

Dear Birth Mother,

Our names are Grant and Vickie. You might not know us, but we hope with this letter, you will get to know us enough to open your heart and allow your child to come into our hearts. In our struggles with infertility, we have come to the conclusion that though we might not be able to have children biologically, our desire to have a family is very strong. We are always searching for the right thing to do in every aspect of our lives, and we have come to believe that open adoption is the right thing for us. We are very honest and nonjudgmental, we believe everything happens for a reason, and we try to learn from those reasons everyday. We have been raised to be respectful, hardworking, and thoughtful people. We hope to instill these qualities in children of our own someday.



To share with you our dream, we would like you to get to know a little bit about us, our family, and friends so that you might better understand who we are and what kind of environment we would like to raise your child in. Here goes...

Grant and Vickie first met in the summer of 1994. Our good friends, Jimmy and Margaret, introduced us. It didn't take long for us to realize the kind and gentle ways that both of us were looking for in a relationship, as well as the many activities we enjoyed doing together. We were married March 14th, 1998. It really was a unique day, not only because we vowed our love to each other, but it was also a very warm and sunny day. This was unheard of in the middle of March where we live, so we felt extra blessed! The interesting thing is that every year, at about the same time, we can expect the same great weather. This is definitely a sign of things right with our marriage (among many other things ☺).



Grant is a hardworking, thoughtful, and respectful person. He takes his job very seriously, as a power lineman and meter relay technician. He began his career with power as an inside electrician, for which he did for 7 years. His dedication to his education, safety, and work ethic has led him to where he is today. It was always his goal to do what he is doing now, and he worked hard every step of the way. He even attended a specialized lineman college to get the best experience possible. He has now finished his third apprenticeship in a very solid company and is enjoying it.

Vickie is also a hardworking, thoughtful and respectful person. She shows these attributes everyday in her job as a Middle School Science Teacher. Working with 6th through 8th graders can be very challenging work, but her patience has been the key to her success. She also coaches volleyball. This is one of her favorite sports, so it is not surprising that she would enjoy coaching it, as well!



We know our jobs are important to having a stable family. Though we both enjoy them, we enjoy our hobbies and interests even more! You will find that we are very active and have a lot of interests that we enjoy doing with family and friends. We enjoy hiking, camping, boating, gardening and landscaping, waterskiing, playing softball, walking our dog,



going to the Oregon Duck football games, staying fit, doing home improvement projects, and traveling to warm places. As you can see, many of these are in the category of enjoying the outdoors. In the winter, we tend to stay out of the snow, except for the annual Christmas tree hunt and an occasional snowboarding or snow skiing day trip. Otherwise, you will find us have dinner with family and friends, watching movies or wrestling, playing volleyball or running on the treadmill.

Our biggest thrill is going camping with family and friends. We try to fit in as many trips with our boat and camper in a year as possible. Grant has already taught many children to water-ski, as well as enjoy a few spins on the inner tube.

If we can't go camping, we will most definitely barbeque, even if it is cold! Someone is always ready for grilled halibut and salmon, or a fish fry of sturgeon and catfish. Both of our fathers are big fisherman. They are always sharing the wealth of their catches!



We have also gone on some great trips with our friends. Their children are very important to us, too. We are God Parents to Teresa, and feel very close to her and her sister. They can't wait to be "cousins". They are very special to us and consider them part of our family.



Our parents play a very integral role in our lives. Grant's parents live in the same town. Vickie actually works with Grant's Mother, and Grant's Father is enjoying retirement. They are very involved and supportive with their grandchildren. Their favorite time of the year seems to be the holidays and birthdays, because they are always ready to celebrate any festivity at their house! They are very special people.



Vickie's parents live only a few hours away, so weekend trips are easy to do. They also enjoy their grandchildren very much, and are always teaching them new things, and supporting them in their lives, as well. Their love for the outdoors continues as they enjoy camping, boating, and hiking with us, too.

We have learned a lot from our friends and family. We have learned how to love, how to take care of one another, how to enjoy life, and also some wise words on how to parent! We have a very supportive network that we know we can always trust. We hope you can trust us to be the parents of your child.



We can never truly grasp the difficult decisions that lie ahead for you, but we can be good listeners and be understanding to the choices that you make, hoping that our strong desire to parent has been clearly displayed. We can't wait to meet you and share with you more about our lives and how we live.

We hope you consider us in your search for adoptive parents for your child. Thank you.

Sincerely, Grant and Vickie