

We are so excited to be writing you this letter. We want to begin by thanking you for choosing life for your precious baby. We hope you will enjoy getting to know our family and the love we have for each other.

Ronnie and I were both raised in loving Christian homes and are raising our girls in the same way. We met in the spring of 2005 at church and began dating immediately. We knew almost right away that we were meant for each other and got married in August of 2006. Our relationship and love for each other has continued to strengthen and grow over the last 12 years.

In the spring of 2009 we felt the Lord calling us to expand our family. I (Shannon) have had rheumatoid arthritis since I was 17 and have been off and on medication since then. After prayer and discussion we knew God was guiding us toward adoption. We could have tried to have a biological child but adoption was on our hearts and how we wanted to start our family. We used an agency out of San Antonio and were chosen by a birthmother in January of 2010. It was one of the happiest days of our life. We were able to meet Caroline's birthmother, Desiree, and establish a relationship with her throughout her pregnancy. Desiree asked us to be in the delivery room and it was and still is one of the best days of our life. We had about 10 family members that made the trip to Austin to celebrate with us. What we weren't expecting is the grief and overwhelming emotion we felt for Desiree. Our hearts were hurting so much for her and we will be forever grateful for the selfless decision she made. Our daughter, Caroline, knows about Desiree and the love she had and continues to have for her. We continue to pray for her and she will always be a part of our family. Looking back over all the details, large and small, it is evident that the Lord orchestrated each step. We love how He brought 2 families together, ours and Desiree's, and made one family. Our second daughter, Marnie, was born in the summer of 2013. We love how each of our daughters have their own stories of how they came into this world. They both know and understand that God grows and creates families in so many ways. Caroline and Marnie have an unbreakable bond and we have loved watching their relationship grow. They are both so excited about adding a new baby sister or brother.

I am in real estate & I love every minute of it. My career allows me to work as much or as little as I want. Ronnie also works as a Realtor, but spends a lot of time in the ministry. He has been involved in the music ministry for 9 years. He has a passion for helping people and improving their lives. We also own and operate a property management business together. We love being able to work alongside each other and having flexible schedules.

We love to travel together as a family. Some of our most favorite memories include our trips to Chicago, San Diego, New York City, Washington D.C., San Francisco, Disneyland and our many trips to the mountains. We want our children to see and experience different cultures and feel traveling is one way to provide this. Vacation is also a great opportunity for us to get away and truly bond as a family. Spending time with our extended family is a priority for us. We spend all our holidays with family. We have many traditions and look forward to all our family gatherings. My family lives in the same town as us and Ronnie's lives an hour and a half away. My brother currently lives a few states away where he coaches football for a University. Ronnie's sister and her husband have 2 little boys and we love watching our girls develop relationships with their cousins.

We want to express our sincere appreciation for you considering our family for your precious child. If you choose us to provide a home for your child, please know that your child will always be loved and adored. Our desire is to allow all our children to pursue their passions and give them as many opportunities as possible. As you make this decision, know that you will always be loved and respected because of the sacrifice you made for your child and us. We will always speak highly of you and graciously acknowledge that you are the reason we are able to expand our family.

May God bless you as you make this decision.