

Jason & Elise



Hobbies & Interests

Us: travel, the outdoors, raising animals. Elise: cooking, crafting, gardening. Jason: home improvement, SCUBA, woodworking

Occupation

Elise: Cancer Research Scientist
Jason: Pediatrician

Education

Elise: BA, Lawrence University; PhD, Vanderbilt
Jason: BA, Washington University St. Louis; MD & PhD, Vanderbilt

Religion or Belief System

Humanist

Pets:

2 beagle mixes, Annie and Seeley, and 3 cats, Calvin, Hobbes, and Temperance. We also have goats, ducks, chicks, and bees on our hobby farm!



Our Story

We met at a Christmas party while in graduate school. It was easy to see from early on that we were well matched; we both grew up on rural farms with a family-centered lifestyle, and both put a high value on education and learning. We have been married since 2013, and moved to Michigan in 2016 to pursue further training at the University of Michigan.

As a pediatrician (Jason) and scientist (Elise), we are dedicated to making the world a better place for all children. As hopeful parents we are cultivating a family-first, nature-loving, adventure-filled environment for children of our own!

What Brought Us to Adoption

Jason's two siblings were adopted, so we always talked about adoption as one way we would grow our family, something both sides of our family have always supported. When Elise could not safely carry a pregnancy to term, it was an easy choice to turn to adoption.

Learning about open adoption has made us even more excited about building our family through adoption, and hopefully establishing a life-long relationship with our children's birth family.

Our Hopes, Open Adoption & Relationship with Birth Family

Our ideal situation would be to have an open line of communication with our birth family. To us this means regular updates and photos as well as getting together. It is important to us to foster this relationship primarily for our child, but it is also meaningful for us to know our child's heritage so we can help them grow into a complete and confident adult. We believe birth families are the key that holds adoption together, and that an open adoption helps ensure that our birth family is able to pursue a positive life path of their own.

These individuals have met all requirements of the State of Michigan and Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County to become adoptive parents, may fit your situation and are waiting to welcome a child into their home. If you would like more information about this family, please contact:

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