

Brad & Buddy

Dear Birthparent(s),

We're Brad and Buddy, and we're so grateful that you are considering an adoption plan. We don't know all the circumstances that brought you to this decision, but we are honored that you would consider trusting us to open our family to the child you brought into the world. Because we know that this is one of the most important decisions you'll make, we want to share a little about our family and the home we would offer a child.



Buddy & Brad at the top of Mt. St. Regis in New York



With Lucy in front of our home

Buddy is the funny, friendly one – he's the first to welcome a new person to the party. Brad is the serious

one – he takes good care of those around him, and he's who you want by your side in a crisis. We live in a historic, urban neighborhood in a big city in Texas, in a big, 101 year-old, two-story house with a big backyard. Brad grew up about half a mile from our house, and still knows half the neighborhood. Buddy grew up on a ranch north of our city, where his parents and aunt and uncle still live. We share our



Lucy at Halloween

house with Lucy, a bloodhound we rescued from a puppy mill. She's a retired mama dog who loves kids and is very gentle with the babies, toddlers, and small kids in our lives.

Speaking of kids, we're surrounded by them. Between us, we have six godchildren, three nephews, and one niece, not to mention the many children our own friends have. We are "Uncle Brad" and "Uncle Buddy" to many, and love playing an active role in the development of these important little people.

Our house (and, specifically, Brad's kitchen) is the gathering place for both of our families, and a child who grows up in our home will be blessed with not only two stable and loving parents, but also with four grandparents who live within a two-hour drive, aunts, uncles, and cousins, and a large "family" (friends who are family) who take good care of each other. All of those people are so excited to welcome our child into their lives.

Our faith is a very important part of our life together, and has been since we met ... at church. We met 11 years ago in a church small group, and were married about two years ago. We now attend a small,

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Easter Brunch at our church, organized by Brad

loving, and friendly church about 10 minutes from our house, and both serve in leadership there. Our church dates back to the late 1800s, and is one of the most racially diverse churches in our area. As we grow our family through adoption, we hope to raise our children in our faith and with our values, to love God and to love and serve our neighbors.

We are both lawyers who really enjoyed school and like working in jobs where we help people. Brad's job involves helping people and businesses solve complicated problems. He also works with schools and churches to protect the children in their care from abuse. Buddy helps young lawyers

find the right job for them. We both work about 15 minutes from home, and Buddy's job in particular is very flexible. We are blessed to be financially secure, and can offer a child a stable and comfortable home and a good education, as well as a little fun.

When we're not working at our day jobs or in our community, we enjoy traveling to the ranches where our parents' live, and to interesting places around the U.S. and beyond.

As you prepare to bring a child into this world, we appreciate that you would consider trusting us to love and raise that child in a good, warm, and welcoming home. Our hope would be to have as much of an open



Brad's parents' ranch



On vacation in Holland

relationship with our child's birth parents as is good for both families. In an ideal situation, we believe that an open adoption works in everyone's best interest—ours, our child's, and yours—and we are willing to be creative in working with you to explore what that might look like for us. If you are interested in exploring whether our families may be a good match for each other, please call Kiara at Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services at (972) 576-7682 or (800) 543-2229.



Brad being Brad



On a Boat in New York!



Very excited to be in England