



Shelby *and* **Joshua**

When you're a kid, you assume your parents
are soulmates.

My kids are going to be right about that.

- Pam Beesly





Hello!

it's so nice to meet you.

We first want to say thank you for taking the time to get to know us through our profile book. It's a small window into our lives and although it would be amazing to be able to show it all, our hope is that you see our love for one another, and the things we enjoy doing together. We cannot fully understand what it is you're going through. Please know we deeply admire your strength and courage to consider making an adoption plan for your child. **We are more than ready and excited to become parents!** We will strive to give them an environment in which they feel loved, respected and safe at all times. We know that the choice ahead of you is a difficult one. More than anything, we hope you will make the best choice for you and your baby.

With much love and respect,

Joshua & Shelby



About

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We are Josh & Shelby from Oklahoma!

We are a loving, very easy going family who enjoys spending quality time with our family and friends. But most of all each other.

We value experiences over material items. This specifically includes zoo trips, ice cream dates, lazy Sundays, and football. We are both from small towns in rural Oklahoma, but moved to the city over ten years ago. Since we both grew up in small towns, we still have those same values like caring for and looking out for our neighbors, hospitality, being family oriented and **overall kindness and compassion** in our souls.



We may encounter many defeats, but we
must not be defeated.

It may even be necessary to encounter the
defeat, so that we can know who we are.

Maya Angelou



We have always discussed adoption.

After trying to conceive for some time, we discovered we
struggled with infertility.

Even with those difficulties, we still wanted to make our
dreams of becoming parents a reality.

Our Love
Story





Like all true modern day love stories, we met on an online dating site. While Josh likes to say, Shelby didn't like him at first, that wasn't really the case. She was making sure the spark was real. Once she realized she couldn't deny their genuine connection, she began to open up. The rest is history. We truly became each other's best friends. From there, **we fell in love through spending time together, countless conversations, and innumerable laughs.**



I have always dreamed of being a mom, it has always been one of my deepest desires.

I desire to be a parent who will show my children emotional stability. I will allow my children to have meltdowns without yelling at them. I will provide a safe environment where they feel comfortable sharing their feelings. **I will make sure my children feel heard and not told to be quiet.**

My desire to be a mom is to raise loving and emotionally intelligent children.



I know the value of having a present father in a child's life since I lost mine so early.

I had the best father! He was very kind, gentle, and present. He taught me what fatherhood means. **I can't wait to be a father!**

I'm excited to embrace my children with love and security. I am excited to share my passion for football and cars with my children. I'm excited to take them on Sunday morning walks by the lake. **I'm excited to make them laugh uncontrollably!** I am most excited to be a father, for my child to look at me with the same admiration that I had for my father. My child will know they are loved and have purpose.



Shelby has a bachelors degrees in Early Childhood and Elementary Education and a masters degree in Educational Leadership. Shelby currently works in HR.



About Shelby

By Josh

She is the most selfless person I've ever met.

Her determination, sense of humor, love, and structure have been monumental in my life.

These traits translate to her friends and family. These qualities combined with her willingness to learn makes her an ideal parent. I truly can't wait to see her in motherhood. **She will be a great example to our children.**

About Josh

By Shelby

What I love about Josh is his humor and his lightheartedness. **He brings calmness and steadiness to every space he is in.** He is someone who always seeks to understand - if he doesn't know, he will always make sure to get a clear understanding to ensure he knows going forward. I think that's a valuable part of being a parent. **There is no doubt in my mind he will be a great father.**



Josh has a HS diploma and works for USPS. He really enjoys being able to build relationships with his customers who count on him.

I'm a human being. I've got opinions, I'm not always right, I'm not always on time, I don't always say things in the proper way, but my intentions are always extremely pure.

-Kanye West



We were both raised in a two parent household with our siblings in small town Oklahoma.

So much of our upbringing has shaped the way we view the world and plan to raise our own family.

Parenting means unconditional love, guidance and support through life. It means allowing children the chance to make mistakes and using that as a learning/teaching opportunity.



Hobbies & Interest

We love traveling, spending time outside, lazy Sundays, eating wings & watching football! The Dallas Cowboys to be exact.

Shelby loves **singing, running, animals, especially sea lions, visiting the zoo, and local museums.**

Fun fact: She can tie her shoe with one hand.

Josh loves **cold weather, the Dallas Cowboys, and taking stock cars and personalizing them to be unique.**

Fun fact: He knows a lot of random history facts.



Home Sweet Home



We live in a 3 bedroom two bathroom house in a safe, quiet and family friendly neighborhood. We chose this house because of the school district, but also for the neighborhood and backyard. We live 30 minutes away from our local zoo, one of Shelby's favorite places, science museums, multiple parks, 3 different history museums and local lakes with great walking trails.







In
our
home

We are great *communicators* with each other.

We are very *understanding* and willing to talk
through situations.

There is always *laughter!*

We always say *"I love you!"*

Our extended family





We live within 30 minutes from both sets of Shelby's parents. Josh's parents have both passed sadly, but we are extremely close with his sister who lives 7 minutes down the street. In addition to family, our friends are very important to us. Everyone is very supportive of our plans to adopt.



Our Pups



We have 2 dogs, **8 year old Max** and **10 month old Mila**.

They are great with children and are very loving and mild tempered.

Both Max & Mila love attention, cuddles, long walks and being petted.







Dearest one,

Thank you for taking this time to get to know us. If we are chosen to be the adoptive parents to your child, they will be coming into a house full of stability, peace, love, lots of laughter, safety and purpose.

We have a deep understanding of these attributes and the ability to offer your child all of them as they are the bare minimum that they deserve. We will teach your child to value themselves and their culture and to know who they are and to be proud of who they are. We will make sure your child knows how much you love them. We hope that you will be an extension of our family while respecting your boundaries.

We will forever treasure you, and your bravery.

Love,



Joshua & Shelby



Before you go,

We promise to love your child whole heartedly.

We promise to guide your child through life by using teachable moments.

We promise to give your child unlimited hugs and kisses.

We promise to raise your child in a home full of fun and laughter.

We promise to say "I love you" every day.

We promise to give your child an involved extended family.

We promise to give your child the best schooling.

We promise to be present parents.

We promise to love your child and allow them to be themselves.

We promise to provide your child a safe & loving home.

We promise to always make sure your child feels loved, seen, heard and respected.

We promise to respect you, your wants, and your needs throughout your adoption journey.

We promise your child will know how much you love them.





You don't have to be blood to be family.

-Mr. Feeny