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GENDER SPECIFIC - GIRL

Adam

Rebecca

Job Description:

Small Business Owner

Full Time Stay at Home Mom

Education:

Business Major,
Sociology Minor

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Favorites:

Animal

Andy Our Dog

Animal

Llama

Hero

Lance Armstrong

Hero

Mother Theresa

Movie

Seven Years in Tibet

Movie

The Shawshank Redemption

Quote

Success is simple. Do what's right, the right way, at the right time.

Quote

Be the Change you want to see in the world. Ghandi

Sport to Play

Rugby

Children:

Hazel and Mollie

Sport to Play

Cycling

Qualities We Love, Admire and Respect in Each Other

Rebecca about Adam: Adam has more energy than most people I know. He is usually the first one of us out of bed in the morning, and is ready to start in on the day. Being a hands on Dad is one of the things I find most admirable about him as a parent. Diaper duty, midnight blanket checks, bedtime books, and just playing with the kids are normal occurrences around our house. I always say Daddy is way more fun to play with than I am, he can even braid their dolls hair!

He is always ready to help people, whether it is me, a neighbor, a friend, the community, or even a stranger in the parking lot. He also makes me awesome fruit crepes for breakfast!

Adam about Rebecca: One thing that attracted me to her was her sense of adventure; she has been on two mission trips to Mexico, backpacked around Europe and even attended an International summer school in Norway. She is constantly learning, and loves to research everything, from parenting ideas to the best tomatoes for our garden.

Rebecca keeps our family healthy and living right from day to day. She is great with healthy food choices and reminding the whole family about our vitamins, which I have a hard time remembering! I love knowing she is home with our children while I am at work.

Educating our children inside and outside of our home about all aspects of life is very important to us. Seeing our children learn about the world and different cultures has been amazing for us. Books fill our house and reading is an everyday event that starts with bedtime stories as a baby.

Education and Learning

Education for children is very important for them to realize their fullest potential, and know that nothing is out of their reach. Our goal is for our children to not only learn "book smarts" but "life smarts". Learning the little things everyday, such as being a good friend, and taking care of the earth by picking up litter.

A spiritual life has always been important to us as we were both raised in Christian families. Our children enjoy what they call "church school", the class for children during our service. Both of us feel that a child needs a moral and ethical education as well as an academic one.

Our older daughter is attending a private Christian preschool a block away from Adam's work. It is small, bright, has caring teachers and is so much fun for her. Next year she will be attending a Montessori preschool that she is very excited about. As our children get older they will attend a great elementary school about 1 mile from our home. When the time comes, we will be there to support them in their decision to further their education past high school. Both of us have college degrees and we will encourage them to take their education as far as they are willing.

Our House and Neighborhood

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The house we built 3 years ago is a multi-level home. There are 4 bedrooms giving our family plenty of room to grow. A large playroom was also included in the plans; it a-joins our family room. Two sliding glass doors at the back of the house bring in sun and open up onto our patio and deck making it easy for us to be in and out of the yard during the day. We keep the grill right outside of the kitchen to make dinner easy in the summer!

We have a fenced in yard, perfect for kids and our dog. A swing set, sand box, garden, and netted trampoline are the main highlights. Many hours are spent playing in the yard, gardening and bouncing on the trampoline with our girls. The neighbor kids love to join us as well. In the spring we plant seeds in trays and plant them in our garden when it warms up outdoors. Last year was a bumper crop of cherry tomatoes; the girls had tons of fun picking and eating.



Our Home

Our House and Neighborhood, continued

If we feel like leaving the yard we have 3 playgrounds within walking distance and many more we are able to ride our bikes to. Family bike rides are a common evening activity in the summer, we have a safe bike trailer; so little ones get to ride with us too! Our neighborhood is mostly young families with many children, so we get to play with lots of kids at the park.



Our Back Yard

Adam is a big brother to a sister and a brother. Except for leaving the state to attend a Lutheran college, he has always lived in Wisconsin. His parents are very involved grandparents, sending cards, cookies, calling weekly and visiting often. They love being grandparents and look forward to another grandchild.

In all seasons we love to make trips to their house on a beautiful chain of lakes in northern Wisconsin. Much of our time there is spent on their boat looking for loons, swimming and campfires; along with hours of snow fun, sled rides and fort building in the winter.

Preserving family traditions is important to his parents; they enjoy planning holiday get-togethers. Fourth of July is always a highlight during the summer, as it has become a gathering for the entire family, including three young cousins for our daughters to play with. We all enjoy the local parade, fireworks, each other's company and lots of great food.

Rebecca lived in the same house with her family, until she attended college. She loved the stability of staying in the same school district during her school years; we hope to recreate that for our children. Her family includes two sisters and one brother whom they teased mercilessly as children, or so he likes to claim. Right now, Hazel talks about him constantly, and points out trucks she sees that look like his. Almost all of Rebecca's family lives within an hour. Her younger sister, Leah, is attending college a few states away but visits often and rarely misses the annual Minnesota State Fair. As children, the fair was a huge family tradition, and continues to be. Each year we look forward to a full day at the fair complete with family photos in an old fashioned "photo booth" and more foods on a stick than you could imagine.

Rarely a day goes by without a call to her older sister, Nicole. Their family of 5 lives about 30 minutes away. Nicole and her husband Matthew have 3 children. In the summer Nicole and Rebecca plan "field trips" to take the kids on each week. Last summer's adventures included a visit to one of the largest caves in WI and panning for gems. It was a big hit and the kids are already asking to go back.

Rebecca's Mom and Dad live 10 minutes away in the next town over and are always up for grandchild sitting, birthday parties or coming to watch swimming lessons. When the doorbell rings, it is a mad dash to see who gets to hug them first!

Our Extended Families



Read it 1 More Time Please!
(Adam's Parents Reading to Mollie)



Rebecca's Family on Our Wedding Day

Where in the World Do We Live?



Exploring a State Park with Friends

We love, love, love the town that we live in. It is considered a small town, but we have a state college here so that opens up much diversity and events to attend.

One of our favorites is called Music in the Park; we go to about 10 outside concerts every summer ranging from classical, jazz to hip hop. The kids (and adults) love it because their friends come and everyone gets to dance! Ice cream made at the college is also a weekly hit with all ages. Close to the music we attend is another place our family is often found, a beautiful river and state park. We are able to go hiking, see eagles, feed ducks, skip stones and enjoy nature.

Another annual favorite is a community event that celebrates diversity with a daylong festival on campus and our downtown called Unity in the Community. The celebration features a wide variety of cultural and ethnic events. Last year we were able to join in a Pow Wow, and the kids went on stage with a group of break dancers.

When we feel the need to expand our options, we are only about 25 minutes from a large metro area where we have a membership at a children's museum, nature center and zoo.



Looking Fancy on
Our Honeymoon Cruise



Teaching Our Little Guppies
How to Swim



Camping in the
Montana Mountains

Adam
&
Rebecca



Resting After Our Dog,
Andy, Took Us on a Hike
Through the Snow



Egg Hunt in Our Back Yard



Romantic Beach Walk in Florida

Dear Birthparent(s),

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us through reading this letter and learning about our family as you make this important choice. We admire the courage it takes to give your child the gift of life while considering adoption. Our hope is that we can help fulfill your desire to find a loving family for your child.

You must have a ton of questions about us, so we would like to give you a glimpse into our lives to show you how much love we have to share with another child. We are a very happy, loving family that enjoys being together, and all eagerly wait the day another joins our family.

It is almost 10 years that we have been together! In 2000, we met while enjoying a summer day on a mutual friend's boat. Soon after that day, Adam planned our first date and we started dating exclusively. Three years later, in the winter of 2003 we were married. Well before this day, we knew children were in our future. Our first daughter, Mollie, was born in 2004, and our second, Hazel, arrived in the winter of 2006.

Simply put, we want to adopt because we love kids. After our 2 children arrived, we discussed and learned more about adoption. To expand our family, adoption is a natural choice.

When we decided to adopt, we also decided to adopt from any ethnicity, heritage, or culture. Our love doesn't have boundaries on skin color. In raising your child we promise to bring their specific heritage into our home and lifestyle. Already, part of our family life is learning about other cultures and traditions, including music, decorating our home and trying foods from other cultures. Ethiopian is Rebecca's current favorite! Although we love living in a small town, we have the best of both worlds by living close to a large metro area. This makes for many choices to attend events celebrating cultural differences. Our family will be even more beautiful the more diversity we add to it.

Seeing our children laugh and learn is the highlight of our days. Both girls are very excited at the thought of a new baby in our family. Mollie loves to point out that we have extra seats in our mini van; she thinks we should fill them up! We greatly treasure the last 5 years as parents, and look forward to many more to come.

Rebecca does and will continue to stay home with the children. This has been a great decision for our family. She is able to do many fun things throughout the week such as story time at the library, playgrounds, crafts, gymnastics and swimming lessons. Or stay in their pajamas until noon and do the day-to-day tasks around the house like helping me fold laundry and reading books!

Great flexibility in hours and a very short commute are perks of Adam's job as a small business owner. He is able to bring our daughter to school in the morning after a family breakfast and be home in time for dinner. If the weather cooperates they can ride their bikes! His work environment is also a very family friendly, so we visit many times a week. Connecting during the workday has become an important time for the kids and daddy. It is also a bonus that our dog is able to join him at work.

We understand that parenting an adopted child is unique; our plan is for the child to know that they were adopted from the beginning. We will always be proud to tell your child what a courageous person their birth mother is. If you choose our family for your adoption plan, please know that we desire to earn your trust and promise to provide a loving and safe home, where children can chase their dreams.

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn more about our family and may God give you wisdom and peace during your decision process.

Much love to you and your baby,

Adam and Rebecca

