

**Eric**

**Elizabeth**

**Job Description:**

Mechanical Engineer

Physician

**Education:**

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Bachelor of Arts in the Arts and Letters Pre-Medical Program and Medical Doctor



**FAVORITES:**

**Dream Car**  
Porsche

**Dream Car**  
BMW 5 series

**Magazine**  
Car and Driver

**Magazine**  
In Style

**Musical Group**  
Led Zeppelin

**Musical Group**  
Maroon 5

**Olympic Event**  
200 meter dash

**Olympic Event**  
Gymnastics

**Shopping Store**  
Home Depot

**Shopping Store**  
Nordstrom's

We love being parents and are committed to providing a safe, loving, stable and encouraging environment for our children. Your child will be loved as one of our own in the same way that Elizabeth is loved by her adoptive family. We are very excited for the opportunity to expand our family. Thank you for considering the courageous choice of adoption.

**CHILDREN**

Henry (age 4 ½)

**Adoption Experience**

Elizabeth was adopted at two weeks of age. She has wonderful childhood memories and fondly recalls how her parents told her on numerous occasions that she was "chosen" to be a member of their family. Her three brothers tell stories about lying on the floor by her crib and later babysitting her. She enjoyed the activity of a busy home. She never found it difficult to fit in or belong. Many strangers have remarked that she looks like her adoptive father. She and her father smile together as they secretly know the truth. Elizabeth is excited to continue this tradition for your baby and she will cherish the mother-child bond as well as the bond of adoption.



**Priority**

Eric and Elizabeth agree that family is our first priority. We each have demanding careers; however, we start each workday with a plan to be home as soon as possible to spend time with Henry. He attends a preschool in our neighborhood and his teachers share our commitment to provide a safe and nurturing environment. We are excited to bond with our new baby at home while Henry continues to play with friends and learn at preschool.

One family tradition includes "Monday Night Parties" which are celebrated each week in an attempt to ease the transition from family time during the weekend to work/school activities during the week. In addition, Elizabeth constructed her work schedule to reserve each Thursday for "Mommy-Henry day." We are excited to include a new baby in these traditions and to develop new traditions along the way.



Our Home

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The Mantle in Our Living Room

## Our House & Neighborhood

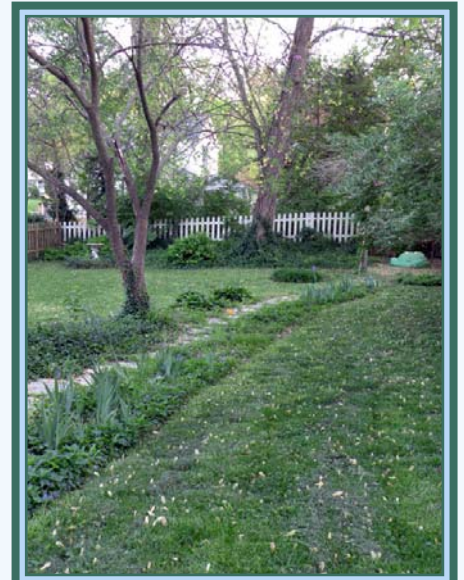
We live in a 2-story home in a popular urban neighborhood. We have a big backyard where Henry plays baseball and spends time in the sand box. Henry has friends who live across the street and next door. It is very common to have a house full of activity with friends and neighbors who visit to play frequently.

Our home is located less than one-half mile to the neighborhood elementary school which has won many awards for academic achievement. Our home is also near several parks, the Zoo, the Science Center, Grant's Farm and other fun family activities.



### OUR SON, HENRY

We are extremely blessed to have a 4 ½ year old son named Henry. He is anxious to have a brother or sister. Henry is happy, active, funny, energetic, playful and quite entertaining. He loves to be silly with Eric and Elizabeth and constantly tries to make them laugh (sometimes to avoid a "time-out"). Many people have described him as "a sweet boy," "well-behaved" and "very happy." We love him more than words can express.



Our Spacious Backyard

## Extended Families

Eric and Elizabeth each share 3 siblings and married parents. The majority of Eric's immediate family, including his parents, lives in our metropolitan area. His brothers often participate in house projects and heavy lifting! We have 2 nephews and 2 nieces on Eric's side of the family; therefore, playing with cousins is a frequent event. Parties with Eric's family are not complete without a game of kick ball or wiffle ball and lots of good food and conversation.

Elizabeth's parents live in South Dakota where she enjoyed childhood. Elizabeth was adopted from Catholic Charities in 1971 and has 3 older brothers (all biological children). Loving the role as grandparents, Elizabeth's parents travel to our home every 2-3 months to spend a week of quality time with our 4 year old son, Henry. During this time, they have a tradition which involves walking to a nearby Starbuck's coffee shop where Henry enjoys lemon cake. Elizabeth has 3 older brothers who each have children and live in South Dakota, Michigan and Virginia. We visit extended family members each year. Henry enjoys the company of our 2 nephews and 3 nieces during these trips.

Our families are thrilled about our decision to adopt a baby. Elizabeth's parents are especially excited that she is choosing adoption for her family as they did when they adopted her as an infant.

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Family Beach Photo

Our friends and family would describe our family as very active. On weekend mornings, Eric pushes Henry in the jogging stroller and Elizabeth runs with our golden retriever, Bailey, to a neighborhood bagel shop and return home to enjoy breakfast. We also frequently take walks through the neighborhood. Henry loves to walk one mile to a dime store to choose a treat.



By our example, we are certain that Henry values an active and healthy lifestyle as normal. He is learning to play tennis, baseball and golf. He is enrolled in swimming lessons this summer. In addition to exercise, Elizabeth loves to read fiction and Eric enjoys mountain biking.

The beach is our favorite destination. We drive to Florida each summer to enjoy the water and the sand. This relaxing week allows us to strengthen our family bonds and recharge.



## Eric & Elizabeth



At the Driving Range



Family Paddle Boat Ride



Henry and Bailey

## Dear Birthparent(s),

First of all, thank you for considering adoption. We imagine that this has been a very difficult decision for you. We view you, the birth parents, as brave and selfless in this situation. You are truly placing your baby's future as your first priority. Also, thank you for taking the time to read our story.

Please allow us to introduce ourselves, Eric and Elizabeth. We met when set up on a blind date by a mutual friend. We were engaged one year after meeting and married in 2002. We enjoyed the participation of all of our nieces and nephews in our wedding. We have been happily married for 7 years. We both value a relationship which includes unconditional love, honesty, consistency and support. We love being parents together. We often say that we could not imagine raising a child alone. We cherish our family time.



The decision to adopt a baby was an easy decision for Elizabeth. By providing love, safety, stability and many opportunities for an adopted child, she uses actions to express her gratitude for her personal adoption success. Eric agrees that adoption is an easy decision for our family.

We would be thrilled to welcome your child into our family. We have a 4 year old son named Henry. He is very excited to have a sibling. He tells us every day how he wants to "do nice things for the baby." When asked about a name for your baby, he often answers "Jango Fett" (a character in Star Wars). However, do not worry, we already negated this possibility. Henry currently refers to his best friend at preschool as "my brother" and we are grateful that his friend's parents support this arrangement! Eric and I each have 3 siblings and we are eager to expand our immediate family. We love to be surrounded by activity and silliness.

We promise to love your child as much as we love Henry. Elizabeth always felt very honored and special when her parents told her during her early childhood (and on many occasions since then) that she was "chosen" to be a member of their family. We will also inform your child of our decision to welcome him/her into our family and of your decision to provide him/her this opportunity. We will be happy to send you letters and pictures along the way.

We are excited to provide a nurturing, stable and safe environment for your child. We prioritize safety for Henry and will promise to do the same for your child. We live in a safe and friendly neighborhood. We have befriended many of our neighbors and these people are a part of Henry's stable environment. In addition, we live near a reputable elementary school and our Catholic parish, making educational and spiritual opportunities readily available for your child. Finally, Eric and I are very happily married, adding to the stability for Henry and your child.

Eric will also agree that being married to a pediatrician has its advantages. He realizes that he has been spared many visits to the emergency room because of Elizabeth's knowledge and training. He also knows Henry's pediatrician personally and socially (she is Elizabeth's good friend). We also have many family friends who are physicians. Your child will be in good hands.

Thank you for considering our family. Regardless of your final decision, thank you for considering adoption.

With respect and best wishes,

**Eric and Elizabeth**