

# **FAMILY TIES**

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**FEATURING...**

**ALEX, DEBBY**

**AND LILY**

## Dear Birthparents...

We are Alex and Debby and we thank you for considering us to be a forever family for your baby. Adoption is very close to our hearts as our daughter Lily was adopted from China in 2006. We can't wait for her to have a brother or sister and we can't wait to become parents again. We hope that by reading our profile and looking at our pictures you will see that we are an ordinary family with an extraordinary amount of love to give. We have a tremendous support group of family

and friends that are so excited for us. Every night when we put Lily to sleep we say a prayer for her birthparents. We thank them for giving her the gift of life and ask God to let them know that she is in a safe and loving home. Please know that we will have the same respect and love for you. Enjoy getting to know us and thank you again for taking time to view our profile.

*Alex and Debby*

## *Meet Our Team*

### **Lead Journalist...Alex.**

Alex was born in a small upstate town. He grew up with his parents and older siblings, Cindy and Marty. As a child Alex attended Catholic School and participated in baseball, football and Boy Scouts. His greatest childhood memories include spending time with family on vacations and working in the family's Italian restaurant.

Alex received a BA in Business Administration and is employed as a Sales Manager for an Electrical Supply Company in New York City. Alex enjoys the social aspect of his job, interacting with his clients and making sales calls.

In his spare time Alex enjoys watching football and Nascar. Alex enjoys playing golf and poker with friends and often organizes get togethers to take part in these activities.



*Alex golfing with his college pals.*

When he is not taking his daughter for bike rides and trips to the park, Alex spends time on household projects and maintenance.



*Alex taking Lily for a bike ride*

Those who know him best describe Alex as a loyal friend, dedicated husband, and loving father. He is laid back, easy to talk to and fun to be around.



## Editor...Debby



*Debby and Lily out to eat.*

Debby grew up in a town just a few minutes from where she lives now. She lived with her parents and two older sisters, Toni and Dina.

Debby was the girlie-girl of the family and loved to dress up and try on her grandmother's costume jewelry. She loved to read and play with dolls as a child. Her greatest childhood memories include sleepovers at her grandparent's with her cousins and Christmas Eve with her family.

Debby received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Special Education. After teaching Kindergarten for 10 years, Debby is now an Early Intervention Special Educator working part time with

developmentally delayed and autistic toddlers and preschoolers.

Debby enjoys reading-especially children's books to her daughter Lily. She loves spending time with her family and friends and is very close to her parents and sisters. Debby is proud of her bargain shopping and enjoys watching reality TV.

Her closest friends say that Debby is happiest when spending time with her daughter Lily and husband Alex. She is a great listener, dependable, and her friends say she is very patient and nurturing.



*Debby holding her friend's new baby!*



*Debby and Lily at the lake with friends.*

## Funny Pages...Lily



Lily was born in a small province in Southern China. After 8 months in an orphanage and foster home, she was lovingly adopted by Alex and Debby in November, 2006.

Lily was an easy going baby who loved to be the center of attention. She was so excited when her mommy would take her to music and gym classes as well as to the library for story-time.

Lily is now four years old and attends pre-school five mornings a week. She takes part in gymnastics, swimming lessons, and T-ball. Lily loves to play outdoors with her neighborhood friends, ride her bike, play in the sandbox, and jump on her trampoline.



*Lily at gymnastics*

Lily's favorite color is yellow. She loves mac and cheese and anything chocolate. She is described as a smart girl who is a quick learner. She has a great sense of humor and makes her family and friends laugh quite often.

Her greatest wish is to put her baby dolls aside and have a real baby brother or sister to hold and take care of. She is going to make an amazing big sister!



*Lily at T-ball*

## *Weddings*

Surrounded by their family and friends Alex and Debby were married on October 28, 2004.



The couple was set up on a blind date by Alex's cousin and Debby's friends two years earlier on October 30, 2002. While dating they enjoyed going into the city to see Broadway shows and out to dinner. They also enjoyed spending time with friends. Amazingly Debby and Alex fit right in with each other's friends and families. Having the support of those closest to them

strengthened the relationship and confirmed what the couple knew early on...that they were a definite match!

Debby describes Alex as funny, laid back and loves the fact that he can make himself comfortable wherever he is. She was attracted to his strong bond with his family and friends and knew he would make a loving husband and father.

Alex describes Debby as a loving and committed wife and mother. He loves the fact that she gets along with all his friends and family. She's a kind soul with good perspective on life, love and happiness.



*Honeymoon in Italy*

## *Real Estate*

A 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 1926 Dutch Colonial was purchased in 2004 by Alex and Debby. The house is located on a tree lined street located about 45 minutes outside of New York City.



*Our Home*

Alex enjoys the charm of the older home and enjoys doing many of the updating projects that owning an older home entails. He also spends time outdoors on the landscaping and maintenance of the home.

Debby was first attracted to the home because of the neighborhood appeal it has. Since moving in the family has become close friends with many of the neighbors. They share barbeques, ice cream socials, and block parties.

Lily is just thrilled with the many friends she has made. There are over 20 children on the block and Lily can go outside at any time and there will always be someone to play with. She is also pleased that there are 2 parks within walking distance. The house is also located close to malls, grocery stores, and churches.



*Neighborhood Barbeque*

The house is all ready with a bedroom to use as a nursery and a fully stocked playroom located in the sunroom off the living room.



*Alex and Lily in the playroom*

## *Birth Announcements*

Monday, November 13, 2006 in a small province in China, Alex and Debby were blessed with the adoption of their daughter Lily at 8 months old. After a two week stay in China, the family of three is now home and overjoyed with their new addition.



*Adoption Day 2006*

Now, almost 4 years later, the three are settled into a comfortable family life. When asked how they came to adopt, Debby quickly responded, "I always knew I wanted to adopt a baby, this is a dream come true for me. I told Alex of my plan to adopt on our first date and as our relationship grew, the dream became his too."



*2 years later-2008*

It is now 2010 and the family is in the process of adopting again. "We are so excited about welcoming another baby into our lives. Adopting Lily has brought our already close knit families even closer. We have a great support team in our family and friends," says a beaming Alex.

Lily is also thrilled to be a big sister. "I will get mommy clean diapers when the baby needs to be changed and I will feed the baby when it is hungry," Lily responds when asked how she will help care for a baby. She is already practicing with Debby's best friend's 4 month old daughter.



## *Advice Column-The Grandparents*

Debby's parents are retired and live about 10 minutes from Alex and Debby. They are Lily's babysitters when she is not in school and Debby and Alex are at work. Alex, Debby and Lily see Debby's parents several times a week and talk to them every day. The family shares Saturday night dinner each week along with Debby's sisters. Lily loves her YaYa and PopPop. She especially loves when they take her to lunch at Applebees and when she gets to sleep over their house. Lily loves baking with YaYa and gardening with PopPop. Debby's parents adore their only grandchild and look forward to having another grandchild to love.



*Baking cookies with YaYa*



Alex's parents live in Alex's hometown in upstate NY-about five hours away. They travel several times a year to visit their sixth and youngest grandchild. Alex and Debby also travel throughout the year upstate to spend time with Alex's parents and extended family. Grandma Anne and Grandpa Butch are very special to Alex, Debby, and Lily. Their visits come with trips to the zoo, museums, parks and lots of hugs and kisses. Lily misses them the minute they drive away and calls them on the phone at least once a week. They are very excited to be grandparents again!



*Grandma Anne and Grandpa Butch being silly with the grandkids*



*On a boat tour with Grandma Anne*

## *Support Staff*



*Alex's brother and sister, Marty and Cindy*



*Lily and Debby's sister Toni*



*Lily with Debby's sister Dina*



*Great Grandma Joan and Lily*



*Christmas with cousins and a visit from Santa! (Debby's family)*



*Cousins at the zoo! (Alex's family)*



*A great group of our friends!*

## *Points of Interest*



*On the beach in Alabama*



*At an amusement park*



*Alex and Debby in China*



*Butterfly garden at the zoo*



*Niagra Falls*



*Skipping stones at the lake*



*A cabin in Vermont*



*Feeding fish at a koi pond*



We appreciate your taking the time to review our profile and getting to know us and our family. We are grateful for the opportunity to welcome another child into our home, our lives and especially our hearts. We respect whatever decision you make, as we know this must be difficult for you. Just know that your child will be loved, cherished and safe in our

arms and in our home. We would be happy to send photos and updates so you can see how our story continues with your child...for this is just Volume 1!

*Alex and Debby*



To be continued...