



Maria and Becky

Hello! We are Maria and Becky

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. First off, we want to acknowledge the difficult decision you have made in pursuing an adoption plan for your child. We do indeed admire the courage and strength you have in seeking to provide your baby a happy and secure life through adoption. This book is made for you so that we may introduce ourselves to you and provide a brief glimpse into our family. We hope that this information provides you the comfort and confidence you are seeking in choosing the best adoptive home for your child.

About us...

One of the things that brought us together was a desire to settle down and raise a family. Being mothers is something that we have both desired for many years. Because we are now finally at a place where we can whole-heartedly make that commitment, we are actively pursuing our dream of having a child. Given the fact that we are two women who are unable to have a child of our own, we feel that adoption is the perfect way for us to build our family. We are eager to provide a home filled with love, joy, happiness, and security, and we believe strongly that we can provide all of this and more for your child.



We met about eight years ago and hit it off immediately. From the very beginning of our relationship, we enjoyed our time together. Communication and laughter was very easy, and still is to this day. We have a very strong and committed relationship. Five years ago we held a commitment ceremony in our backyard, with several friends and two priests present.



Because Colorado will not recognize same sex marriages, we felt that this commitment ceremony represented the best way that we could convey our love and life long devotion for one another. Since that ceremony, we feel as though our relationship has grown stronger and more fulfilling each day. In addition to being life-partners, we are best friends, and we truly enjoy spending time together.



Our Life Together...

First and foremost, in our family, there is a national holiday that not all celebrate. This is Opening Day of Baseball Season, and we celebrate at the ballpark with popcorn, peanuts, and Cracker Jacks! We have season tickets to the Colorado Rockies baseball team, and we really enjoy rooting for the Rockies, win or lose.



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We also love to watch football. Becky is a diehard Cleveland Browns fan, a birthright she earned by growing up near Cleveland. Although when we first met, Maria did not know who or what the Browns were, she has grown to love the team almost as much as Becky (although Maria splits her loyalty with the Seattle Seahawks). We long to share our sports enthusiasm with our child through going to games and active participation in community based sports programs of which there are many in our community.

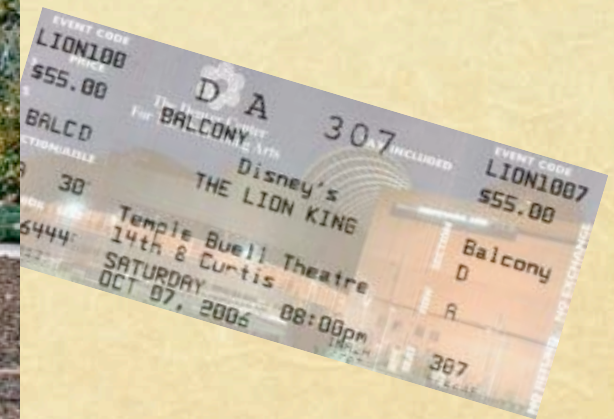
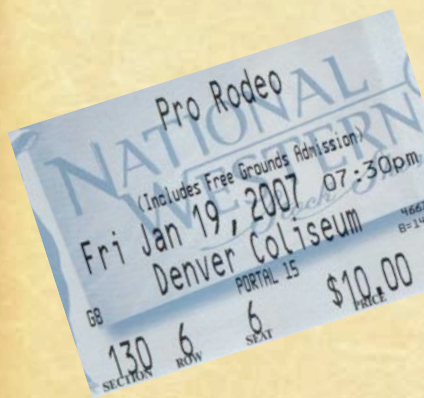
Our family includes two furry children, Olivia and Wolfgang. Olivia is a five year old Doberman Pinscher, that we brought into our family as a wedding present for ourselves. We adopted Wolfgang, a Great Dane-Rottweiler mix, as a starving four month old puppy from Maxfund, a no-kill shelter, a year later. Both of our dogs are very well trained, and love to be around adults and children. The neighborhood children enjoy visiting with our dogs when we are out on walks, and the dogs love the attention from the kids! We love to spend time training our dogs and Wolfgang has earned the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Award. We enjoy walking our dogs and playing tug-of-war and fetch with them.



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Olivia



We enjoy taking advantage of Denver's many cultural activities, such as the theater, concerts, rodeos, the aquarium, the museums, and the zoo. As we live very close to Denver, we can't wait to provide these many enriching opportunities for our child.

We have many friends, several of which we have no doubt will be very positive male role models for our child. We understand the importance of our child having strong male role models, and it is a priority of ours to ensure that our child spends time with men who are loving and kind. Our male friends and family have a variety of professions, including a physician, musician, Subway sandwich shop owner, professional dog trainer, landscaper, photographer, Tae Kwon Do instructor, college student, railroad engineer, and mechanic. Through spending time with these special men and their diverse backgrounds, our child's experiences and perspective will be broadened.

We also enjoy spending time with family and friends. Both of us are very close to each other's families, and we visit with them often, especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our extended family is very eager to welcome our child into the family fold. Our parents are excited to become doting grandparents, and our siblings are eager to have a new niece or nephew.



Another interest of ours is spending time in the majestic rocky mountains of Colorado hiking and camping. We have taken several trips to Becky's family home in the Colorado mountains. We both love traveling, and have taken trips throughout Colorado and also Ohio, New Mexico, Idaho, Washington State, Florida, and the Bahamas.





In the near future, we plan to buy a travel trailer so that we can further expand our love of camping and travel. We also enjoy just hanging out at home, relaxing with music, cooking, or watching movies. In the future, we plan to take Tae Kwon Do classes as a family.

Volunteering...

We volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, where we have helped to build two houses. Some of the work we have done includes framing walls and ceilings, raising walls, and landscaping. We both really enjoy working with this organization. We firmly believe that volunteering is a great way for us to give back to our community and help those less fortunate. We hope to instill these critical values in our child.

Our Home...

We live in a beautiful one-level, three-bedroom house, with an open floor plan that allows the dogs to run around, and will allow our child to have plenty of room to play, explore and grow. We live nearby to many shops, museums, a movie theater, an excellent elementary school, and a large park that has a great hill for sledding in the winter!





Within the past year, with some of the skills we learned from volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, we have updated the inside and outside of our home, and are happy to have no more wallpaper to remove!



Next summer, we will be planting a vegetable garden in the backyard. One of the things we are looking forward to doing as a family is growing some of our food. Through this endeavor, we hope to teach our child the importance of creating a healthier and more sustainable world.

About Maria...

Maria was born in California and her family moved to Washington State when she was three. Maria is the second of three children, and the only daughter. Her family lived on a farm with several acres and many animals, including horses, chickens, ducks, lots of dogs and cats. Growing up in the country, Maria is truly a country girl at heart. As a family, they frequently traveled in the family camper and her favorite place was Jellystone Park where she would look forward to spending time with Yogi Bear! She also enjoyed trips to Disneyland with her grandparents. She attended private Catholic schools and graduated high school with honors. Maria enjoyed participating in sports including track and field and cross-country running. Maria's family spent a lot of time on the water, including boating, swimming, fishing, crabbing, water-skiing and skipping stones. Maria's most treasured memories all include family. Although Maria's older brother died of a sudden illness nearly 20 years ago, she remains a close Auntie to her nephews.



From a young age, Maria wanted to be a nurse, like her mother. Maria was so proud of the work her mom did and how she touched so many lives. As Maria grew older, her passion for nursing grew as she watched the role nurses played in caring for her loved ones during times of health and illness. After she graduated from nursing school as a registered nurse, Maria earned a Master's degree, and became a nurse practitioner. She currently works as a clinician in a large hospital setting where she also teaches nursing students. As a nurse practitioner, Maria is a primary care provider, and manages the healthcare of her many patients. Recently, Maria went back to school in order to earn her Doctorate of Nursing Practice, which she hopes to have completed in 2012. In addition to work and school, Maria goes to the gym five days a week, and still has time to devote to Becky and the dogs!



Becky Talks About Maria...

Maria is a very caring and compassionate partner. I value her honesty, support, and all that she brings to our relationship. I have found my soul mate in Maria. She is a wonderful person and has a great sense of humor. Maria is a devoted daughter, sister, and partner. I really enjoy spending time with Maria, whether it is at a baseball game, grocery shopping, or just relaxing at home. Maria is a hard-worker and a dedicated student. I am so proud of Maria and her decision to go back to school. It is very hard to balance working full-time and taking classes. Maria has found a good balance, and is succeeding fabulously! Maria is the partner I always dreamed of; she is always there for me, being kind and supportive. I can't imagine spending my life without her. Maria is a very nurturing, kind, and understanding woman, and will be an amazing mom to our child.



About Becky...

Becky was born and raised in the Cleveland area. She grew up with an older brother and her family enjoyed bike riding in the local park system, catching crawfish in the river, camping, cross-country road trips to visit national parks, and going to the nearby Cedar Point amusement park. Growing up, Becky was an excellent student. She played the piano and trumpet, and was active in the high school band and orchestra. Becky also travelled to France with her French class, and spent a summer in England as an exchange student. Becky was actively involved in several sports, including volleyball, basketball, soccer, and lacrosse. After earning her bachelor's degree in chemistry at a liberal arts college in Colorado, Becky worked for a biotechnology company for a year. She then decided to return to school to do post-graduate work. Becky earned a PhD in chemistry from a large research university in the Pacific Northwest and now teaches college chemistry.





For leisure, Becky enjoys spending time gardening and working in the yard. She also enjoys watching Judge Judy reruns in her spare time. Becky's schedule as a college teacher is quite flexible, and her hours teaching in the evening will allow her to be able to stay at home with our child during the day, so we will not need to place our child in day care. Becky is so looking forward to being a stay-at-home mom and teaching part-time in the evening!

Maria Talks About Becky...



I feel Becky was hand selected for me by God to go through life's journeys. She is such a loving, joyful, passionate, and committed partner. Through Becky, I have learned not to take myself so seriously, especially when life gets so busy and hectic. She has the gift of being able to make me feel that nothing is impossible with faith, patience, and the help of one another. Becky makes me feel like the most cherished and valued partner each and every day. She is incredibly thoughtful and optimistic. I have grown to adore, and actually share, her love of sports, especially the Cleveland Browns and Colorado Rockies. I so appreciate her ongoing support and encouragement with my endeavors of going back to school and adopting a healthy lifestyle. She is like this spectacular "life coach" that is around every corner, and she makes each and every day beautiful by simply being a part of it and loving me the way she does. I greatly look forward to raising a child and growing old with this amazing woman along the way! Becky will raise our child to know that he/she is loved unconditionally, and that regardless of what life brings along the way, she will be there to help and support our child step by step.

Thank You...

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. We have the utmost respect for you given the very difficult decision before you. We promise that if chosen to be the adoptive parents for your child, that he/she will be raised to know the courage and unconditional love that you have shown throughout this process. We similarly promise to share periodic pictures and updates with you as your child grows if this is what you are seeking.

In closing, please know that we are committed to raising your child with unconditional love, enthusiasm, and fun. We value education, and are committed financially and otherwise, to provide the best education and opportunities for your child. In addition, we were both raised with religious traditions, Maria being Catholic and Becky being Episcopalian, and we plan to incorporate this faith within our family. Thank you again for considering us, and we hope we have the good fortune to meet you soon and raise your child as our own!

Best wishes,

Becky
and
Maria