

Rachel & Joe



Welcome!



We are Rachel & Joe! We would like to sincerely thank you for taking the time to look through our profile. We can only imagine how difficult it has been to develop an adoption plan for your child.

HOWEVER, IF YOUR HEART LEADS YOU TO US, WE PROMISE TO LOVE YOUR CHILD UNCONDITIONALLY AND FILL THEIR LIFE WITH A LOT OF SPONTANEOUS LAUGHTER, SUPPORT AND A LOVING HOME.

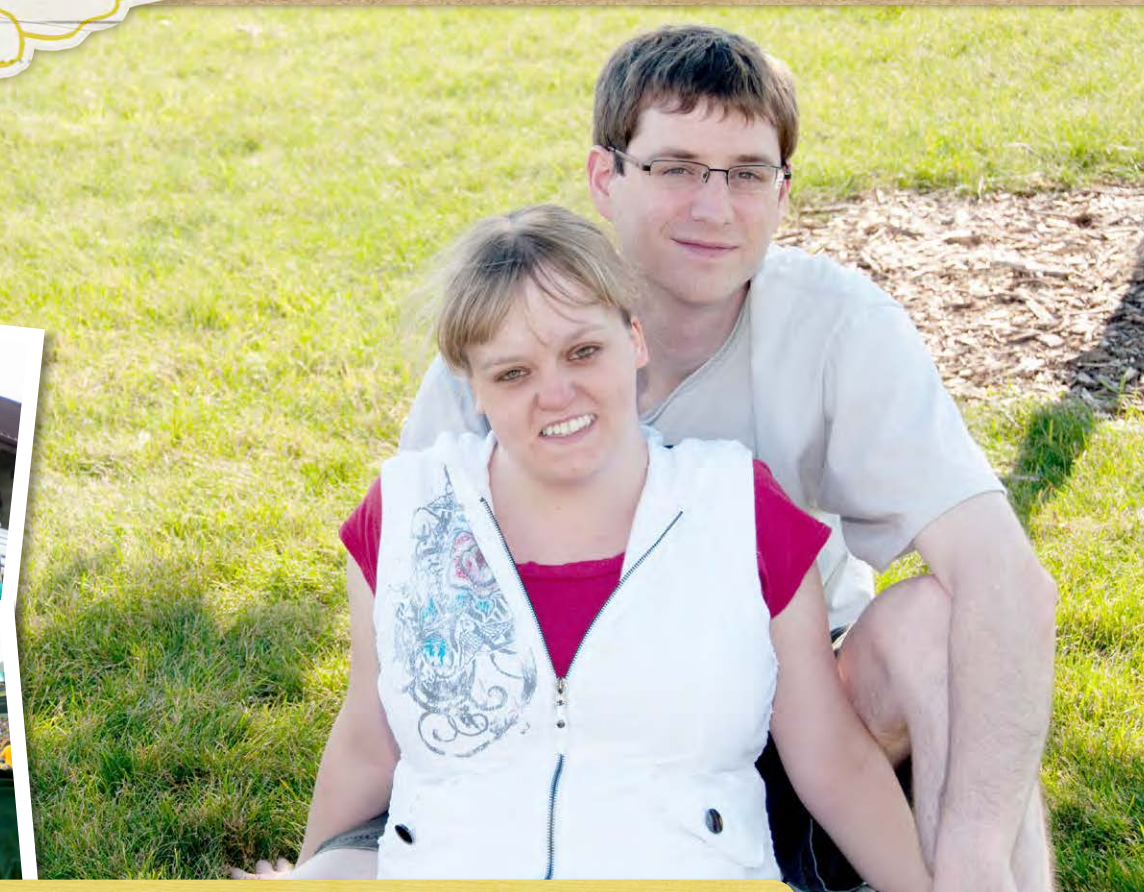
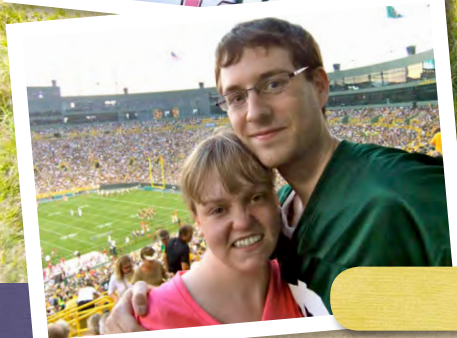
They will grow up surrounded by a large family and traditions that will provide many wonderful memories through the years. Finally, we promise that they will know how they came to be a part of our family. We will tell them how your love led you to make the most difficult, and selfless, decision of your life. *Please know that we will do all we can to raise a happy and well-rounded individual who never doubts that they are loved.*

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FACTS: RACHEL & JOE



We're both BIG Green Bay Packer fans!



- Rachel sleeps with a stuffed monkey she's had since she was little
- Our favorite time of the year is fall
- We both act in our friend's haunted house for Halloween
- Joe loves games of all kinds
- We love spending time with our cats
- Joe loves to "beep" Rachel's nose
- Rachel's aunt & uncle nicknamed her "Who" when she was a tiny baby. To this day they still call her the "Littlest Who in Whoville."
- Joe checks to make sure the lights are off and the doors are locked numerous times before we leave the house
- Rachel's favorite TV show is I Love Lucy; Joe's is Big Brother

Celebrating our marriage



MEET Rachel

BY JOE: Rachel is a lot of fun to be around, and she covers for me in the areas I lack in. She is very good at keeping our schedule and home life organized which will be very valuable when we have a child to take care of. Rachel has a very good sense of humor, and her laugh really brightens up the room. She is a very caring person who is loyal to those important to her. Rachel enjoys the simple things in life and never takes her family or friends for granted. *Most importantly, she is great with kids of all ages.*

Rachel has perfected the innocent look, which I get whenever I see her doing something she doesn't want me to see, such as eating a piece of chocolate cake for breakfast or sneaking one of my French fries. She's able to take all of my bad jokes and fire them back at me.

I was born with a rare genetic disorder called Larsen's Syndrome. It has resulted in a couple of minor disabilities, (hearing loss, below average lung capacity, minor joint instability), but it has never stopped me from accomplishing my goals and living life the way I want to. Growing up with disabilities made me a very resilient individual who adapts well to change. I am also very patient, open-minded, and accepting of other people's differences. These are all attributes I hope to instill in our future child.

Getting ready for my bachelorette party!



MEET Joe

BY RACHEL: Joe is a wonderfully sweet and caring individual. He is not afraid to show his love for me and does so in many ways. He takes great care of me when I'm sick, always opens doors for me, and often has dinner ready when I get home from work. At family gatherings, kids adore him and are drawn to Joe's fun and caring personality. While playing with the kids he knows how to be firm yet fun all at the same time. Joe is also very good with computers and other technological devices. Thanks to Joe's great sense of humor, our home is filled with laughter and a fun atmosphere that our child will surely enjoy.

Joe makes me laugh every day with his unique, quirky sense of humor. Charm and attentiveness are other qualities of Joe that make me smile. He is always seeing to my comfort, quick to compliment a new hairstyle or outfit I'm wearing, and takes care of me regardless of the situation.



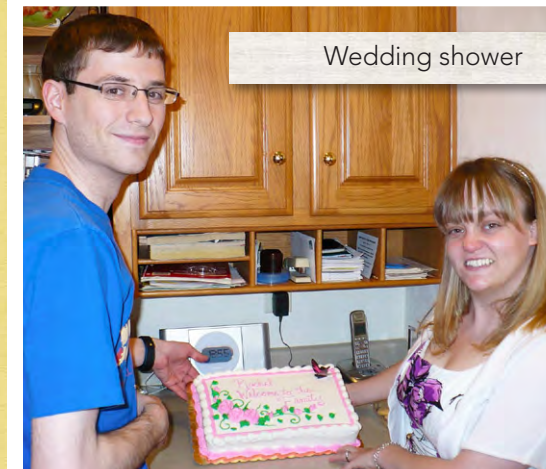
Joe's a laid-back guy

“I LOOK FORWARD TO WATCHING JOE PUT TOYS TOGETHER FOR OUR CHILD ON CHRISTMAS MORNING. – RACHEL

Packer gifts for Christmas



Wedding shower



SOME OF OUR INTERESTS

Rachel: I love reading anything, from historical fiction to magazines and local newspapers. Harry Potter is my all-time favorite book series. Other things I enjoy include swimming, fishing, playing board/computer games, and boating. My parents live close to a popular city filled with fun attractions. When we visit them, we often take in a restaurant or local attraction such as go carting, old time portraits, and water parks. I greatly enjoy fishing with my dad and Grandpa.



Joe: I enjoy playing video/board games, especially Chess. I also enjoy spending time with our cats, and volunteering as a server administrator on the Espernet IRC Network. Football is my favorite sport and I'm a big fan of the Green Bay Packers.

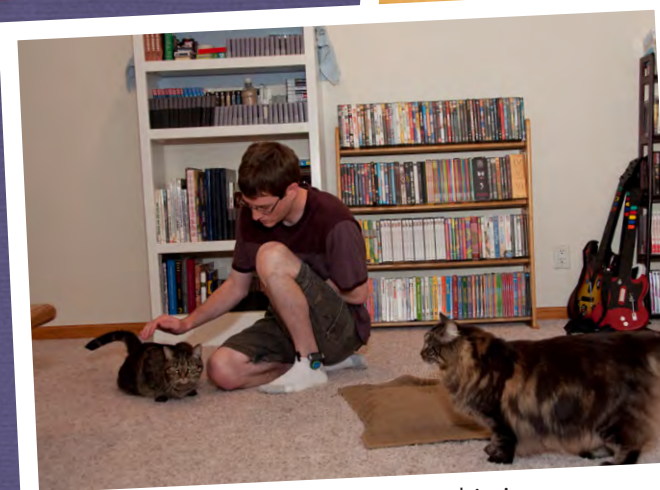


I love reading!

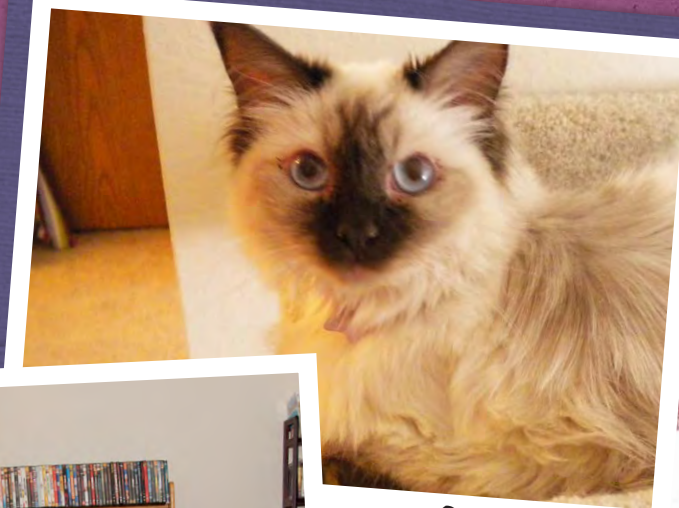
OTHER THINGS
WE LOVE: MOVIE
NIGHTS, PACKER
GAMES & GAME
NIGHTS!

OUR Furry FAMILY

Your child will have a number of furry siblings. Bella and Carly are three year old Ragdoll mixes. Bella is a very sweet lap cat who loves to snuggle and play fetch. Carly is a little bit more reserved; however, she has moments when she craves attention. Lorelai is a Maine Coon and Zelda is a Gray Tabby. They are both six years old. Lorelai is a sweetheart who always wants to be next to Joe. Zelda has a sassy personality and is the dominant cat in the household. We are confident that all of the cats will do very well with the new addition to the family.



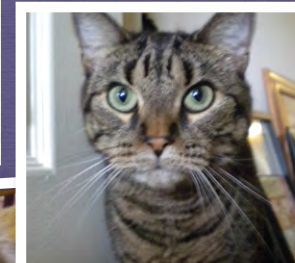
Joe playing with our kitties



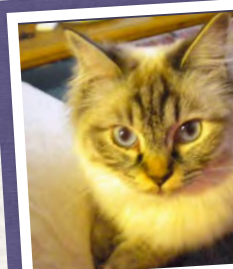
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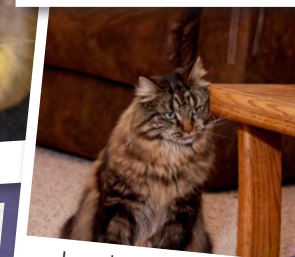
LORELAI



ZELDA



BELLA



Lorelai being cute!

OUR Careers

RACHEL: I am an Autism Support and Service Coordinator. My primary job is to provide case management for children diagnosed with various disorders on the autism spectrum. Although my job is complicated and ever changing, I enjoy working in a position that allows me to make a difference in families' lives.

JOE: I am a Data Analyst/Healthcare Fraud Investigator. My main responsibilities are pulling and analyzing claims data to determine if providers are billing abnormally and whether an investigation needs to take place.



FAMILY MATTERS

RACHEL: I am very close to my immediate and extended family. The majority of my family lives about two hours away from our house. I have one younger sister who I am very close to. My sister and I love getting together with our cousins and their children for game nights or dinner dates. The last time we got together we played Apples to Apples and laughed until our cheeks hurt. My mom's family has a number of traditions that I am excited to share with our future child. These traditions include carving pumpkins, Easter egg hunts, and having cookouts in the summer. My dad looks forward to having a grandchild to play wiffle ball with, taking them fishing and cheering at Packer games. My mom is looking forward to having a new little one to snuggle with and spoil, and then give back!

JOE: Most of my extended family lives within an hour of our home. My parents are about 20 minutes from us. My sister lives in the eastern part of the United States while she finishes getting her PhD in Astronomy, and my brother is going to Graduate school in the Midwest. My family is close, and we enjoy many holidays together. My parents help us out a lot and we see them a couple times each month. They look forward to spending time with their new grandchild and happily offered to babysit.



OUR HOME & COMMUNITY

We live in a three bedroom two and a half bath ranch. It is roomy and includes a completely finished basement. Our backyard is a nice size and has plenty of room for a swing set, a sand box and/or a baby pool. We are only a short drive from a larger town and have easy access to area parks, shopping, and eating establishments. We are fortunate to live in a community that still has a small town feel, with the conveniences of a bigger city.

We live a few blocks away from a very nice park. This park has playground equipment, baseball court, sand volleyball court, baseball diamond, batting cage, paved exercise paths, soccer fields, picnic areas, and in winter, a sledding hill. Our community also has a public pool (with water slide), fishing access, and a skating park. The city offers a number of programs, including; youth baseball/softball/basketball/dodge ball/wrestling/karate/football, tiny tot playtime, creative crafts, pee wee sports, youth carnival, and dance classes.



Left: Hanging out
Above: Packer gifts!



Left: Our home!
Below: Rachel's parents backyard



OUR PARENTING philosophy

RESPECT

We promise to teach your child to be respectful and non-judgemental of others; open-mindedness

MANNERS

Your child will be taught manners and general kindness.

WORK ETHIC

We will instill the idea of working hard and spending money wisely

SELF-ESTEEM

We want your child to be self-confident, aware, and have the most self-respect possible

EDUCATION

We look forward to seeing the intellectual and emotional growth of your child. Education is of most importance to us.



Final Thoughts

When we think about being a parent we dream about raising a happy and well-rounded individual. We hope to do this by instilling strong values, ideals, and principles. We also believe in the importance of simple family traditions and are very excited to share experiences such as fishing, carving pumpkins, birthday parties with family and friends, and baking Christmas cookies for Santa. Ultimately, it's the **small things in life** we want to enjoy with our child as they grow.

We hope to be nurturing parents who are supportive of our child's individual gifts and talents. Although we will want our child to realize their full potential, we will not demand perfection. Instead, we will give them the necessary tools to succeed. That being said, education and hard work will be high priorities. Additionally, we will instill in our child the values of respect and open-mindedness. We will also teach our child to exhibit proper behavior and good manners. As a child grows, they will face many challenges and we hope to encourage open communication, especially in regards to controversial subjects they will encounter as they grow into young adults. We want our child to know that they always have someone to turn to for advice and comfort in any situation.



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