



≡ **JENNA** *and* **ETHAN** ≡






hi!
WE ARE
JENNA & ETHAN
 AND ELIZABETH
from
THE ILLINOIS/
WISCONSIN BORDER

Thank you so much for checking us out. We can't wait to get to know you! We are blessed with good jobs, a great home, and an incredible community. Together with our 8-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, we are a silly, happy, kind little bunch.

Ethan is a buildings and energy engineer for an amazing company, and Jenna is a part-time/remote bookkeeper, who would stay-at-home for at least a year with a new baby. Our jobs allow a lot of flexibility, and we eat an early family dinner every night!

We believe that childhood is way too short. (And life is, too!). Our dream is to shower a new miracle baby with love, attention, education, and fun. We want to nurture our children's interests so he or she can have big dreams of their own! We are determined to raise loving, respectful, intelligent children who know how many people love them!

We are so grateful that you are taking the time to learn more about us! It is our sincere desire to become *lifelong friends* with our child's first mother. Our faith guides us, and we will always be here for her!

 **OUR FRIENDS SAY**

We're *fun* parents

We are *honest, kind* people

We're still very *in love*

We work hard for the people we *care about*

We are very *tall!*

AS A
family
WE
LOVE



5 THINGS



WE KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN AS A FAMILY

Together, we like to take walks and explore nature- we pack soccer balls, kites, and Frisbees. We love simple, active fun! We love area kids' activities and Disney movie nights, and we all play in our custom kids' active play basement. We are very blessed that Elizabeth is so happy!

THAT MAKE
US HAPPY



jenna

- Lame jokes!
- Babies and little kids
- Animals and wildlife
- My family
- Dancing

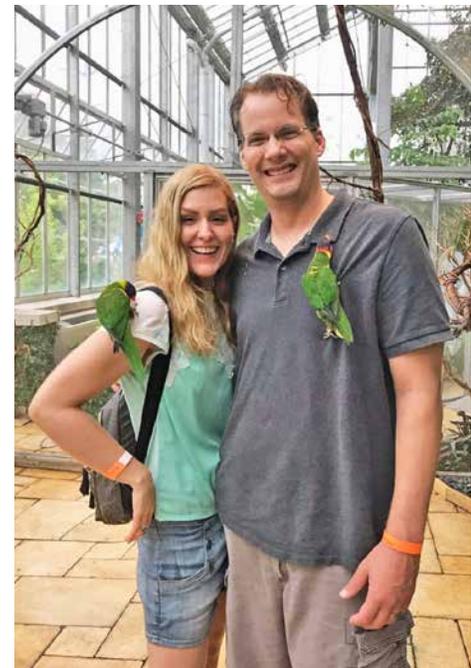
ethan

- Seeing my child smile
- Hugs from my wife
- Packers winning the Superbowl!
- A good joke
- Making others happy

ELIZABETH LOVES MAKING PHOTO ALBUMS



THE BIRDS LOVE US AT THE LOCAL CONSERVATORY

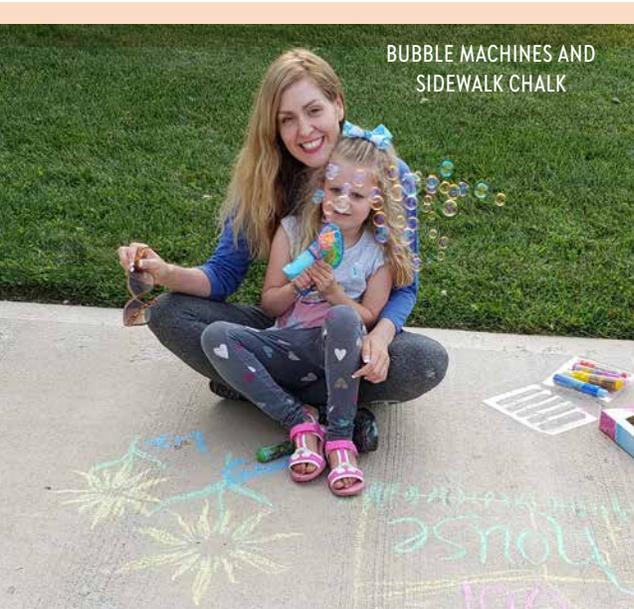


WE READ TOGETHER
EVERYDAY!



How does one describe the person that makes everyone around them feel they are the *center of the universe*?

This is what makes Jenna the most interesting and loving person in my life. I fell in love with her because she's an amazing mother. She treats everyone the same and doesn't judge or criticize if you make a mistake. This is most prevalent with Elizabeth. However, I see this with her interactions with our nieces and friends as well. She makes the time and interactions about them and their interests- not about dictating what the child does. The expressions on these kids' faces when she does this is one of the most beautiful things you'll ever see.



BUBBLE MACHINES AND
SIDEWALK CHALK



CELEBRATING MUSIC IN GRACELAND



JENNA LOVES LEARNING ABOUT NATURE

MY FAVORITES

hobby

Reading and writing

the perfect day

A picnic with family with lots of playtime and laughter

children's book

Things You Can Think by Dr. Seuss

source of inspiration

My faith

collectables

Souvenir magnets from places we've visited

seasonal activity

Pumpkin patches, haunted houses, everything!

favorite ice cream flavor

Butter pecan

superpower you'd like to have

Cure the sick

MEET
ee
ETHAN
 WRITTEN BY
jenna



BACKYARD FUN



HALLOWEEN COSTUME



WE LOVE THE FOREST PRESERVES IN OUR AREA



I knew that Ethan was “the one” from the moment I first laid eyes on him. I didn’t know who was crazier: me for thinking that, or him for not wearing a coat on the coldest day in January! I tried to act cool, but Ethan also knew we would always be together.

I was afraid I would never find a father figure for Elizabeth, as I was divorced, but Ethan proved himself over and over again. He is an amazing provider, protector, and friend. He is the type of guy who will always pull over to help someone. I asked him if not being Elizabeth’s biological father would bother him, and he was very reassuring. He is 100% her Daddy, and there would be no difference with our next child.



ETHAN IS A WONDERFUL FATHER

MY FAVORITES

hobby

Taking things apart to fix them and putting them back together

children’s book

The Rainbow Fish

collectables

“The Simpsons” memorabilia

favorite ice cream flavor

Chocolate

the perfect day

Sunshine, a long walk, and my family beside me

source of inspiration

My wife

seasonal activity

Apple orchards and jumping in leaves

superpower you’d like to have

Time travel

“Ethan is my *best friend*. He is the most loyal, giving, compassionate person you will ever meet.”

MEET
ELIZABETH

ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE OUR DAUGHTER

joy!



Elizabeth is free-spirited, musical, and energetic. She is very young for her age and still enjoys Sesame Street and little kid books and activities, so she would be a great older playmate for a younger sibling.

Elizabeth is 8! She takes dance and swim lessons and has many little friends in the area. She loves school, singing and is just-a-tad mischievous. She is Jenna's biological child and Ethan's stepchild, but we don't use those words. **Family is family to us!**



WE LOVE ART PROJECTS



MEETING SPIDER-MAN



SUNNY DAYS WITH MOM

THIS IS OUR *village*

Elizabeth and our new baby will receive lots of *love* and *attention!*

We are best friends with a wonderful married couple who is also pursuing adoption, and we have lots of adoptions in our family, including Ethan's dad!

WE WERE ALL IN COUSIN JENNY'S WEDDING



We spend holidays at Ethan's parents' lake house, along with Ethan's brothers and their families, and Benny, the most lovable dog. We spend time by the lake or the fire and make lots of special memories. Ethan has an amazing family who offers us a lot of support. There are little cousins, aunts, uncles, and pets all waiting on our last bundle of joy!

GRANDMA AND ELIZABETH IN THE BACKYARD



Jenna is particularly close to her cousin Jenny, who lives about ten minutes away. Jenny's daughter, Halle, is a teenager and loves helping with Elizabeth! They are **SO** excited that we are pursuing adoption. Jenna's aunt also lives nearby! She has identical twin daughters and a very feisty sense of humor. There is never a dull moment in our bunch.

Our house is "the hub" for most other get-togethers, as Jenna loves to cook and tries to keep it healthy. Sadly, Jenna's mother passed away, but her father, two grandmothers, and many cousins are all active in our lives.

OUR COZY LIVING ROOM



OUR HOME

HOME SWEET HOME



We live in an amazing little town with virtually no crime and a top 5% school district. It is truly a community, where missing cats get returned and families ride their bikes together. We are about an hour outside of Chicago, though, so travel is easy, and also close to the gorgeous Wisconsin lakes. We have white Christmases, full-on leaf piles in the Fall, and long, sunny Summers.

Our area has a fabulous park district, and we have memberships to almost everything. Kids' museums, skating rinks, and play worlds fill the area. We live two minutes from our elementary school, which has two large playgrounds.

Our ranch house has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, high ceilings, and lots of living space. We enjoy our nice-sized yard with patio furniture and swings. A year ago we turned the basement into a kid's palace, with an indoor swing, ball pit, and lots of running space! We think kids should be able to stay active regardless of the weather.

We have also filled our home with **books** and **art**, as we cannot wait to nurture another little mind!

FAMILY

SNAPSHOTS



PINATA FUN FOR ELIZABETH'S BIRTHDAY



JENNA'S FAMILY

WE LOVE COUSIN JENNY





IN
CLOSING
thank you

We are so honored that you took the time to read about us! We understand that you are going through a great struggle, and we admire you with all our hearts.

If you choose to embark on a journey of **open adoption** with us, we would be extremely happy, but we are open to other situations as well, given what you are comfortable with.



We promise to share the story of Baby's adoption with him or her from the beginning and show Baby it was an act of love from everyone involved. You would always be held with the utmost respect. Thank you so much, and we wish you blessings always.

