

Dear Expectant Parent(s),

We introduce ourselves to you mindful that you may be making complicated and difficult decisions at this time. And so we wish you well, and hope that whatever path you choose brings you all the good that life has to offer.

Our names are Karen and Perry, and we are a couple who look forward to expanding our family with adoption. We have one daughter named Sadie, whom we adopted three years ago. As two people who love adventure, we both readily agree that parenting her has been by far the greatest and most challenging life experience we could imagine!



Our daily lives as a family reflect our love for the outdoors, and our enjoyment of one-another's company. Karen and Sadie are together during the day while Perry works at his programming job. They enjoy trips to the museum, to the library, to the pool, and to the playground. Perry fits his work week into 4 days so that we can all be together for three days each weekend. Camping, skiing, fishing, and trips with our raft are all things we like to do together on the weekend. We also enjoy tending our vegetable and flower gardens in the summer, visiting with friends and our family, and making food!

We have chosen to live in a small town for the simple lifestyle that it offers. We try to focus on spending time over money in our relationships with others, and hope to instill values of self-reliance, education, and resourcefulness in our children. We also believe that service and compassion are important virtues to impart. Our faith community is an important component of our lives. We are close to our parents and siblings, including Sadie's birth mother and her extended family. Sadie has two cousins who are also adopted. We love to have fun, and to share that fun with others!

In short, we don't claim to get everything 100% right in parenting, but we hope that our children will always feel our love and respect for them. Although we recognize that grief is a component of adoption, we have experienced first-hand the healing that the open adoption philosophy can bring to all parties. We also feel that adoption agencies bring dignity and accountability by the adoptive family to the adoption process. Catholic Social Services of Montana provides strong advocacy for the adopted child, and we feel that this is very important.

Thank you for considering an adoption plan for your child, and for taking the time to read our letter!

With fondest regards,
Karen and Perry

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