

Dear Birthparents,

Our thoughts frequently drift to you and the overwhelming decisions you're making. Our hearts are with you. We pray that God brings you comfort and peace as you travel this road. We thank you for having such tremendous courage and strength. It's difficult to make such an enormous decision based upon a letter, but we hope to tell you a little about us and answer some of your questions.

We have been married for 11 years and have one daughter, Hannah, who is 5 years old. We live in a new home in the country. Our families worked together to construct it – you could call it a true labor of love (with an emphasis on labor)!

Information about Rick

My years on the farm, then a few years in a big city make me appreciate our life in the country. I manage computer systems for a large company. I also enjoy snowmobiling, mechanics and reading, and I am working on an old car of mine. I have a lot of fun memories of interacting with my older brother Karl. Knowing what it's like to grow up with a sibling makes me feel very deeply that our family is not complete.

Information about Deb

I am an only child. My mother also had experienced infertility. That is one reason why I want to expand our family. I love the chaos of a bigger family and always yearned for a sibling. I work in communication and spent most of my life as a journalist. When I have free time, I enjoy reading, writing, photography and flower gardening.

Information about Hannah

Hannah is a mixture of true girly girl and tomboy; she loves pink, princess things, Hello Kitty, and playing dress up – but also loves getting dirty and catching bugs.

We love to laugh. We're looking for at least one new little voice to add to our family. Hannah was our miracle baby. We're very thankful for that experience, and now we feel as though we're ready to add to our family in a beautiful new way, through adoption. We would like to adopt at least one infant – or twins – and we are open to siblings younger than 3 as well. Because we believe all children are beautiful, we are open to a range of racial or ethnic backgrounds.

We are open to sharing letters and pictures with the birthparents. We believe this communication can only help our child/children to know how much they are loved, to help establish their identity, and to answer questions they may have.

Thank you for taking the time to read about us. Please call Catholic Charities if you would like to learn more about us or have any questions. We'd love to meet you. If there is anything that we can do to help you, we'd like to know. We pray that God will be with you in your decision, that He comforts you and gives you strength.

Rick and Deb