



Rob and Lindsay

Dear Birthmother,

Writing this letter is difficult. We keep thinking about how to start it, what to say.

You know already: we want to be parents. We want with all of our hearts to be a father and mother, to hear the words, “Dad,” and “Mom,” spring forth from our child’s lips. We’ve been trying, unsuccessfully and painfully, to become parents for a while. It seems like forever. I’m sure many of the couples you encounter are in similar boats.

We are not strangers to adoption. It exists on both sides of our families: Rob’s cousin was adopted; Lindsay’s grandmother was adopted; and Lindsay—when she was four-years old—was adopted by her stepfather. We have an innate understanding—and firsthand knowledge—of the specific questions and concerns an adopted child might have and an increased empathy and sensitivity to adoption issues.

We’ve been together for five years. It’s cliché to write it was love at first sight, but it was and we are even more in love today. We live in Maine in a large lavender cottage-style home—which we share with our two dogs, a lab-mix and a springer spaniel—overlooking the bay. Our home is a very happy place. It’s where we got married. And hopefully, it’s where we’ll soon start a family.

We are in our mid-30s, and have supportive families, who are all so excited for us to be adopting a baby. Rob has an older brother, who lives nearby with his wife and our six-year old nephew. Lindsay’s sister—who is one of her best friends—and her nine-year old daughter, our niece, live close by.

Our parents live in Maine and New Hampshire, as well as Florida. We have good friends all along the Eastern Seaboard, from New England down through Alabama.

We live in a diverse, close-knit community. Many of our neighbors are also our friends. Two couples on our street recently began their families through adoption—one adopting a newborn; the other adopting toddler siblings—and are a wealth of support for us.

Rob is currently in school finishing an MBA program (His Bachelor's Degree is in Psychology). Lindsay has a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work. She earned BA's in English, Political Science and Studio Art. She previously worked as a journalist—both internationally, stationed in London, England, and as a writer for national and state-wide publications. At present, she works as an artist, painting large abstract canvases.

Lindsay is very excited to be a stay-at-home mother: making play-doh, baking cookies and catching frogs with our child. Rob will teach him or her how to grow vegetables on our rooftop garden as well as how to make and edit music on the computer and mix records on his turntables. Both of us look forward to reading to our child, playing with Legos, and engaging in a wide variety of arts and crafts.

We love spending time together and can't wait to share our love with a child. Our house is filled with colorful paintings and music—Rob has an extensive record and CD collection—books and child-friendly sculptural furniture. We love art and design.

We're active, healthy people. We walk into town, take day hikes, ride bikes. We enjoy skiing, swimming and other sports. We'll often put on a CD and dance. Lindsay likes going for runs. Rob loves playing basketball. And every once in a while, he dusts off his skateboard and takes it for a whirl.

We love to travel. Over the past couple of years, we've journeyed to Nova Scotia, California and New Orleans. We regularly visit Vermont, New York, Boston and Washington, DC.

We have strong moral and spiritual beliefs. We believe in doing unto others as you would have them do unto you. We believe in the power and importance of education, and can afford our child any educational opportunity or endeavor. We believe in nurturing a child to grow into his or her best self.

It all boils down to love: the unconditional take-a-bullet-for-your-child love any parent feels, whether they be birthparent or adoptive parent. We want you to know, that love will unconditionally be here. We promise you that, adoptive parents to birth mother.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Lindsay and Rob

Us...



# Our home...



# Our family and friends...



From top right: Rob with our niece Bridget; Lindsay with Bridget, her sister Sarah (on right) and her friends Courtney and Nichole; Lindsay with our dogs Fisher and Rudy; Rob's brother Charles, with his wife Jen and our nephew Charlie.





From top right:  
Lindsay with her  
dad Bill; Lindsay  
with Bridget;  
Lindsay at her  
friend Alison's  
wedding; Rob's  
parents Ned and  
Anne.



# Traveling together...



From top right: Rob and Lindsay at Canyonlands, Utah; at the Golden Gate Bridge, in San Francisco, Ca.; in New Orleans, La.; at the Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico.



From top right:  
At the White  
Sands Desert,  
New Mexico; in  
Halifax, Nova  
Scotia, Canada;  
in San Diego,  
California.

