## TIMA & JAY OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION

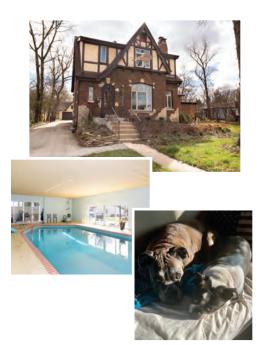


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### ABOUT US

Hi! We're Tina and Jay. We started dating in 2017 after meeting online. Jay was in the last years of his military career, and Tina worked as a photographer and digital artist. Jay has an 11-yearold daughter named Julia from a previous marriage. We married in 2019, and Jay retired from the military in 2020. He served 20 years in the U.S. Army Special Forces. He currently works as a professor of military science and military history at a major university. Tina is a homemaker. Her days are never dull with getting Julia to school and making sure all of the day-to-day tasks are done. As a family, we love to go out to dinner, enjoy the outdoors, hike a local trail, or sit by the firepit in the backyard.





#### **OUR HOME + PETS**

We have a three-bedroom home in a lovely suburban neighborhood. Jay bought the home in 2015 and spent a good deal of time and effort updating it. We have a spacious backyard, good for outdoor activities. Jay spends quite a bit of time in the garage lifting weights while Tina spends her free time gardening. On the hot summer days, we'll all take a swim in the indoor pool, which stays warm almost year-round. At night, we gather in the basement to watch movies. We currently have two dogs. Our dog Delilah is a boxer and will turn 14 years old this December. Julia has a four-year-old Boston Terrier named Betty Boop. Both dogs are great with all animals and children.

### WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

We have tried to have children for the past five years. When traditional methods didn't work, we spent many years working with fertility clinics. We tragically suffered several miscarriages and a stillbirth. It was a heart-wrenching loss that will always be with us. We've been handed our share of defeats, but we're undeterred in building a family together. We're equally excited for the opportunity that adoption provides us to bring a child into our home which we otherwise may not have had. We love the prospect of providing a child the love and guidance that will sustain them throughout the course of their lives.





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## MORE ABOUT JAY

OCCUPATION: Professor EDUCATION: Master's RACE: Caucasian RELIGION: Christian SPORT: Martial arts FOOD: Steak HOBBY: Weight lifting FAMILY TRADITION: Pizza night MUSICAL GROUP: Lord Huron MOVIE: *Miller's Crossing* DREAM VACATION: Warm beach HOLIDAY: Christmas TV SHOW: Documentary SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Military science BOOK: Gates of Fire







## MORE ABOUT TINA

OCCUPATION: Homemaker EDUCATION: Bachelor's RACE: Caucasian RELIGION: Christian SPORT: Hiking FOOD: Pot roast HOBBY: Photography FAMILY TRADITION: Movie night MUSICAL GROUP: Journey MOVIE: Singing in the Rain DREAM VACATION: Riverboat HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving TV SHOW: The Office SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: History BOOK: Pride and Prejudice



## OUR FAMILIES & TRADITIONS

Neither of us have large extended families. Jay has always been close with his mother. We are currently in the process of finding her a nursing home as she is at an advanced age. Tina's mother and father live about two hours away. She is absolute best friends with her mother and tries to do as many things with her as time will allow. We annually travel to a very popular apple orchard every year to pick apples, buy jams, and look at the lilacs that bloom in the area. Tina also has a twin brother who is married to a wonderful woman who is like a sister to her. They have one son, who is seven years old. We absolutely love him to pieces and try to get as many hugs and kisses as we can whenever we see them.



# DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER



Dear Expectant Mother,

We don't think we can muster the strength to imagine the difficulty of the decision you are considering. Instead, we will say that what you're considering is one of the bravest and kindest acts one woman can do. We have tried desperately to have children and have been met with loss after loss. What you're doing is giving hope to us when there was no hope. You're giving us a chance when we had no chance. All we can say is that the choice you're considering is nothing short of heroic in our eyes.

If you choose to consider us, our promise to you is that we will never take for granted the sacrifice you have made. We will bring this child into our home and care for them with every ounce of love we have in our hearts. Whatever they choose to do and whomever they choose to be in their lives, we will do everything in our power to ensure they have every opportunity to be the very best version of themselves possible. They will always be a part of our family. They will always feel loved. They will always be protected. Most importantly, no matter what obstacles are thrown their way, we're going to show them how to overcome them. Thank you for taking the time to consider us.

#### **JAY & TINA**

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