a theater, one of her passions. Luckily, Alan likes to go to plays, at least ones with music and dance.

Jeanette sought out an opportunity with a suburban Chicago hospital, and she is presently continuing her work in hospital finance there. She also volunteers with an organization to prepare tax returns for low income families, something very rewarding to her. She stays fit doing yoga and aerobics. She also loves to read, something she enjoys sharing with her nephews, Ryan (7) and Evan (4), when we visit them, and Jeanette longs to do the same with the precious child whom we hope to adopt.

### *What Alan Says about Jeanette. . .*

Jeanette is a thoughtful person who is always concerned about others. She is extremely supportive and brings out the best in me! Jeanette will be a loving, devoted mother to our baby.

### *What Jeanette Says about Alan. . .*

Alan is very caring with a heart full of love. It touches me that he looks out for me and wants me to be happy. I am glad to be Alan's partner; he makes me feel good about life. I know he will be a wonderful father.

### *In Closing...*

Together we enjoy spending time with friends and visiting family near and far. Even so, we would like nothing more than to complete our lives by experiencing the rewards and challenges of raising a child. We are looking to adoption as a way to fulfill our dream and to provide a loving, meaningful life and home to a child. We deeply appreciate that you are reading our letter, and we hope you will consider us as the adoptive family for your baby.

We are so excited about being parents, and we would welcome a toll free call or email from you at 866-693-4777 or [alaje468@gmail.com](mailto:alaje468@gmail.com). Maggie Benz, our adoption counselor, is also available to talk with you. Please call her at 800-869-1005.

With warm wishes,

Jeanette and Alan

