

Dear Friend(s),

It's hard to know how to start a letter like this. We feel humbled but hopeful. It's difficult to express the feelings we have for you, especially considering that we don't even know each other yet! We already speak of you with the deepest respect and affection. We pray for "our birth family" all the time. We think you are brave. We think you are beautiful and selfless.

We're certainly not perfect, but we love each other and have lots of room in our hearts to love others! We are very comfortable with an open adoption. It's what we really want for our family. However, we want you to know that we are willing to be flexible and work with our birth family if they have a different level of comfort.

We've been married 14 years and parents for 12. It was a struggle to bring our two wonderful children into this world. Both were preemies who came after lengthy hospital stays for Janae. Watching our two tiny babies struggle in the hospital and Janae's health threatened was tough, but raising Emma (our 12 year old daughter) and Vincent (our 10 year old son) has been the most joyful and fulfilling experience of our lives.

Because of our struggle we figured that our parenting door was closed. After many years we consulted doctors regarding Janae's health and the possibility of carrying a baby to full term. With our doctor's support we attempted to become parents again, even though we knew there was significant risk involved. Our attempts lead us to face the challenge of infertility. Again, we felt our parenting door close. However, there was something funny about our continued desire to be parents—our heads told us that it was impossible, but our hearts shouted otherwise! With the perspective we have now we feel that God was leading us toward adoption all along. We trust our Heavenly Father and know that he will bring together the people that need each other. Adoption seems like the most miraculous "bringing together" we can imagine.

You are not alone. We'll keep praying for you and your sweet baby. And we'll keep hoping and praying and working so that we can find each other.

Love,

Sebastian & Janae