Sam and Lesly

Hello, We're Sam and Lesly

Thank you for considering us for your child - it is an honor! We want you to know that we have been praying for you and the child you are carrying. We already love this baby and desire to raise this baby as our own. Our family is so excited to receive this baby and embrace this baby as one of us. Our boys ask about a little brother or sister each morning and want to know when they will arrive! As we have done with our first adopted child, we will make sure this baby hears about you and knows that you love them very much. We promise to love and cherish this child as our own flesh and blood and to lay down our lives and desires for what is best for this baby – just as we have done for the children we already have.

We are eager to adopt and add more children to our family - we love children! We were amazed with our first adoption at how quickly there was no difference between the love we had for our biological child and the love we had for our adopted child. Others who have adopted told us it would be this way but to experience it for ourselves was an incredible and beautiful thing. We desperately want to share our love, our life and our home with another child.

Our Lives Together

We met at church. Lesly was doing an internship at church after college and Sam was volunteering his time and computer skills in the same office at the church. Sam immediately noticed Lesly's passion and Lesly was attracted to Sam's ability to listen and make her laugh. Sam asked Lesly out to ice skate and that began our courtship. We were married two and a half years later. One day Sam took Lesly to pick out an engagement ring. He officially proposed and gave her the ring later that day after asking her dad's permission to marry her.

Our wedding was a small ceremony with close friends and family. We were married in August on a 90 degree, humid day! Our wedding could be described as country elegance. We had fresh roses of yellow, pink and white at the ceremony and our brides maids wore rose colored gowns. Our two flower girls wore cream colored gowns wand crowns made of fresh roses. They were covered with chocolate cake smears by the end of the night! A very dear friend married us with the blessing of our parents and family. We took off from the ceremony in an antique car and arrived at our reception destination which was a mansion way out in the country to celebrate with family and friends. We have now been married over 10 years and we are forever grateful to share this life with each other!

What really brought us together is how much we enjoy being together and experiencing new things. We love the outdoors. We love to hike, play tennis, roller blade, ride bikes, watch a good movie and go away together! Each year we take a two day trip away to an Inn while our kids enjoy a weekend at their grandparent's house. This gives us wonderful memories with just each other, much needed rest, and refreshes us for our kids!

My Husband, Sam

Sam is honest, genuinely kind and gentle. He is a hard worker and a good communicator. He has a strength about him that attracts the trust of our kids and other kids. He truly has my best interests and the interests of our family at heart. He is a giving person. Early in our marriage we went through a natural disaster that caused us to lose our home. He worked three jobs to keep us afloat during that time so that I could stay home and care for our first baby.

Sam adores children. I can clearly remember, in the earlier months of getting to know each other, many times when Sam was at the center of a pile of kids. He seems to always be wrestling with the kids, teaching them something, or just listening to what they have to say. Sam coaches our older son's soccer team and has had a number of years to interact with the boys on the team. I have watched him as he not only encourages their soccer skills but encourages them to have character as boys and eventually young men. He seems to be a bit of a kid magnet for the younger children as well. After school and on the weekends we usually have a backyard or house filled with neighborhood kids who are equally comfortable around my husband and me. His ability to interact with kids and his understanding of them is something that made me want to marry him.

Sam works as a project manager for a large local bank. We are blessed that Sam is very successful in his position and has a great deal of flexibility to work at home or to take time off of work for vacations to the beach, Niagara Falls, Washington DC and other places. It also allows him time off for a new baby! Sam is able to rearrange his work schedule to allow him to be home to coach the boys soccer teams or attend their school programs.

My Wife, Lesly

Lesly is extremely passionate about everything she does and she does everything with excellence. Her passion is contagious, and her demand for excellence is inspiring – so much so that I find myself amazed at how much I have grown as a person since I met her. It goes without saying that Lesly is beautiful, a fact that I take note of every day. Lesly is a very strong person, and her strength has been a source of confidence and inspiration for me every day of our marriage.

Lesly is wonderful with children and an amazing mom. Her command of a room of children is remarkable and her ability to maintain order while also caring for each of them as little people is wonderful to watch. We talk often about our children and she is always seeking to improve her interactions with them and improve our home environment to foster the greatest possible growth in them.

Before we had children we decided that Lesly would stay home with our children and pursue her own career goals later in life. This has always been a priority for us and one we are grateful that Lesly is able to be a homemaker and homeschool our two wonderful and wildly different boys.

Our Children

We have two boys. Matthew is nine years old and is our biological child. We named him Matthew because this means gift of God and truly he is that. He is gentle and quiet, contemplative and curious. He is a very bright child who spends hours reading and studying whatever interests him the most. He loves to build with Legos and is determined to be a Lego Architect someday.

Matthew has a love for children very similar to his dad. He is forever asking when we will "get another baby." He is a very compassionate child, reaching out to other kids that may not always be included in a group of children. He plays hard and has a terrific imagination. He enjoys soccer, piano, swimming, playing with friends, being with family and trips to museums or the sea shore.

Keith is four years old and is our first adopted child. His biological mother was a beautiful Hispanic woman. He was placed in our care through the foster system at two days old. After two years in foster care we were able to adopt him. What a wonderful day that was for our entire family! We celebrated with an enormous party in our backyard. Keith has a smile that lights up a room and a deep laugh to go along with it. He is an absolute treasure to us. Keith loves to play with his friends and cousins and build with Legos with his big brother and his dad. He enjoys playing in the back yard and swimming at the pool in the summer time. He is very outgoing and has a great deal of energy. While our older son is more cautious of new experiences, Keith dives right in. At three years old he was jumping into the deep section of the swimming pool and keeping up with Matthew and his friends! Keith is a brilliant child who is excited to discover all that is around him. He loves to take trips as well and enjoys our yearly vacations at the sea shore.

As a family we love to play together, travel and spend lots of time with our extended family. This includes weekend meals with our local family and overnight trips to visit our extended family in New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. Friday night in our home is usually pizza and movie night. We let the children select a movie and the four of us eat pizza and watch the movie together. Most Saturdays at home are spent playing Legos or playing outside at a park, visiting with friends or enjoying evening meals with family.

Our Family & Traditions

Our extended family includes Lesly's parents and brother who are very close to us both in proximity and in activity. We are together every Sunday for dinner and throughout the week engaging in many activities with our children. They attend sports events, school activities, and ake the kids to the YMCA for gym classes or just out for ice cream and to the park. Sam's two brother's live close by as well and are very loving uncles. One is married to a wonderful woman who is a big part of our kids' lives. They have two children the ages of our boys and are expecting a baby girl this spring. She and Lesly take the kids to story hour at the library each week and as a family we are together for dinner at least once a month. Lesly comes from a large Italian family including thirteen aunts and uncles and a seeming endless number of cousins! We are all together at least once a year as we travel to New York for a family reunion. Sam's extended family consists of five aunts and uncles, five cousins and two grandmothers. One of Sam's uncles adopted his oldest son. This same cousin went on to adopt his wife's daughter. One of Sam's cousins has also adopted three girls. We love how adoption is such a large part of our extended family as well! Our families totally embraced Keith when he was born and we adopted him. They are ready and eager to embrace another little one into our family as well.

We have a lot of family traditions and are blessed to be close enough to some of our extended family to include them in a lot of it. Every New Years day we have a big celebration called the Chili Bowl. Neighbors and family gather at our home to play flag football and then we have a chili lunch afterwards. We even make t-shirts to celebrate the New Year and the Chili Bowl flag football team! It began as something silly we created to enjoy the New Year but it grew into something that our family and neighbors look forward to each year. We decorate gingerbread houses every year after we eat Thanksgiving dinner. Our family is together for birthdays, holidays, weekend dinners, and really as often as we can find an excuse to enjoy each other's company! We believe that family is the most important thing in life and raise our children with this understanding.

Our Home and Community

Our home is situated in a small town outside a large metropolis. It is a white brick Cape Cod style home with a lot of character. Our home has four bedrooms and two bathrooms and we enjoy a large fenced in backyard with a sandbox, small vegetable garden and a big jungle gym. We live in a charming neighborhood where most people know each other and the children walk to school. We have a creek in the park down the street and many of our days are spent searching for crayfish and tadpoles. Our kids have lots of friends in the neighborhood and it seems there are always children running from yard to yard.

We have a number of parks, the library tennis courts, and a swimming pool in our town which allows us to walk or ride bikes almost everywhere when it is warm. We live in a tight community where most people know each other. We are thrilled with our school district because it is very small, yet high achieving. Many of the teachers and administrators live in the town and have kids who attend the schools. There is a great deal of parental involvement in the classrooms on a daily basis. While our older son is homeschooled he did start out in the public school and so will our younger son.

We have a great deal of adoptive families in our town, both international adoption and domestic. We have a close group of about seven families who all have adopted at least one child, with whom we gather often to play or have dinner. These seven families have adopted kids who are African America, Haitian, Asian, Hispanic and Caucasian. They are a big part of our lives and we are a huge support to each other. Our town understands adoption and is very accepting and supportive of adoptive families.

Our Future

Our desire is to raise our children in the community we currently live in. We have built solid relationships with people who are supportive of the choice we have made to build our family through adoption and love the tight knit friendship we all share here.

Our Christian faith is very important to us. We raise our kids according to our faith believing that God has entrusted their little lives to us and that we must cherish them accordingly.

We believe in the value of education. For now, we have chosen home schooling but also understand that each child is unique and will thrive in different educational environments. Our philosophy is to learn about who our kids are and make choices about their education based on where we believe each of them will best succeed. With this in mind, we want to help our kids attend college though the final choice in that will be up to each individual child.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family. Know that along with praying for this baby, we have also been praying for you. We can't imagine what you've been going through but know you must be a woman of great courage and selflessness. We admire your love for your baby and promise to care for them, love them, and support them unconditionally. Know that if you choose us to raise your baby, you will always be spoken of highly in our home and hold a very special place in our hearts.

God Bless You,

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