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**Chris**

**Paula**

**Job Description:**

Sr. Computer Support Technician for Nearby University

1st Grade Teacher at Our Local Elementary School

**Education:**

BA in Business Administration Information Systems

BA in Early/Late Childhood, K-6

**Favorites:**

**Actress**  
Anna Faris

**Actress**  
Cate Blanchett

**Family Activity**  
Going to the Lake

**Family Activity**  
Going to the Drive-in

**Hobby**  
Video Games

**Hobby**  
Reading Mystery Books

**Tradition**  
Making Pancakes on Sunday Morning

**Tradition**  
Making Goodie Bags on Holidays

**Vacation Spot**  
Hawaii

**Vacation Spot**  
Disney World

**Children:**  
None

**What It Means to Be Parents and Our Strengths**

**Chris** has always been a fun, think positive person. He likes to make people laugh and smile through jokes. This is a quality that will make those tough times better and when things seem to be going wrong he will give those words of encouragement.

**Paula** is a kind, caring, and patient person. These characteristics can be seen when she is teaching first graders. She loves to take time to make each child feel special and teach them about life long lessons. She will be able to give your child that extra time when every child needs to be heard and to share what he or she can do. For those times when things are crazy and hectic, she will make sure those words of love are being reinforced.

We discuss challenges, comprise with each other and respect each other's individuality which are our strengths together. These will be strengths will also be very important as parents. Including this into our parenting, will keep us grounded and able to communicate as a family.

We want to be involved in your child's life by showing positive support, teaching life skills, and most importantly showing our undying love.

**Discussing Adoption with Our Children**

This is very important to us when we think of ways we will share the adoption story with your child. Paula's father passed away before she was born and her mother remarried. Her parents always reminded her of her biological father and his family and she knows firsthand how important sharing those memories or thoughts are to a child. Her mother and step-father would take her back to her grandparent's farm where they would share stories, pictures and even favorite toys of her dad. Paula's mother had an album which contained lots of photos of her father and his achievements in life. Her mother would share stories of his life and remind her of how she is like him in many ways.

We both will be there to answer any questions about adoption, sharing details through scrap books and pictures of how your child became part of our family and anything else that needs to be discussed. We want to be open and provide whatever resources necessary to help him or her during difficult times. Your child will know that you were generous, kind and always thinking of his or her best interest and that he or she is loved by everyone. Their life book will be a part of this discussion. It will provide any pictures, letters or anything else sent from you and will be shared from the beginning or when you feel your child is ready. These scrapbooked treasures will be there for your child to see the kindness and love felt by you and your decision.

**Our House and Neighborhood**

**KANSAS**

Our home sits on a beautiful lot with large oak trees, a flower garden and a covered patio where we sit and talk with family/friends and enjoy the weather. Our ranch styled home has three bedrooms and a living room where we gather with family and friends to watch movies and curl up in front of the fireplace. We also like to read and play games on the Wii with our nieces here. Our dining room and kitchen are where we prepare and enjoy meals together. In the summer, we make snow cones with our nieces' and in the winter, the smell of butter pecan cookies travels throughout the house for family gatherings.



**Our Home**

Our small, friendly town is known for its cultural history. There is a local ice cream/restaurant that serves chili cheese dogs and delicious hamburgers. Our home is located 2 blocks away from the local elementary and junior high which is where Paula teaches first grade. We have a grocery store, library, medical clinic, 24 hour police/fire protection, park and swimming pool.

## Our House and Neighborhood, continued



### At Home with Chloe

Our family has always been our support system. We spend as much time as we can through family birthdays, holiday parties and weekend activities! The close proximity to our families allows for more spontaneous activities like fishing with grandpa, baking cookies with grandma or playing with cousins in the back yard.

**Paula** was raised in a neighboring state. Her parents instilled her love for learning, animals and taking care of others. She grew up with a stay at home mom and a dad who ran the family dairy. She is the oldest of three which taught her responsibility and how to be good role model for her brothers. Her brothers, Derek and Christopher visit often and go on trips with Chris and Paula. Paula has memories of family game night, riding horses with her aunt, playing basketball with her dad and holiday parties with her family. She enjoyed family vacations to Walt Disney World, St. Louis and weekend roads trips. Paula also has memories of her biological father's family from holiday and weekend trips. Her mother and stepfather made sure she knew her father's family and their culture and traditions too. She feels blessed to have so many family members and their enthusiasm and excitement for all that she does.

**Chris** grew up in the small town in which he now resides. He has always been close with family and friends. His father taught him how to fish, hunt, work on cars and be a responsible and hardworking person. His mother had meals on the table every night, made sure he kept his room clean and encouraged him to be creative and proud of his accomplishments. Chris has an older sister, Mindy. She is married with two young daughters, Sicily and Saia. Chris enjoys spending time with his nieces. Growing up, Chris remembers weekend trips to the lake, fishing and hunting trips and riding bikes with his cousins. His mother still cooks for the family, making homemade apple pies and her famous mashed potatoes. He and his father like to go fishing and work on cars.

Yearly, we have a barbeque with our friends and family. We play games and eat summer food! It's fun to watch the children playing outside. We are looking forward to sharing these great times with a baby who will have lots of love and affection from us, our family and friends.

Paula's family has already been discussing ways to "spoil" their first grandchild. Her parents want to share the family farm and are looking forward to more family vacations and weekend sleepovers. Her brothers are excited about teaching things that Paula taught them when they were younger.

Chris' parents are looking forward to fishing, baking mini apple pies and adding new toys to the backyard playhouse for the new baby!

## Our Extended Families



### Paula's Family



### Chris' Family

## Our Cultural Heritage



### Christmas Decorations

grill hamburgers. An aunt will make a desert and you are the center of attention.

We think it is important as a family, to come up with our own traditions but including some from the past. We hope to do this with our family. We love celebrations and anything that brings our families together is very important to us. We started a tradition during the holidays were we decorate the house with festive items, especially the fall season! We also have a tradition where Chris makes pancakes every Sunday. Yum! We think it's important that your child know his/her cultural heritage and to have things in his/her life that help represent that culture.

We love our heritage and think it's very important that everyone know

their own heritage. **Paula** came from Italian, Danish and English heritage. She learned about making Italian cookies, such as Neapolitan cookies and some pasta dishes, such as Italian meatballs, from her grandmother. Her grandmother made little aprons for her and her cousin to wear so they could practice their cooking techniques too! Her grandfather told stories of Denmark and tried to teach Paula Danish phrases which she wishes she could remember now. Her mother's family is primarily English and Native American. As a child, her parents had family meetings were they would create their own family customs and traditions. The biggest celebration is Christmas Eve when each person chooses their favorite food dish and Paula and her mother make them together.

**Chris** grew up knowing about his French and Italian heritage. French cookies were always available during holidays and visits to his great grandmother's house. His family establish birthdays as a tradition. We always gather during a birthday to eat chicken from our local chicken restaurant or

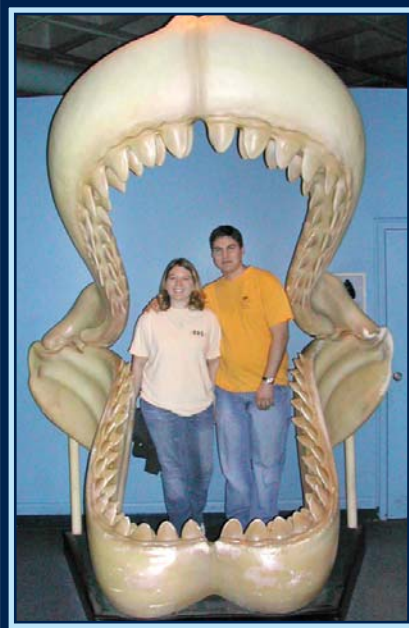


On the Field at a Football Game

# Chris & Paula



Chris, Paula & Eric  
with Baby Jacob



Aquarium Trip



Working the Fish Pond  
at the School Carnival



Trip to Hawaii



Holding Mr. Whiskers

## Dear Birthparent(s),

Our names are Chris and Paula. We would first like to thank you for taking the time to consider us as adoptive parents to your child. We cannot imagine how difficult these decisions are for you. We appreciate and honor your courage and unconditional love for your child. We would like to reassure you that we would honor your decision by providing your baby with endless love, laughter, support, and stability.

We cannot wait to share our love with a child. Both of us have come from families that have shown us endless love and support. Our relationship has been built on these same values with the hope to start our own family. Due to complications, we were not able to start our family as planned. We then discovered adoption and knew immediately this was our path.

We look forward to providing a positive environment that will reinforce values, polite manners and respect for others. Your child will be given lots of love, encouragement and a chance for him or her to choose their own interests and educational opportunities. We both understand the importance of a child having resources such as education closely available.

Traditions are also important to us. We have come from families with strong traditions and values such as large family birthdays, barbecues, pool parties and Christmas Eve celebrations. We look forward to adding new traditions with older traditions in our new family.

We have the opportunity to provide your child with trips and adventures across the country visiting aquariums, zoos and other fun locations. We have always enjoyed traveling and having a third member to share these times with will make those trips even more enjoyable. We both have jobs that allow us summer vacations and spring breaks to just get away and make time for each other. We will now be able to make family memories and provide your child with activities he or she has interest in too.

Your child will have plenty of opportunities when it comes to education. Our home is located a few blocks from the local school and Paula teaches first grade in the same building. Of course, with Paula's background in education, she will make sure the baby has all the tools he or she needs to grow and develop appropriately. Having access to educational tools and knowing the importance of reading and math skills, Paula will be able to provide that support the child needs for education. There is a local daycare that provides excellent early childhood education and other extracurricular activities. We live near a town that has a college that provides lots of educational career choices, which is where Chris works. We will encourage his or her goals and dreams and will provide all the support and tools we can to make sure this happens. Chris works at a local university which provides tuition support to its employee's spouse and children. He also understands state standards and works with the college of education and provides their technical support. We see education as the key to many opportunities in the future.

Our families are very kind and caring people. Your child will be given lots of love from everyone. Our parents are looking forward to be grandparents. They want to make family memories like baking cookies with grandma or fishing with grandpa. Our nieces are also excited about getting a cousin they can laugh and play with.

We are so thankful that you took the time to read our profile and the things we could do for your child. We want to let you know that your child will always be aware of the generous and unselfish decisions you made. He or she will always know that your gracious and courageous act of kindness allowed us to have the opportunity for them be a part of our lives. We admire and respect you for your decisions and will always let your child know how grateful we are. We will always be willing to share pictures and letters with you as your child grows.

If you choose us as the adoptive parents for your baby, we will always and forever be grateful for your wonderful gift!

Sincerely,

**Chris and Paula**

