

Ray and Cari



There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One is roots; the other, wings.

-Hodding Carter

Dear Birth Family,

Our names are Ray and Cari. Thank you for letting us share ourselves with you. We can only imagine what it must be like for you to choose an adoptive family for your baby. We are filled with admiration and gratitude for the selfless choice you are making. Our hope is that our story and photographs will assist you in your decision.

We want to build our family through adoption because we have an abundance of love to give to a child. Children have always been very important to us. Seven years ago we were blessed with our son, Ben and we are so looking forward to adding to our family. We love being parents and always wanted more children. Cari is a stay at home mom and loves having a lot of time to spend with her children. Ray is fortunate to have a very flexible work schedule and also has a lot of time at home.

It isn't just us who want to add a baby to our family; our son, Ben is also very excited about having a brother or sister to grow up with. We have loved every minute of our marriage and lives and we can't wait to add a precious child to our family. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family. We hope the following pages will provide a glimpse into our family and life.

We wish you peace in your decision.

Thank you,

Ray and Cari

How We Met

It was love at first sight when we met and fell in love while working for the same insurance company. We have been happily married for just over 9 years and have been together as a couple for about 12 years. We are best friends that are lucky enough to share our lives together. We enjoy playing with our son Ben, spending time together, traveling and spending time with family and friends. We have a strong, loving marriage that grew even stronger when we became parents. We laugh a lot and enjoy being with each other whether at home, with family or friends. We work together well as a team in caring for our son and home, and in supporting each other's interests.



Ray

Ray was born and raised in Texas. Ray graduated from a small private university in 1981 with a degree in Math/Computer Science. Ray is the owner of 5 successful restaurants and has been so for 6 years. When Ray is not working, he enjoys nature, hiking, fishing, science and sports.



Ray grew up in a very loving and close family, and spent many holidays with extended family - cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. During holidays, everyone in the family would gather at his grandparent's house for several days of food and celebrations. Ray's family plays an important role in our everyday lives.



Cari

Cari also grew up in Texas. She graduated from Incarnate Word University in 2000 with a degree in Business Management. She then went on to get a teaching degree in early childhood. Cari cherished her work as a Kindergarten teacher but



Cari Teaching

became a stay at home mother after the birth of their son. Cari loves to enjoy her family as a priority. She also enjoys volunteering at Ben's school, cooking, gardening, reading and activities with family and friends.

Cari's family is also very close and she has one brother, Charles, who is married with 2 precious children. They are all fortunate enough to live in the same city and spend a lot of time together. The children have enjoyed growing up together



Cari and her Mom

and regularly enjoy vacations together. Cari's family is very excited about welcoming a new baby into the family and is extremely supportive of Ray and Cari's decision to adopt.



We love to bake!!!



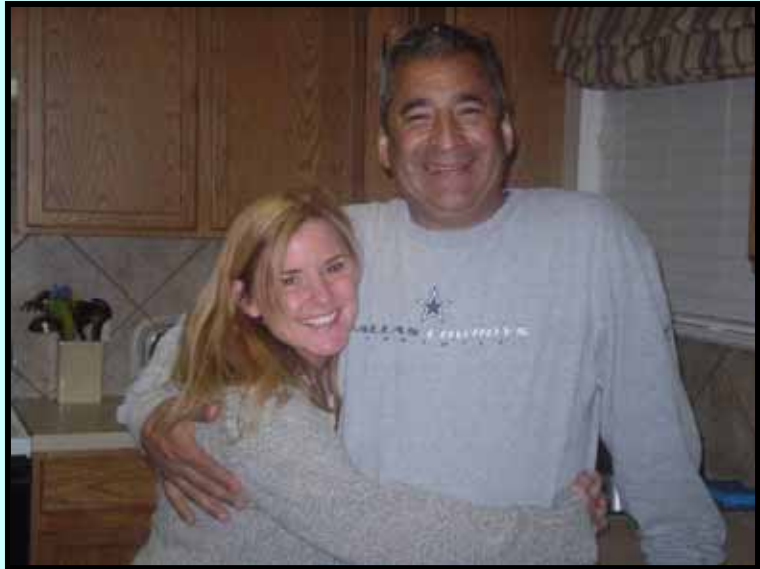
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Family

We are so blessed to have family and friends who are excited and supportive about our decision to add to our family. He/she will have two sets of grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins who are anxiously awaiting their arrival. We both had such wonderful childhoods filled with so many good memories. We can promise you that your child will always be surrounded by loving



people, who are ready and waiting to create more of those same memories with the new addition to the family.



Values

We both grew up in Christian environments. We believe Christianity, and religion generally, provides the foundation for a strong moral upbringing. We regularly attend our church, where our son also attends school. Our spirituality plays an important role in our every day lives.



Our House and Neighborhood

We live in a great home and safe neighborhood in Texas. We have wonderful friends and families in our community, great schools and we're close to plenty of fun places to visit. Our neighborhood has a swimming pool, a playground and walking trails for everyone to enjoy. We have a lot of kids of all ages in our neighborhood.



We have a four bedroom house in a gated community. The baby will have his/her own room.

When we are not at home we love to take vacations with our families. We enjoy simple getaways, like camping, fishing, hiking, and the beach—but also enjoy taking larger vacations, like skiing or going to Disneyland.





We hope, after reviewing our profile, that you have a sense of our commitment to providing a peaceful, spiritual and loving home for your baby. We would consider it a true blessing to be able to open up our hearts, lives and home to your baby.

If you choose us to be the adoptive family for your child, he/she will always know how special you are, the sacrifice you have made, and the wonderful gift you have given us. The idea of adding to our family, and making Ben a big brother, brings us complete joy. We will devote our lives to the happiness and well-being of your child. Thank you for taking time to learn about our family and for considering us in this most important decision.

