We want to say thank you for taking time to look at this book. More importantly, we want to thank you for choosing to give your child the gift of life. Whether you make an adoption plan for your child or choose to parent, you are giving them a beautiful gift.

Although we haven't met, we have been praying for you, and for your child. "May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you." --Jude 2

We can't imagine what you must be thinking and feeling, and the deep love and complicated emotions you are sifting through as you consider making an adoption plan for your child.

The thought that you would even briefly consider us to a part of your life is extremely humbling.

Our hearts and our prayers are with you as you plan for your and your child's future.
My name is Maddie. I was born and raised in Indiana, and have lived in North Dakota for 4 years now.

For the past 11 years, I've worked in the library system, which has given me wonderful opportunities to meet amazing people from all walks of life; get to know people in my community; and be introduced to more reading material than I could ever catch up with. Perhaps the "librarian" stereotype fits me—I'm a reserved, quiet person, who loves to read and play the piano.

I enjoy my work very much, but I would give it all up in a heartbeat for the opportunity to raise children, and be a stay-at-home mom.

My goal in life is to provide those around me with just a glimpse of the same grace and love that God has shown to me. I'll never fulfill that goal perfectly, but I try to show kindness when I can and ask forgiveness when I don't.
My name is Stephen. I've lived in North Dakota my whole life, but I love to travel and visit other parts of the country.

I have a love for learning, literature, writing, and a deep appreciation for history. My work for the state government allows me to learn more about North Dakota history and assist people in my community.

I have a strong work-ethic, and am willing to do whatever is needed to provide a safe home and good life for any children God blesses us with.

My goals in life are to love my wife; love my children; and serve others to the best of my ability.

My most fervent prayer is that our child will always know that Jesus loves them, and I will do my best to remind them of that for the rest of my life.
We met in the summer of 2014; got engaged in the spring of 2015; and were married towards the end of that year.
Maddie's parents are Rob and Julie, who have been happily married for over 30 years; they love spending time with their children and extended family.

Julie is a retired church musician who now spends her time volunteering for Life Centers in Indiana. Rob has worked in the printing business for almost 40 years. They are so excited to welcome a grandchild into their lives, and will be the best grandparents!

Maddie's siblings are Natalie, Allie, and Robbie. Natalie is a music teacher and Allie and Robbie are working their way through college.
Stephen's parents are Roger and Nancy. Roger works in the health field, and Nancy is a retired home-educator. They are incredibly kind, selfless people who love their family and truly love serving others.

Stephen's siblings are David, Jonathan, Elizabeth, and Josiah. Jonathan is a gifted pianist who works in both music and security. David, Elizabeth, and Josiah are college students.
We love our siblings!
Maddie is blessed to have a wonderful relationship with her maternal grandparents. They have been married for over 70 years, and although they are getting older now—they still make time to spend with their children and grandchildren, and love to play games and have fun. They are such a joy, and we are so thankful for them!

Stephen is so grateful for his Grandma Helen. She is a wonderful, hard-working woman, who loves to sew; serve her church; and spend time with her children; grand-children; and great-grandchildren. Stephen has fond memories of spending many holidays with her, especially Christmas!
Our sweet niece!
She is absolutely adorable, and we enjoy her very much!
Christmas is our favorite holiday!
When it's not snowing, we enjoy taking walks together, and we can't wait to introduce our child to some of the parks near our house.

We both love reading, and it will be so fun to introduce our child to the local library and all of the wonders it has to offer.

We also enjoy board games; movies; and trivia—we are so excited to share our interests with a child, but also to discover and support their interests as well.

Life can be difficult, and we understand that better than we wish we did. However, we try to live our lives with joy, because God has given us innumerable blessings, and we want to share that joy with others.
This is our home. It's the perfect fit for a small family. We love hosting friends and family for dinner here; setting up the Christmas tree every year; and spending time with our guinea pig, Fluffy.
It's not quite finished yet, but this is what we have in the nursery so far. We pray every day that God will bless us with a child, and we are very prepared to care for a child; to support a child; and to love them very much.
Our child will grow up knowing that you gave them a selflessly beautiful gift by making an adoption plan for them. What a tremendous love you must have for this child. They will grow up hearing about how much we loved them before we even knew of their existence, and that truly, they are God's gift to us.

Our child will grow up with assurance of our unconditional love for them, of our steadfast love for each other, of our support and encouragement of them, and most importantly, their identity as a child of God.

We can give a child a loving, nurturing, and stable home. We will love them unconditionally and pray for them continuously. We love them so much already.