



There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots; the other, wings.

Hodding Carter



Dear birth parent, we admire your courage to place your child for adoption. We hope we are the couple who can make you feel confident that your unborn child's future will always come before everything else. Selecting us as adoptive parents will ensure that your child is surrounded by love, happiness, security and opportunity, and he or she will always be aware of the brave and selfless choice you made.



Cindy says...

Chad is very loving. When he loves, he loves with every part of his being. It is so easy to love him. One of the qualities I adore about Chad, is how he loves me. He is a romantic. He brings me flowers and writes love notes. He is so attentive, even regarding little things like making sure my water glass is filled. Chad is also fun loving and outgoing. He has a great sense of humor and smiles all the time. I realize that I'm making Chad out to be perfect, which he isn't, but I promise that Chad will love your child unconditionally and be a devoted father who will provide a happy life for your child. We debate on which one of us had a more awesome childhood but our goal is for our child to win hands down.



Chad says...

Cindy has warmth that everyone around her can feel. She has a smile that draws you in and makes you smile as well. Her giggle when she's having fun and being playful is easily noticed when she is playing with our nieces and nephew. It tends to make the kids giggle as well. The first time I was around Cindy's extended family, knowing I was nervous, she wouldn't leave my side and wanted me to know that she was there for me. Cindy is caring, loving and thoughtful. Her family, like mine, is a main focus in our lives. We often spend time with them, we really enjoy that time. Cindy will be a loving, caring mother that will raise your child with the values and love we were shown as children.



*W*e already knew of each other because we grew up in the same town, but our paths never crossed until we both attended the same birthday party. Our relationship began long distance, so we really learned about each other primarily through phone conversations. We started to see each other on the occasional weekend, then every weekend. We had talked about marriage, but the proposal was unexpected. It makes both of us smile when we think about it. Chad's nerves got the better of him so he proposed sooner in the evening than planned. Cindy was so shocked that Chad proposed that she blurted out in a high screech "is it real?!?!". We still don't know if she meant is the proposal real or the ring. Randomly now, we will just screech "is it real."



*In the pool at the apartment complex
where Chad works*



Six months later, we got married in a small, beautiful church. We have a wonderful life and marriage. We have ups and downs like everyone else, but we're happy. We're blessed to have each other and to have wonderful friends and family. We want to share our blessings with a child.

Chad is a Maintenance Supervisor for an apartment complex. He has worked there for eleven years. One thing Chad really enjoys about his work is the variety of people that he meets! He has learned a great deal about many cultures and has picked up some words of other languages. Cindy works for an agency that prevents abuse and neglect to children. She advocates for children's rights and cares deeply for children and their families. Even though, her work can be so heartbreaking, she has dedicated her professional life to being a voice for children.

Cindy with a group of friends



Chad loves hanging out with his buddies too

Chad enjoys cooking and prepares scrumptious meals. Dinner time is our time to enjoy a meal together and catch up on our day. Chad enjoys entertaining friends and family. He loves having his friends over to watch sports, especially college football and MLB baseball. He has made a lot of friends over the years, and he is very loyal to them. He is still very close to many childhood friends.

Cindy spends a lot of free time being active. Her primarily regular activities include swimming or going to an aerobic or Pilates class. She has made a great group of friends through this, and they get together often outside of class for some fun. Cindy enjoys reading. She belongs to a monthly book club, where honestly, very little of it is spent discussing the book. We actually spend a lot of time just talking about anything and will play the occasional round of Rock Band on the Wii!



We enjoy traveling. On our vacations we always go explore somewhere new. One of our favorite vacations was to Hawaii, the island of Oahu. We visited Pearl Harbor, hiked an inactive volcano and went to a Luau. We've gone on an Alaskan and Canadian cruise. We enjoyed porting in many of the cities and the views from the ship were spectacular. We saw cascading waterfalls, glaciers, mountain goats and many whales. We enjoy attending baseball games and going to different parks. Our favorite park is Wrigley Field where the Chicago Cubs play. Everyone is so friendly there.

Cindy's family after the yearly trivia competition!



Our family will love your child to pieces. They're so excited, supportive and thrilled that we will become parents. We're very close with our parents, siblings and their spouses, nieces, nephew and our extended family. Chad's extended family lives in another state, so we try to go visit them at least three times a year. Our visits are filled with fun and laughter. The house is always full of family. We gain at least five pounds each visit from Grandma's cooking!

Our immediate and Cindy's extended family live fairly close, so we try to all get together often. When we are together we visit, play games, and eat, of course. Each Thanksgiving, Cindy's dad challenges the immediate family with a trivia question. The winner receives a twenty dollar bill and bragging rights for a year.



Chad loves to cook with family



*With family
at church*

*W*e're a very active family. Chad is infamous for getting the nieces and cousins out of the house and into the yard to play catch or games. Their parents are always saying, "go ask Chad to play". They know he is a softy, and he will never turn the children down.

*W*e attend Cindy's family reunion that is held every other year. We actually look forward to it. Is that normal? It's always held during homecoming week in her hometown. There are a couple of things we do at the reunion that might not happen at most reunions. First, we participate in the homecoming parade where we ride on a float handing out beads and candy. Second, we play our rivals, another family, in a softball game. We normally dominate, and it helps that many of our family members, including Chad, are athletic.



Ducks on the small pond near our house

We have a very warm and inviting home. Our home is laid out well with the living area being open and separate from the bedrooms. Our home consists of three bedrooms, two full baths and two half baths. The baby's room is quite large with a walk in closet. The baby will also have his or her own bathroom. We have a finished basement that will be a perfect play area because it is very open and spacious.

We love entertaining in our home. We have a large deck that overlooks a pond and a wooded area. Often times there will be geese or deer out there to entertain us. We live in a quiet neighborhood, and even though we live in the city we are located away from all of the hustle and bustle. We love that while at home we forget we are in the city, but yet it takes just minutes to get to anything we need.



*Cindy at a park
in our neighborhood*

We live in a small city but one that offers a lot of culture. We have three major colleges in our city alone. Education is very important to us as well as to our city. Health care is also important as we have three different hospitals. There are numerous parks, in fact, this city prides itself on the number of parks, trails, and biking routes it offers. We live in a very active city, which we refer to as a town because it is small. We rarely go anywhere without running into someone we know, which makes it feel very homey.



*W*e know that adoption is not a choice you make lightly and we want to express our appreciation of the courage and strength you have to consider it. We know that this decision takes an amazing amount of faith. Please know of our sincere desire to love and raise a child. We have so much love in our hearts and cannot wait to fall in love with the child who comes into our lives. Thank you for considering us for such an important role in your child's life. We are happy to communicate with you as much as you need. Whatever you feel comfortable with, we're willing. Thank you for your interest and trust in our family. We know that there is a special family awaiting your precious child, and we pray that you feel it is ours. May God bless you!