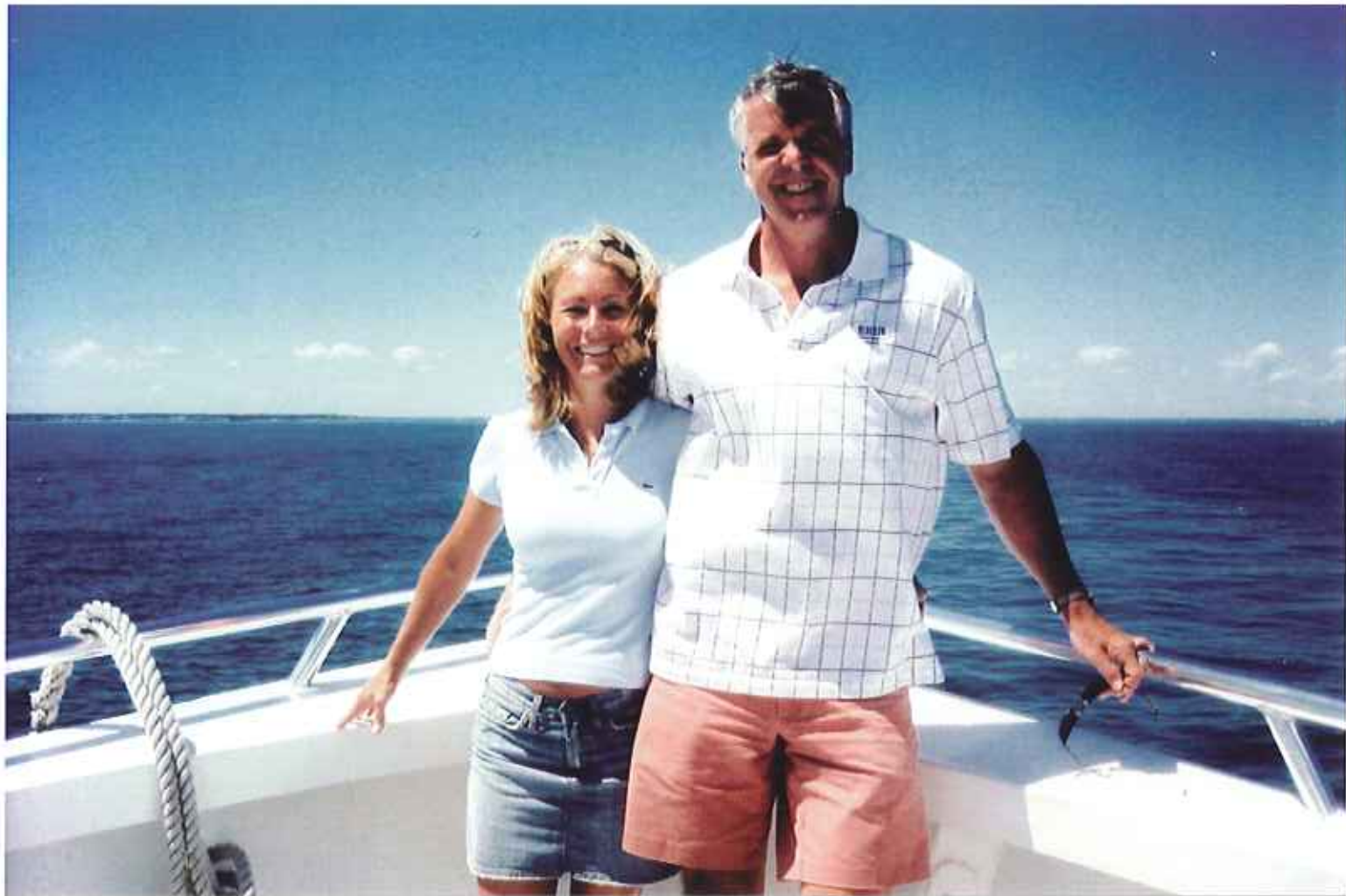


Lisa & Brendan





Our Wedding Day
1997



The beginning of a beautiful life.

Dear Birth Parents,

We would like to express our gratitude to you for taking time to read our letter and learning about us. Hi, we are Lisa and Brendan and we respect and admire you very much for showing the strength and courage to make such an important decision.

We are a fun loving couple that has been married for almost ten years. A most complete and joyous celebration of our tenth wedding anniversary would be to adopt and embrace a child into our lives. After years of unsuccessful infertility treatments, we have decided to begin our family through adoption. By adopting, we will have the potential to finally make our lives complete. Although we have not yet



Our Wedding Party
"Oh Happy Group"

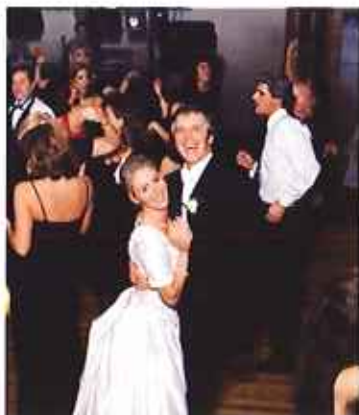


Our nieces and nephews

met, we hope that you will decide that we will be the parents for your newborn child. In our struggle to conceive, we have experienced many emotions such as disbelief and sadness. However, we have continued to maintain our hopes and dreams that someday we will have a family. We hope you will be the answer to our prayers.

We met in 1994, while working for the same company. We began our relationship as friends, and quickly realized that we both had a lot in common. Our first

date was a definite indication that we would be able to establish a strong bond together. After more time together, we knew that we were developing into a very special couple. Together, we share very similar values as well as a mutual respect for each other and our goals.



Enjoying our first hours together as husband and wife

On an emotional level, we are never afraid to open up to one another. We have kept this open line of communication with each other over the years, which has helped us tremendously in getting through the tough times of infertility. We also both come from very large, caring, and incredibly supportive families. We have 16 nieces and nephews who we love beyond words, and



Lisa and Brendan with Lisa's brothers and sisters and her father



Lisa with Sisters and Sister-in-laws

would love to watch the family grow, when we are blessed and chosen to provide a loving and safe home for your child.



Enjoying a boat ride to Martha's Vineyard



Lisa with my nieces
"Cuteness Capitalized"



Brendan on the beaches of Cape Cod with nieces and nephews

Our home is located in a suburb approximately 30 minutes outside of the city. We have resided in this area for the last six years and in our current home since August, 2006. We look forward to spending the rest of our lives here, while also providing a loving home for your child. Our house, which is a beautifully detailed Tudor home with four bedrooms and three baths, is only minutes away from the award winning school our child would attend. The interior of our home has



Our house in the summer



Our sun room in our home



Our house in the winter



One of our guest rooms

a roomy, cozy feel to it. The baby's room is upstairs, next to the master bedroom and has lots of bookcases, windows and ample space for baby furniture as well as a play area. The house is warm in the winter and cool in the summer, with lots of windows to look out at the beautiful scenery. In addition, we also have a spacious family room, which opens up to our beautiful back yard. The backyard is something to behold. The lower yard has a large patio area as well as a large yard for the children to play and the upper yard is not only beautifully landscaped, but has a large grass expanse, also great for playing. We love using this area of our home for barbecues and other entertaining with our families and neighbors. Everything needed can be found very close by, i.e. Shopping, the train, movies, museums, etc... Among other attributes, our home and surrounding areas make it the perfect place to raise a family. We live in a beautiful place that would be made much more beautiful with the addition of a child. Our home is an exciting place to be and to think about a child being part of this excitement is something we would cherish for a lifetime. Mostly, we would like you to know that we consider ourselves best friends and know that we will make wonderful, loving, and nurturing parents. The relationships we have with all of our nieces, nephews, and Godchildren, are evidence of that.



Our back yard in the summer



Our back yard



Our back yard in the winter



Brendan boating with nephews Christian and Peter



On the beach at Cape Cod with our nieces and nephews



Brendan and a couple of nephews on the boat

A story about Lisa:

Lisa is a successful restaurant owner. Lisa's commitment to the restaurant business is something any individual would model their work ethic after. Having been in the restaurant business for over 20 years, with great people working with her and for her, Lisa will have plenty of time to devote to raising our child. Lisa is the youngest in a family of eight children and has always maintained a very close relationship with her family and friends, a relationship that is unlike any other I have seen.



Lisa's best friends - away for a girls weekend



Lisa and some girlfriends celebrating a wedding



Lisa and one of her best friends

Lisa's family will, of course, provide us with much love and support.



Enjoying our first hours together as husband and wife



Lisa and her brother Bobby



Lisa at her sister Cindy's wedding

A story about Brendan:

Brendan has also been in the restaurant business for 27 years, but his biggest passion and most memorable years were spent with the Fire Department, from 1988 to 2001. This proved to be one of his greatest experiences as well as one of his greatest achievements. Brendan established hundreds of friendships with some of the most incredible people I have ever met. As of 2001, he is retired from the Fire Department, which will afford him the time to become a loving, caring parent for our child.



Brendan "On Duty" with fellow firehouse firemen



Brendan with his brother Dennis golfing in Ireland



Brendan on a firehouse skiing trip



Brendan boating with Riley and his nephew Cristian

While Brendan has maintained solid communication with his colleagues from the Fire Department, he still gets a great deal of satisfaction participating in local community functions. We both take tremendous pride in our neighborhood and community because it is such a wonderful place to live. Our religious beliefs are solid and we belong to the local church in which we were also married. Within the church, there is a unique group of caring, loving people. Whenever we come together, it is a true celebration. We are both incredibly active people who love life and all it has to offer, who would love it even more if we had a child that we could love and cherish.

Together, we have been able to secure our future financially, and while adoption becomes closer to being a reality, a secure and supportive future will be provided for your child.



Brendan and Lisa on vacation in Turks and Caicos



Enjoying a day on the beach

Our marriage is one of strength and compassion, which has become richer and more rewarding as each day passes. There is one piece of the puzzle that is missing, and that is a child of our own that we can love and care for. Our interests in the restaurant business, has been an incredibly rewarding and exciting experience. We have both always looked forward to each day we work together and enjoy reaping the fruits of our labor. Lisa has a commitment to her work that is something other restaurantuers

should model themselves after. At the same time, her commitment to beginning a family together is what drives her the most. While Lisa has established a great reputation in the restaurant business, she also enjoys volunteering in our local community; she is currently the president of the chamber of commerce, as well as on various committees. We both enjoy sports...together we enjoy, skiing, skating, biking, boating, hiking and golfing. On the other hand, when we are not participating in sports, we also like to attend sporting events and have found this much more enjoyable when we do it together.



Hiking through the rainforest
in St. Lucia



Enjoying the scenery after hiking
through Marthas Vineyard



Brendan and Lisa skiing in Utah

We are a young energetic couple that thoroughly enjoys our time together. We are fortunate enough to own a boat that provides comfort, as well as an escape from the everyday. Our boat has plenty of amenities and sleeping space, which allows us to enjoy the beauty of the water and a world of possibilities. Safety and responsibility are two factors that are never left out. The marina where we keep our boat provides such amenities as an Olympic size swimming pool, a four star restaurant, a top-notch fitness center, as well as access to other water sports. We enjoy whatever time we can, packing a bag along with our golden retriever, Riley, and head out on the boat.



A tour through the mountains of St. Lucia



Our boat "Well Spent"



The pool at our boat club



Riley after a swim on the boat



Riley and Lisa's sister Cindy relaxing on the boat



Lisa bonding with Riley



Christian and Riley together again

Riley is one of the friendliest dogs and has provided us great companionship and comfort. We also have a kitten, Charlie, who is the newest addition to our family. The incredible, amicable interaction between Charlie and Riley, is something to behold...they have become the best of friends.



The newest addition to our family - Charlie

While we have a wonderful place to live, we also enjoy traveling together. We have traveled to quite a few Caribbean Islands, where we enjoy relaxing on the beach, exploring the Islands and enjoying the scenery.



Brendan and Lisa on their honeymoon in Antigua



Lisa and Brendan parasailing in the Caribbean



a day exploring the island of St. Lucia



Lisa and her nieces in the water in Cape Cod



The kids "playing" together in Cape Cod

Another trip we always look forward to is our annual trip to Cape Cod with the Lisa's family. This trip is something to look forward to since the entire extended family is there including all of Lisa's seven brothers and sisters and their families, as well as her father. This vacation would, of course, be more complete if we were lucky enough to bring along a child of our own to introduce to the rest of the family.



The adults in Cape Cod



The kids in Cape Cod

We are a very close family and enjoy spending time together. We especially love spending the holidays with everyone. We experience great joy and pleasure watching all of the children opening up the presents at Christmas time, hunting for Easter Egg in our back yard at the annual 'Easter egg hunt' and carving jack-o-lanterns at our annual



Our Christmas morning

'pumpkin carving' party. Our home has also become one of the places in our neighborhood to stop-by around the holidays and enjoy the decorations. As much as we enjoy the holidays, we are always faced with the sadness of the fact that we have not been blessed with any children and we know that these times would be much more fulfilling if we could share them with a child of our own. We would love to begin new holiday traditions together as a family. We will continue to hope and pray for the chance to experience these times when we are blessed with a child. We want to share our world with your child and look forward to the chance of experiencing exciting new things, unique places visit, new friends we may make, but most of all, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Whether it is the Caribbean, Cape Cod or Ireland, wherever we go together, we always enjoy being together and seeing the world.



Lisa and Brendan at Ashford Castle in Ireland

Please allow us to express our deepest gratitude to you for taking the time to read our letter. We are happy to share with you, who we are and feel very fortunate that you may consider us as adoptive parents for your child. You have displayed tremendous courage in making such an important decision and we want to assure you that we will honor your courage and thank you for considering us. Given the chance, we can assure you that we will give your child the love and security that is deserved.

If you would like to know more about us or you need to speak with us, please feel free to contact us at any time. Our toll-free number is ; or you may contact our adoption social worker, Joy Goldstein, at 1-866-922-3678.

Our thoughts and prayers will be with you while you are making this decision

Best Regards,
Lisa and Brendan

