

# Waiting With Open Hearts



*Lisa*  
*&*  
*Mary*



THE  
**BEST  
THINGS**  
*in life*  
ARE MEANT TO BE  
**SHARED**



Through these pages we have tried to show you who we are  
but...there is not enough room.



We wish you could truly know us and see what's in our  
hearts. We can't wait to meet you. In the meantime really  
look at these pictures. If you look closely, you will see the  
joy, passion, affection, adventure, and love that is in our  
lives. We would love for your child to be a part of our lives.







Thank you for taking the time to consider our profile. We are a fun and loving couple with huge hearts looking to fulfill our dream of becoming parents. We are surrounded by a large group of supportive friends and family who cannot wait to help welcome a precious little one into our lives through adoption. No matter what you decide to do, please know that you are deeply respected. We admire your courage and strength as you make this very selfless and loving decision for your baby. We want you to know from the start that our love has led us to adoption. If chosen, we are committed to providing a lifetime of love and opportunities to your child. We are offering your child not just ourselves and our love, but the love of our entire family!

Our marriage is one built on love, trust, honesty, friendship, and respect for who we are as individuals. We started dating in March of 2011 and we quickly knew that we had found our respective soul mate. We were engaged in September 2011 and began planning our wedding. We married on a hot summer day in July 2012 in front of all of our loving and supportive friends and family. To this day, we continue to enjoy regular date nights and we rediscover our love every day. We know that our love will make a strong foundation for our family. We both grew up in loving, supportive homes where the most valuable thing in life was family. We want to offer that same enduring love to your child.

Happy

LOVE

Joy



We were both eager to grow our family and become parents and our first thought was adoption but decided to give fertility treatments a try first. After battling through over two years of infertility, with several failed attempts and a miscarriage we decided to take a deep breath, rise above our sorrow, and reassess what was important and that was to have a family, so we decided why not go back to the very start...adoption! We shared our plans with our closest friends and family and were met with sincere unbridled enthusiasm.



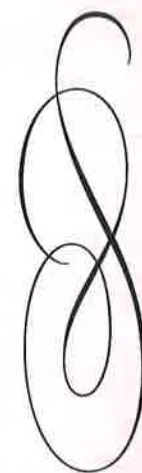


We absolutely adore children and thoroughly enjoy spending time with and taking care of them. In 2013, we took Lisa's sister and her four children to Disney World for an amazing vacation. Our nieces and nephews love to come visit and spend weekends at our home and most recently we had five of them over for a Frozen themed sleepover. We look forward to introducing any precious child that is added to our family to everyone.

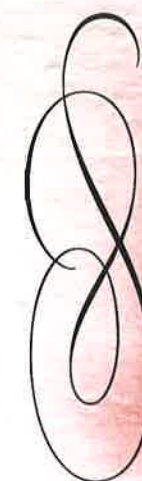


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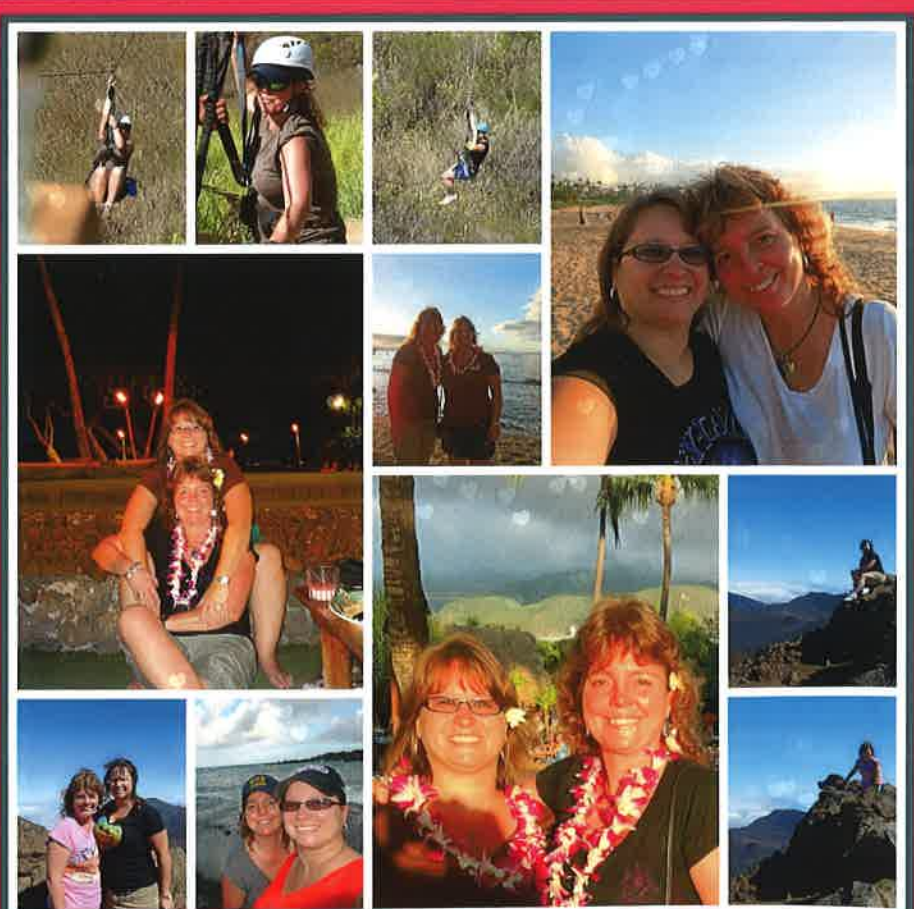
Enjoy  
THE LITTLE  
THINGS



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We have taken several trips to Florida, visiting Disney World and Universal Studios, as well as celebrating New Year's Eve in Las Vegas. We love having our picture taken with our favorite characters too!



We are looking forward to fun at Disney and Universal Studios, as well as day trips to the zoo, aquarium, sporting events, ice cream factories, Hersheypark, and many more adventures. We are lucky to have family and friends nearby so we will have many people who love our family and be ready to join us on our adventures.





# About Lisa by Mary

## Happiness

Lisa is most often described as charming, witty, funny, and kind-hearted. She has a warm, welcoming spirit and an extremely quick witted sense of humor. Lisa seems to have a special connection with all children and has often been described as a "child whisperer". She enjoys completing little do-it-yourself projects around the house and recently built a gate to keep the dogs from getting off the deck. Some of her other hobbies are reading, cooking, and going on road trips together with me. She looks forward to encouraging our child to push themselves to do better and to constantly learn new things and foster new passions.



Lisa is a part-time forensic death investigator as well as a part-time administrative assistant for a non-profit organization, but is looking forward to enjoying all of the "firsts" and special daily moments as a stay-at-home mommy.





# About Mary by Lisa



## Fun

Mary is most often described as funny, passionate, selfless and supportive. She puts the needs of others above those of herself. She grew up on a large farm in Western Maryland so she has always enjoyed gardening, bird watching, and just about anything outdoors. She looks forward to nurturing and raising a child in a warm, unconditionally loving, and supportive environment. She is extremely hard working and dedicated. Mary is also excited to include our child on our many family road trips and vacations we take frequently.



Mary is a forensic pathologist (medical examiner) and holds a supervisory position in Maryland. Thanks to Mary's hard work, we are very financially stable. Due to her position, she has flexibility in her schedule which will allow her to be very involved and hands with our child!





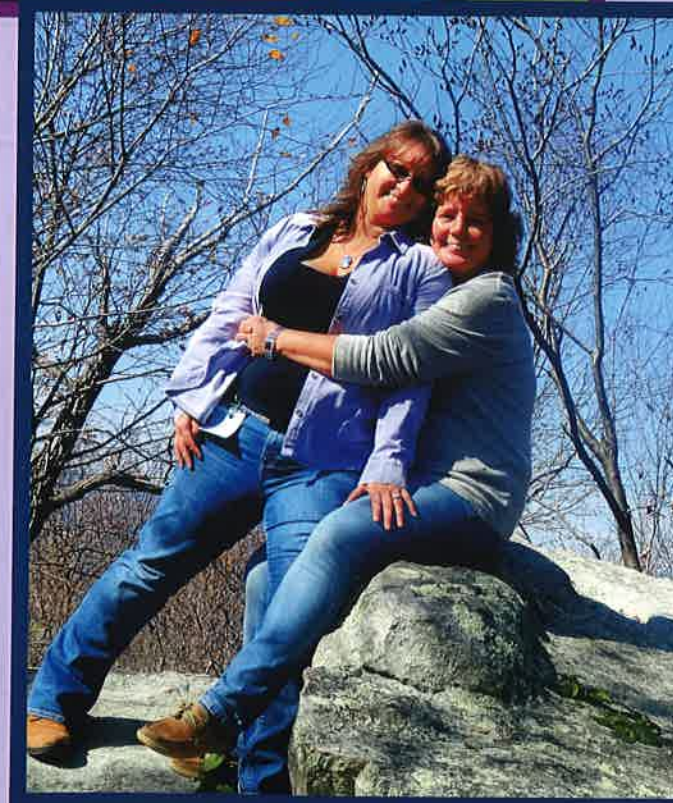
# About Us



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WELL  
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*love*  
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We both love food and trying new food. Lisa enjoys cooking and experimenting with new recipes and Mary enjoys all of Lisa's experiments! We both enjoy music and attending concerts, most recently we attended Bruno Mars, Melissa Etheridge, and Miranda Lambert. Our tastes in music is very broad as is our taste in movies. We love all Disney movies but also enjoy a good romantic or action movie. We are both very responsible and look forward to providing a secure, fun, warm, and loving environment for a child. We balance each other very well and cannot wait to be parents together. Both of us have a close relationships with our families. The child we welcome into our lives through adoption will never go without constant love. Our entire family and our friends fully support our decision to adopt and are eager to welcome a child into our lives together. We, along with all of our friends and family have already been praying for our future adopted child and that child's entire birth family.

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# Family Memories



# Joy





# Our Happy Home



We live in a large 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, two story home with a finished basement. We have a large fenced in backyard with an in-ground swimming pool. We plan to spend plenty of time playing and relaxing outdoors. Our lovely home is in a well established, quiet, safe, and family friendly neighborhood that boasts large, well maintained homes with well kept lawns on tree lined streets. We live near a lake that is great for beautiful kayaking adventures and a state park with lots of walking/biking trails. We eagerly anticipate spending evenings as a family playing in the park and going on family walks. We look forward to enjoying the various kid friendly family events in our neighborhood and all over our town with a little one.

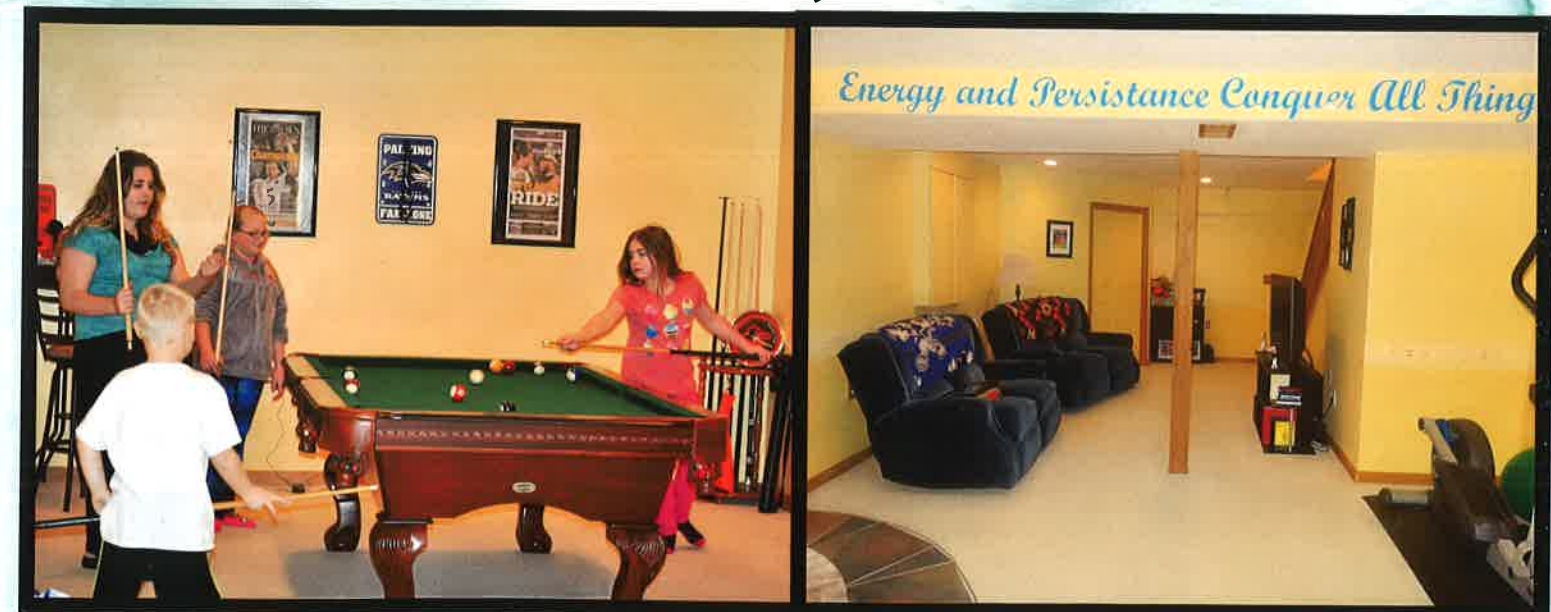
# Our Pool



# Community park within walking distance



# Family Fun





# PUPPY LOVE

Gemma



Rizzoli



## Our Furbabies



We love our precious Yorkshire puppies, Rizzoli and Gemma, with all of our hearts, but we feel that our family is not complete yet. We have an empty space in our hearts and home that is just right for our little bundle of joy. There is nothing more we desire than to be parents.



## Closing Commitment

We have different religious backgrounds, Lisa being non-denominational and Mary being Baptist. Mary will introduce the child to Sunday school and church and when the child is old enough he or she will be allowed to make their own decisions about religion. We also plan on enrolling the child in public schools around the area, which are rated some of the best in the state. We will actively participate in the education and extracurricular activities as the child develops. We look forward to cheering the child on and coaching and encouraging them to be a good sport win or lose. We will provide them with all of the love and support they need as they grow, and are raised and directed on the path to being an understanding, happy and productive adult. Providing a bright future for this child and providing the means to further their education through college or work experience is a top priority. We are excited to see what is in store for this precious little one and will support the child in their decisions for a healthy future. We will lead by example in raising a kind, selfless, respectful, and responsible child. Our hope for the future of our family is that we may enter into a mutual adoption agreement, whether it be closed, semi-open, or an open adoption situation. We feel that as this child develops, it is important to be incredibly open and honest with him/her about their story through adoption.

If you wish, we would include you in their development throughout their life. We commit to regular updates and photos and may be willing to discuss future visits as well. We feel that the baby and the baby's birth family deserve respect and a place in our hearts and lives forever, if they choose. If you, as a birth mother are uncomfortable with our desire for openness, please don't hesitate to discuss any concerns or discomfort you may have. We want to respect your wishes and are willing to be flexible if you desire a different situation. Just know that if you desire a more closed adoption, we want to stress that if you ever change your mind in the future, we would always be open to readdressing the adoption agreement as far as contact is concerned.







*A dream is a wish  
your heart makes*

